

# VonDehn, Founded Hyatt House Chain

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI) — Hyatt Robert von Dehn, who built the first airport hotel and founded the Hyatt House hotel chain, is dead at age 58.

Von Dehn had a heart attack Saturday at his vacation home at Pebble Beach, Calif. He had lived here for the past 25 years.

The first airport hotel — the first Hyatt House — was built adjacent to the Los Angeles International Airport after World War II.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., von Dehn was a former assistant vice president of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. of New York and former president of the Cherry Valley Land and Water Co. He built 7,000 units of defense housing in Los Angeles during the war.