

### **George A. Lipsky**

George A. Lipsky, Professor of Political Science and Geography, and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Wabash College, died suddenly on August 22 in Munich, Germany. Professor Lipsky was traveling in Europe at the time in conjunction with his sabbatical leave this academic year.

Professor Lipsky was born in Seattle, Washington, on April 3, 1912. He received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Washington and his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. He served in the Army from May, 1942 through June, 1946 as a Captain of Infantry and was later promoted to a Major in the Reserves.

He was an instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in the Department of Economics, Government and History from June, 1943 to June, 1946. Then, he served as Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of California in Berkeley from July, 1946 to December, 1953. He was Visiting Lecturer in Political Science, History and Philosophy at Yale University from July, 1954 to July, 1955. Following this he then served as Associate Professor of Political Science at American University, Washington, D.C., from 1956 through 1961. He joined the Wabash College faculty as Professor of Political Science and Geography in 1963 and became Chairman of the Department of Political Science in 1967.

Professor Lipsky also served from July, 1955 to April, 1961 as Senior Research Associate and Team Chairman of the Foreign Area Study Division, Special Operations Research Office of the American University. From April, 1961 through August, 1962 he was a Professional Associate, Office of International Relations, National Academy of Sciences — National Research Council.

Professor Lipsky was contributor to several books dealing with geography and international relations and, in addition, author of several articles appearing in American Political Science journals. His publications included *John Quincy Adams: His Theory and Ideas*. He served also as editor and contributor to several HRAF studies including those on Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia.

Professor Lipsky's commitment to teaching was total and in his long years of teaching will be fondly remembered by the many students who profited so much from his kind advice, counsel and concern. Professor Lipsky was a man of

enormous energies, who taught in a variety of fields. In addition to his scholarly career which included both publication and teaching, Professor Lipsky unstintingly gave his time to community projects. Certainly Professor Lipsky's death was a considerable loss to the academic community and his influence remains in the person of many of his students who themselves are now established scholars. Certainly his labor at Wabash College was most appreciated by all members of this institution and his contributions here will remain lasting.

Edward B. McLean  
Wabash College

### **Milton R. Merrill**

Milton R. Merrill, professor emeritus of political science and vice president of Utah State University from 1959 to 1969, died in Logan, Utah, on November 23, 1971. He was born April 3, 1901, a descendant of Utah pioneers and Mormon Church leaders. He attended Utah State University, where he received a B.S. degree in 1925, and Columbia University, from which he received an M.A. in 1932 and Ph.D. in 1951.

From 1926, when he was first appointed to the staff of Utah State, he held, albeit reluctantly, a succession of administrative posts — as public relations director, dean of the summer school, chairman of the department of political science, dean of the college of social sciences, and finally academic vice president — without relinquishing for longer than his graduate course work required his most valued position in the classroom. A devoted and, equally, admired teacher, he returned to the political science department full time following his retirement as vice president. In both capacities he showed respect and concern for individuals, students and colleagues alike.

Earlier in his career, Professor Merrill published articles on Utah, Western, and American politics in the *Western Political Science Review*, the *Western Humanities Review*, *U.S.U. Monographs*, and in the A.P.S.A. series, *Presidential Nominating Politics in 1952*. He served on the 1958-59 Council of the American Political Science Association. In 1966, he was appointed by the Utah Legislature to a study commission on legislative reform.

A proponent of public education at all levels, he was a member of the Logan City Board of

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Education for twenty-six years, and served as president of the Utah Conference on Higher Education, executive of the Western Interstate Commission for Cooperation in Higher Education, and member of the Governor's advisory committee on higher education.

In 1969, Utah State University recognized his remarkable fifty-four year association with the institution by conferring a Doctor of Humanities degree and by naming the new university library in his honor. At the same time the board of trustees and the political science department initiated a campaign to fund the university's first endowed chair. The Milton R. Merrill Chair of Political Science was formally established last year through contributions by friends and former students. It will be filled on a rotating basis to permit student and faculty association with a series of distinguished scholars in a variety of fields in political science.

Stephen A. Merrill  
Yale University

### **Rodney Loomer Mott**

Rodney Loomer Mott, Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Government and Jurisprudence Emeritus, Colgate University, passed away at his home in Hamilton, N.Y. on December 9th, at age 75.

Professor Mott was director of the Division of Social Sciences at Colgate University from 1934 to 1959. His special field of study was Constitutional Law and the Judicial Process. He was a graduate of Stanford University and held a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Mott's active teaching career covered a span of forty-nine years; his contributions to good government and to society included an even wider variety of important activities. They extended from services, both civilian and military, with the state and national governments, to research fellowships in Australia and Japan. Among other important services were his work as Specialist in Government Finance, HICOG, Germany, 1950-51, and service on the Selection Boards of the U.S. Department of State, 1955.

Dr. Mott was widely travelled and widely read. His scholarship was both thorough and ecumenical, and his sympathies and understanding were free from prejudice and pettiness. While he was a

master of detail in management, he was always able to see the long directions and the larger proportions of life.

There was a practical value in his academic leadership, and no student or colleague consulted him without coming away enriched and inspired. Perhaps the greatest challenge and charm of his teaching was his genius in leading the student to think for himself, to explore, to analyze and relate facts in life situations.

Professor Mott was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, both from universities and governments. His numerous writings included books, pamphlets and many articles in professional journals.

Delightful in his daily associations of personal friendship, Rodney Mott remained loyal to the finest in our basic institutions, in which he so deeply believed. His life represents a fine blending of scholarship, leadership, and gracious friendship.

Paul S. Jacobsen  
Colgate University