

Cartoonist Derso, 76

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Aloysius Derso, 76, internationally famous cartoonist of diplomats, died here yesterday morning in his sleep.

Mr. Derso was a familiar figure in the delegate's lobby of the United Nations. Elegant, frail and slim, he reminded friends of the diplomatic world of the nineteen-twenties, which he often caricatured in his drawings.

He was born in Baja, Hungary, and studied art in Paris for three years before the outbreak of World War I. During the Lausanne Peace Conference of 1922, which was called to settle Near Eastern affairs after the Balkan wars, he formed his partnership with Emery Kelen, a fellow Hungarian.

The two artists became particularly well known for their caricatures of diplomats at the League of Nations.

In 1939, when Hitler's persecution of the Jews made life impossible for them in Europe, Mr. Derso and Kelen emigrated to the United States. They continued to publish drawings in this country and abroad, including a series on the San Francisco Conference of 1945 on the establishment of the United Nations.

In 1950 the partnership broke up. Kelen, who is now retired, accepted a post as television director of the United Nations and Mr. Derso began living quietly and frugally in semi-retirement in the Albert Hotel, in the Greenwich Village area.

