

ARTHUR BENAGLIA, PLAZA HOTEL HEAD

Former Manager of the Royal
Hawaiian Dies—An Aide to
Escoffier in London

Arthur Benaglia, managing director of the Hotel Plaza, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, died yesterday of a heart attack in his apartment in the hotel. His age was 61.

Mr. Benaglia took charge of the Plaza on Jan. 15. A veteran of more than forty years in the business; Mr. Benaglia made his reputation by his management of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu, which he assisted in designing and building. The hotel was taken over by the Navy two years ago. Mr. Benaglia also had helped popularize Wakiki Beach as a vacation resort.

Born in Italy, he gained his basic experience at the Hotel Carlton in London under Escoffier, founder of the modern French cuisine. At the age of 18 he went to Montreal, where he had a position with the Windsor. Subsequently he managed for the Canadian Pacific Railway the Vancouver (B. C.) Hotel, the Empress in Victoria, B. C., and the Banff Springs in Alberta.

Before going to the Plaza, Mr. Benaglia had been managing director of the Town House in Los Angeles. At one time he was manager of the old Grunewald Hotel, now the Roosevelt, in New Orleans.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Elise Benaglia.

A service will be held at Frank E. Campbell's Funeral Church, Madison Avenue and Eighty-first Street, tomorrow at 10:30 A. M.



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