

IN MEMORIAM

On June 23, 1974, Charles A. Micaud, Professor at the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, died of cancer at his home. Despite failing health, he insisted on teaching until a short time before his death; his last seminar, held when he was physically very weak, was characterized, as always, by his incisive mind and brilliant stimulation of the students.

Born in France in 1910, Charles was deeply influenced by the ideological struggles that agitated his country in the interwar period, and he remained concerned with the role of ideology in international affairs throughout his scholarly career. After emigrating to the United States, he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia University in 1943, and published The French Right and Nazi Germany, which was immediately acclaimed as a seminal work. His subsequent related study, Communism and the French Left, was equally well received. In later years he applied his keen mind to the problems of the Maghreb, particularly those of Tunisia; in this endeavor, he was ably supported by the parallel scholarly activities of his wife, Ellen, a specialist in the art and architecture of North Africa. He became a recognized expert on the area, publishing numerous articles and co-authoring and co-editing Arabs and Berbers and Tunisia, The Politics of Modernization. In this period he retained his concern with ideology and culture, but came more and more to focus on the role of leadership in creating the kind of modern society in which such traditional values as justice and freedom would prevail. Indeed, his interest in ideology stemmed from this profound concern with humanistic and liberal values which informed not only his writing, but also his relations with his family, colleagues, and students. He was that rare teacher who gave unstintingly of himself, and combined integrity and high standards with a warmth, kindness, and patience that inspired students and all who knew him.

While becoming a citizen of the United States, he taught at Bowdoin College and the U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint. From 1946 until 1962, he was a Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia. He also served as a visiting Professor at Harvard University, Columbia University, and Johns Hopkins University, and as a consultant to the Asia Foundation, the Agency for International Development, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. He was a valued colleague at the Graduate School of International Studies from 1962 until his death, and also served as Acting Dean of the School and Acting Director of the University of Denver Social Science Foundation from 1969 to 1970. His colleagues and students have been deprived of a wise, kind, and cultured companion.

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