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JOSEPH GROSSMAN SUFFERS FATAL HEART ATTACK

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Joseph Grossman, an information officer for the United States Information Agency in Accra, Ghana, died April 13 apparently of a heart attack while visiting friends in Bethesda, Maryland. He was 49 years old.

Mr. Grossman joined the USIA in 1967 and later worked as an editor and writer for the agency's magazine, Topic. He was named information officer in 1971.

He was best known in aquatics as the first secretary of the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation, founded in 1964. He was the only officer to be elected to that position nine years in a row. For many years, he was the guest columnist for Swimming World's Long Distance Swimming and was the Executive Director of the Marathon Swimming Foundation and Hall of Fame.

At the time of his death, he was working on a 10-mile swim championship to be held on Chicago's lake front around the 19th of August, an event held in conjunction with Chicago's great Venetian Night's Festival.

He received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1950. He was awarded a medal from the Sports Council of Ghana for his efforts in setting up a national swimming team. He was a member of the Explorers Club of New York and the National Press Club.

Swimming World joins in expressing our sincerest sympathy to his widow Elizabeth, three stepdaughters and his son.

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