

Tibor Bato's Class Reunion



This is the class reunion of my father's class. I guess it must be their 20th reunion.

My grandfather had a good job at the Adria Insurance Company. In 1910 he was assigned the task of organizing the network of the Adria Insurance Company in Egypt (still a British colony) and the Middle-East. So grandfather moved from one day to the next to Cairo. My father went to an English gymnasium in Cairo for four years. Then they [Eva's father and grandmother] moved back to Europe so that my father could get a Hungarian Matura [school leaving exam].

On his return from Egypt, he spoke excellent Arabic, English and French. He had a great talent for languages. Back in Hungary, he passed his Matura, then went to Vienna and studied commerce at the Oriental Academy.