

Frederick Holladay Harris, Jr.

Dr. Frederick Holladay Harris, Jr., of the Department of Political Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University since 1967, died September 26, 1975 in a hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Rose de B. Harris, a son, Frederick H. de B. Harris, an Assistant Professor of Economics at the College of William and Mary, and Crafford A. Harris, a pre-medical student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, Fred was a long-time resident of Norfolk, Virginia. He graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk and later taught at Maury. He also served as probation officer for the Juvenile Court in Norfolk. During World War II he was a field artillery officer in Europe and received the bronze star for heroism in action. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Randolph-Macon College, did graduate work at Harvard University, and received the M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina while enjoying a Ford Foundation Fellowship. During 1955-56 he taught at the University of the South. Fred held teaching positions at the University of North Carolina (1948-54, 56-57) and Georgia State College (1957-67). Most recently, he had been representing The College of Arts and Sciences of V.P.I. and S.U. on the Virginia State Project: "Land: Policy Issues and Planning Problems."

Fred was a voracious student of positive and normative political philosophy and behavioral political science. He was probably the best-read political scientist I have known. As a colleague, he combined to an unusual degree a capacity for gentle compassion for others and tough and exacting standards for himself. As a teacher, he was kind but required high standards of performance.

Fred had been active in the Democratic Party in Atlanta and elsewhere before coming to V.P.I. and S.U. Later he was elected district chairman of the Montgomery County, Virginia, Democratic Committee. He had a remarkable capacity for meeting people and remembering names and faces. After he had lived a few years in Blacksburg, he knew and was known by a tremendous number of people.

Afflicted by a painful illness during the last three years of his life, he seemed in suffering to achieve a heightened nobility, combining stoic endurance and serene humility with his usual cheerful demeanor. In the words of our Department Head, "A gallant gentleman has passed from us . . . we are diminished by his loss, but fortunate to have known him. . . ." In his memory the Frederick Holladay Harris, Jr., Memorial Award has been established in the Department of Political Science. Under terms of the memorial establishing this award, prizes are to be presented to meritorious students.

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Louise W. Holborn

Louise W. Holborn, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Connecticut College, New London, died suddenly of a heart attack at her home in Orange City, Florida, on October 4, 1975. Dr. Holborn was a distinguished scholar whose many contributions to the study of international work for refugees were widely acclaimed both in this country and abroad. In July 1971 she received the Golden Nansen Ring of Honor during an international conference on refugees and migration at Bergen, Norway, the 17th recipient of this outstanding international award. In January, 1975, Louise Holborn was similarly honored with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit, First Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany, in recognition of her work for refugees, and on behalf of German-American cultural relations after World War II.

Louise Holborn was born in Germany in 1898, the daughter of Professor Ludwig Holborn, Director of the Physikalisch-Technischen Reichsanstalt in Berlin. Trained first as a social worker, she had her initial first-hand experience working with refugees expelled from territories ceded to Poland after World War I. She was studying at the Deutsche Hochschule fuer Politik in Berlin, where her brother Hajo Holborn, was Carnegie Professor of History and International Relations, when Hitler came into power. Both she and her brother, who subsequently became Professor of History at Yale University, decided to go into voluntary exile. She completed her Ph.D. at Radcliffe College, Harvard University in 1938, writing her dissertation on Fridtjof Nansen's work with refugees. She taught at Wellesley College, Smith College and Connecticut College, and for a number of years thereafter was associated with the Radcliffe Institute of Radcliffe College.

Dr. Holborn's best known publications are *The International Refugee Organization: Its History and Work, 1948-52*, Oxford University Press, 1956, commissioned by the Liquidation Board of that organization, and *Refugees, A Problem of Our Time: The Work of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, 1952-1973*, 2 vols., Scarecrow Press, 1975. She was to present a paper at the World Law Conference in Washington, D.C., on October 14, 1975, that dealt with the most recent responsibilities of the UNHCR. It was read by a colleague.

Louise Holborn's concern for international peace and justice led to her editing of *The War and Peace Aims of the United Nations*, 2 vols., World Peace Foundation, Boston, 1943 (revised 1948), which were found on President Franklin Roosevelt's desk at the time of his death. She also published numerous articles including one on Luther and the growth of printing.

For many years, Louise Holborn worked closely with her colleagues, Gwendolen M. Carter of Smith College and Northwestern University, and John Herz of the City University of New York, in the preparation of a highly successful textbook in comparative government, *Major*