

Dr. Paul Hoch Dies, Mental Health Chief



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ALBANY, Dec. 16—Dr. Paul H. Hoch, 62, state commissioner of mental hygiene, died last night after a heart attack.

Dr. Hoch, who had homes here and in New York City, was appointed in 1955 by Gov. W. Averell Harriman and reappointed in 1959 by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

Rockefeller issued a statement calling him "one of the great researchers in mental hygiene in the nation and world," saying he "administered one of the largest state

departments efficiently and effectively."

Born in Hungary, Dr. Hoch came to the United States in 1933 and was on the staff of Manhattan State Hospital, Ward's Island, from 1933 to 1942. He was in charge of the established shock treatment unit at the hospital.

He joined the staff of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, 722 W. 168th St., New York, in 1943. He was senior clinical psychiatrist there before being named principal research psychiatrist in 1948. He was a professor of clinical psy-

chiatry at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, having joined the Columbia faculty in 1944.

He also had served as a consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service and on the staff of the Hospital for War Neuroses, Gladstone, N. J. He was graduated from the University of Goettingen Medical School, Germany, in 1928, and was on the university staff until 1933, after two years at the Psychiatric Clinic in Zurich, Switzerland.

He had written a number of

papers for professional journals. He received the Adolph Meyer Memorial Award for his work in psychiatric research in 1955.

His wife, Barbara, survives.