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Hermann B. Deutsch Dies at 81; New Orleans Columnist-Author

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Hermann B. Deutsch, a columnist for The New Orleans States-Item, died Thursday in New York on his way to Polyclinic Hospital after suffering a heart attack at a board meeting of the Channing Fund, an investment group at 285 Park Avenue. He was 81 years old and lived in New Orleans.

An authority on the Huey P. Long era in Louisiana, Mr. Deutsch wrote the book, "The Huey Long Murder Case," in 1935.

Born in Austria, he was brought to this country when he was 2 years old, and grew up in Cincinnati. In 1909, he received a Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Chicago, and a master's degree in 1911 and a Ph.D. in 1915.

His schooling was interrupted when he joined the Army Air Corps in World War I.

Soon after receiving his doctorate in 1915, Mr. Deutsch began his newspaper career with The Chicago Journal. A year later, he moved to New Orleans, where he worked for The Times-Picayune as a reporter.

In 1918, Mr. Deutsch joined The New Orleans States, which was merged with The Item in 1958. Since 1949, he had written a daily column for the paper on various subjects.

In addition to the book on Mr. Long, he also wrote "The Wedge" in 1935, a novel about the Mexican Revolution; "Louisiana" in 1939, and, with Isidore Cohn, a biography of Rudolph Matas, a surgeon.

He leaves a brother, Eberhardt, of New Orleans; and two sisters, Miss Naomi Deutsch of New York and Mrs. Edith Lashman of New Orleans.