

Esther C. Brunauer Dies, Was State Dept. Official

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Esther Caukin Brunauer, 57, an international relations authority and a former State Department official, died Friday in an Evanston (Ill.) hospital.

Mrs. Brunauer, a native Californian, came to Washington in 1927 after receiving a doctorate in diplomatic history from Stanford University. For the



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next 17 years, she was in charge of the international relations program of the American Association of University Women.

During the 1930s, she had presided over the Cause and Cure of War Committee and was a founder of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, both public groups.

In 1944, Mrs. Brunauer was named to the State Department post of assistant director of policy liaison for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. She represented the United States on the UNESCO preparatory commission in 1947 with the rank of "minister," one of three women to hold the title at that time.

In 1952, she was separated from the State Department after being accused of pro-communist sympathies two years earlier in McCarthy hearings.

Her agency later stated she had been completely cleared on loyalty grounds but was ruled "unavailable" for certain "sensitive" jobs. A Senate subcommittee investigating the charges found "no evidence" that she was "disloyal, a communist sympathizer or a security risk."

Since then, Mrs. Brunauer had lived in Evanston. She

served as assistant director of the Film Council of America and as editor of historical textbooks for Rand-McNally.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen, and two daughters, Kathryn and Elizabeth.

