

communities, his profession, and the world. He cared deeply and worked devotedly for international understanding, and also for the concrete human beings around him. He is missed by many as a valued colleague, good-humored companion, wise counselor and trusted friend.

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### Martin Wight

Martin Wight, distinguished British historian, student of international relations and educator died suddenly on July 15, 1972 at the age of 58. At his death he was Professor of History at the University of Sussex where he had served from 1961 to 1969 as Dean of the School of European Studies, the first school of its kind in Britain. Before going to Sussex, he was Reader in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He was also a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago in 1956-57.

The son of a Brighton doctor, he was born on November 26, 1913. He became an open scholar at Hertford College, Oxford and took a First in Modern History. He then joined the staff of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), where he worked from 1936 to 1938, and again from 1946-1949. He contributed important chapters to the annual *Survey of International Affairs*, particularly the ones on "Eastern Europe", "Germany" and "The Balance of Power" to the special volume, *The World in March, 1939* (1952). From 1941 to 1946 he pursued research in colonial government at Nuffield College, Oxford, publishing several studies on African Government. But his most valuable contributions were undoubtedly in the field of international theory where he could apply to the greatest advantage his vast knowledge of diplomatic history, international law, political philosophy, and theology, his exceptional analytical powers and his strong desire for peaceful and civilized international relations. His course on International Theory at the London School of Economics became widely known; yet his original and highly perceptive typology of writers through the ages never appeared in print. He was an inspiring and most conscientious teacher and was devoted to the University of Sussex of which he was a co-founder. His duties at Sussex and his insistence upon precision and perfection in expression unfortunately combined with poor health to limit his later publications.

At the time of his death, he was engaged in developing his noted essay on *Power Politics* (1946) into a larger book. For a long time in the future, students of international theory will go back to this brief, but incisive study, as they will to his two chapters in *Diplomatic Investigations* (1966), [the volume which he co-edited with Herbert Butterfield] and to his equally well-known article, "Why Is There No International Theory?" (*International Relations*, 1960).

As a teacher, scholar, colleague and friend Martin Wight commanded undivided respect and made an enduring impact. His death at such an early age is a great loss to teaching and scholarship in the field of international relations.

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