

humor was superb. Yet he was not a serene man, nor was his life forever bright with fair weather. He was tormented by demons and petty minds. Often he was fighting them two at a time. Although he came from Italy, life for him there would have been impossible. Politically, Sereno was a Whig. In an Italy without Fascism, he might have gone on to ministerial or ambassadorial rank. He would have smoked with a connoisseur's relish the old choice blend of diplomat and scholar. In America he seldom had the post he was best fitted for, and when he sensed a job was not the one for him, he had the courage to quit. His happiest workdays were spent as professor at Johns Hopkins. His students will never forget him. Diplomat-scholar may have been his metier; teaching was his calling.

Original minds are rare. Renzo Sereno's mind lives on in his students, friends, and children. In his book *The Rulers* (1962), those who never had the luck to meet him will feel the power or originality. "In the realm of politics, beliefs, no matter how absurd, are the common patrimony of rulers and the ruled alike." These are words of one of this century's few great students of politics. His new work, *Take Care of the Night*, a study of magic, science, and religion, just completed in first draft, should be in print before long to console us for this his latest absence.—SEBASTIAN DE GRAZIA

WILLIS G. SWARTZ, Chairman of the Department of Government, 1930-1950, and Dean of the Graduate School, 1950-1963, of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, died suddenly of a heart attack on November 6, 1965, at the age of 63. He had returned earlier in the year from an 18-months' leave in Washington, D.C., to conduct a study with Dr. John R. Mayor for the National Commission on Accreditation. This

resulted in the publication in 1965 of *Accreditation in Teacher Education: Its Influence on Higher Education*. He was also the author of a textbook on *American Governmental Problems* (1957, Rev. Ed. 1959).

Dean Swartz directed SIU's rapidly growing foreign student program after World War II, serving as Foreign Student Adviser and later as Dean of International Students. Foreign students around the world sing his praises. Prominent in the area of Southern Illinois, he served as District Governor of Rotary International in 1957-58, and supervised the Rotary Foundation Fellowship program for study abroad and the Rotary district scholarships for foreign students at SIU. Dean Swartz served on the national council for the American Association of University Professors, and held offices in the Illinois Council for Social Studies. At SIU, he served on many important administrative committees, and was instrumental in starting and guiding the ecumenical Student Christian Foundation on the campus. He was an elder and leader in the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

A native of Iowa, Dean Swartz received his A.B., A.M., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Iowa, and took further graduate work at Clark University, as a Carnegie Fellow in International Law, 1927-28. He taught at Sterling College, Kansas, 1925-27 and at Oregon State College, 1929-30, before coming to Southern Illinois University to inaugurate a new Department of Government in 1930. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and two daughters. His colleagues and a generation of graduate students and foreign students mourn his passing. Dean Swartz was especially noted for his deep personal concern for students and their progress.—DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.