

Earl Swisher

1902-1975

Earl Swisher, professor emeritus of the University of Colorado, at Boulder, who died on June 5, 1975, belonged to the pioneer generation of American academic specialists on China. A student at Lingnan University at Canton in 1924, in time to interview Dr. Sun Yat-sen as a young American journalist, he also knew Chiang K'ai-shek and Mao Tse-tung. He spent several years studying in Peiping and at the Academia Sinica on Taiwan, as well as teaching at Lingnan. He worked with the Asia Foundation on Taiwan for two years. During World War II he served with the Marines in the Pacific. His Harvard Ph.D. dissertation of 1938, published as one of the first AAS monographs, *China's Management of the American Barbarians*, made available a body of translated documents and is still a basic work. He served on the first Advisory Editorial Board of *The Far Eastern Quarterly*. He also wrote the textbook *Today's World in Focus—China* for use in junior high schools.

In 1935 he was appointed to begin the Asian Studies program at the University of Colorado; since that time he has influenced several generations of Asia specialists and stimulated an interest in China and Asia. Earl Swisher was a vigorous and public-spirited teacher who will be missed by students, friends, and colleagues.

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