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## Writer Gabor de Bessenyei

Dr. Gabor de Bessenyei, 75, a writer and lecturer on foreign affairs and an early opponent of nazism and communism, died Monday at Suburban Hospital.

Descended from a leading family of Hungarian nobles, Dr. de Bessenyei was born on one of the family estates at Kassa and served as an officer in the Austro-Hungarian Army during World War I. He then helped repel a Communist invasion and received several valor awards for his service.

After the war, Dr. de Bessenyei attended the University of Budapest, where he received a doctorate in political science and jurisprudence.

When the family estates were seized by Rumania, he came to this country in 1924. He was on the news staff of The New York Times for about five years, covering

assignments in both this country and Europe.

He later was a professor of political philosophy at Fordham University in New York and of international relations at DePaul University in Chicago.

Dr. de Bessenyei wrote extensively on political, social and economic subjects and until about 10 years ago had lectured throughout this country. In the 1950s, he gave a series of addresses before the Catholic Institute of the Adult Education Division of Catholic University.

He had served in 1938 as chairman of the Danubian Congress, held in New York City to discuss, among other things, how to combat the rising tide of nazism in Germany. He also at one time was president of the American Friends of Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations, Inc.



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Dr. de Bessenyei had renounced his Hungarian title of baron in 1946 when he became an American citizen.

In 1953, he married Agnes McCall Parker, founder of the Parker School of Personality and Speech here, where he was a publicist and protocol instructor. She died in 1964.

Dr. de Bessenyei lived at 4201 Butterworth Pl. NW.

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