

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM M. GRIFFIN, associate professor of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia, died on May 24, 1965 after a long illness. He was graduated from the Jacksonville, Texas, High School in 1942, entered the Marine Corps in the same year and served until 1946. He received a B.A. degree in government from Sam Houston State College in 1949, the M.A. from the same institution the following year, and the Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1951.

Griffin's professional experience included two years of teaching in high school, a year as instructor in political science and research associate in the Bureau of Governmental Research and Service at Florida State University, and three years at the University of South Dakota where he was Assistant Professor of Government and Research Associate in the Governmental Research Bureau. He joined the staff of the University of Virginia in July 1960 and, in addition to his Associate Professorship, served as Assistant Director of the Institute of Government, and Assistant Editor of the University of Virginia News Letter.—WELDON COOPER

MIGUEL JORRIN, professor of government and director of the Division of Foreign Studies at the University of New Mexico died suddenly of a heart attack, May 7, 1965.

EUGENE D. OVERSTREET, associate professor of International Affairs and a member of the Institute for Sino-Soviet Studies at the George Washington University, died of cancer in Washington, D.C. on May 17, 1965, at the age of forty. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and was a co-author with Marshall Windmiller of *Communism in India*. At the time of his untimely death, Dr. Overstreet was working on a new book, *Communism in the New States*, and a book of documents on Communism in the developing countries.

Before joining The George Washington University in 1963, he had taught at Swarthmore College, at the University of California, and at Michigan State University. From 1953 to 1955, he had held a Ford Foundation Research Fellowship to India. In the summer of 1960, and during the academic year of 1961-62, he was in the Soviet Union on a research grant to study Soviet Trade Unions under the auspices of the State Department's US-USSR Cultural Exchange Program.

The profession has suffered a serious loss through the early death of this able scholar.—THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, The George Washington University

REUBEN G. STEINMEYER, who, for most of his lifetime, dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the

profession of teaching, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 25, 1965.

He was born in Bridgewater, South Dakota, on January 22, 1899. After attending public schools in Chicago, he graduated from Capital University and Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and became an ordained Lutheran minister. In 1929 he took the B.A. degree at The American University, and received his Ph.D. in international relations also there in 1935.

He was appointed at the University of Maryland in February, 1935. Since that time, except for a short period of service with the War Production Board during World War II, he devoted three decades to the development of its Department of Government and Politics. On two occasions—when that Department first was established, and again late in World War II—he was the University's sole Professor of Political Science.

He not only witnessed, but also contributed substantially to, the growth of the University of Maryland for more than a quarter of a century. He served it in many ways in addition to his classroom teaching. He participated in the responsibilities of many University, College, and Departmental Committees, including the Faculty Senate for five years. He became one of the major purveyors of good will by delivering more than 2,000 special lectures to professional, educational, civic, fraternal, and other associations, averaging nearly seventy such lectures a year. Finally, during the past decade and a half he directed to completion the studies of some thirty-five graduate students. Also, he was a member of the National Council of Pi Sigma Alpha and held office as well in the District of Columbia Political Science Association. His wife—the late Catheryn Seckler-Hudson, who preceded him in death by exactly two years—was equally well known in the profession.—ELMER PLISCHKE

WILLIAM H. VATCHER, JR., professor of Political Science at San Jose State College, died May 18, 1965 of injuries received early in January during a visit to San Francisco. Professor Vatcher received his academic training at Stanford University, from which he received his Ph.D. in international relations in 1950. His interests in that field were widespread. His first book, *Panmunjom*, was concerned with the Korean truce negotiations. More recently, Praeger published his study of Afrikaner nationalism. At the time of his death he had completed another manuscript for a text on public opinion.

Dr. Vatcher was a congenial colleague and an influential teacher as well as a serious scholar. His loss will be felt deeply by the profession.—FREDERIC A. WEED