



LÁSZLÓ ERDEY

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The Editorial Board of the Series "Chemical Engineering" of Periodica Polytechnica has intended to devote this issue to honour Professor Erdey, 60 years old. Birthday greetings were to appear in place of these words. Professor Erdey celebrated in good spirits the sixtieth anniversary of his birth and the twentieth one of his appointment as professor, head of the Department for General Chemistry of the Technical University of Budapest on 12th February, 1970. Full of ambition, he spoke of his new scientific ideas and plans. Nobody thought that he would leave us some days later, on 21th February 1970, with tragic unexpectedness, at the height of his creative power.

In our century of high degree of specialization, Professor Erdey was one of the very few scientists able to comprehensively study an entire field of science. He made contributions to nearly all branches of analytical chemistry. His activity, manifested by nearly 500 scientific papers and several books, will be analysed in detail later.

His death means an immense loss to our Technical University, scientific life in Hungary and universal analytical chemistry.