DR. JAN MUNZER Dr. Jan Munzer of the Mayflower

Hotel, former Czechoslovak press attaché in New York, died yesterday in Goldwater Memorial Hospital after a year's illness. His agelwas 53. He resigned as press attaché on Jan. 1, 1948, two months before the coup which put the Communists into power in his native land.

Dr. Munzer worked as an editor for the Voice of America and became a founder of the Arts publishing firm here. A well-known Czechoslovak journalist for many years and former editor of Lidove Noviny, Prague, he came to the United States to avoid Nazi persecution. In 1940 he entered the service of the Czechoslovak consulate general in New York and then organized his Government's press service here.

His widow, Dr. Zdenka Munzer, a United Nations librarian, survives.