

**William J. Parente**, University of Scranton: professor and dean.

**Harold Pash**, California State College, Pennsylvania: professor.

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**Retirements**

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**Jack F. Isakoff**, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, retires as professor.

## In Memoriam

### Wallace Stanley Sayre

Wallace Stanley Sayre, Eaton Professor of Public Administration and sometime chairman of what used to be called the Department of Public Law and Government at Columbia University, died on May 18, 1972, a few weeks short of his 67th birthday. He was sitting in the office of Mayor Lindsay, discussing his forthcoming appointment to a charter revision commission when a sudden and massive heart attack carried him off. We may privately envy that manner of going, but it is a sad loss for the rest of us, his family, his colleagues and friends at Columbia and a wide circle of co-workers, former students and other admirers in many phases of public, academic and professional affairs. It put an untimely end to a constructive and productive career and left us bereft of a wise, good-humored and hard-working companion.

He started life as a farm boy, born near Point Pleasant West Virginia, and attended nearby Marshall College, where he earned his A.B. in 1927. But his return there for an honorary degree in 1954 may have been the next time he saw a farm. He came to New York City for graduate work, an M.A. in 1928 and a Ph.D. in 1930 at New York University, and ever after was identified with New York and other big cities and their governance, and more generally with understanding and improving the workings of big government, national as well as municipal.

He had a pre-war teaching career at N.Y.U. and baptism into officialdom as a member of the City's Civil Service Commission in a briefly innovative epoch during La Guardia's mayoralty. His World War II career was in the Office of Price Administra-

tion in Washington, first in developing the system of household fuel rationing and then as the agency's personnel director. His postwar career encompassed posts at Cornell and at City College before he came to Columbia in 1954. Over this quarter-century his activities as consultant, adviser, sponsor or director spanned a range of interests in politics and administration from the Atomic Energy Commission to the Morningside Heights neighborhood, and including the Committee for Economic Development, the Regional Plan Association and the Inter-University Case Program, to name only a few. He was vice-chairman of the City's Commission on Fiscal Affairs in 1965-66; a vice-president of the American Political Science Association in 1963; and for years a member of the Editorial Board of the *American Political Science Review* — all of them beneficiaries of services that left them greatly in his debt. His death cut off before fruition what would have been a major study of the government of metropolitan London. As it is, those whose acquaintance with him is confined to his published work will thank him for his *magnum opus*, written in collaboration with Herbert Kaufman, *Governing New York City*.

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