

IN MEMORIAM

The loss to the political science profession through the death, from cancer, of DON R. LARSON can only partially be measured by recounting his past activities. Born June 20, 1914, his academic background included a B.A. from Augustana and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

His excellence as a teacher was first demonstrated as a teaching fellow at the University of Texas. He continued to stimulate and inspire in progressively more responsible positions at Baylor, Texas Tech, and the University of Miami where he served as Professor and Chairman of the Political Science Department from 1947 to 1956.

His talents, however, were not limited to the teaching profession. He served on the staff of the Public Administration Service, 1956–1958, and as Consultant on Urban County Problems for Fairfax County, Virginia, 1958–1960. In 1960 he became Associate Director for the Municipal Manpower Commission and served in that position until joining the University of Southern California's public administration group in Pakistan in 1962 where he was appointed the first Chairman of the newly created Department of Public Administration, University of the Punjab, Lahore,

Pakistan. As his colleagues in Pakistan, we observed that this position required vigor and patience, diplomatic skill and hard work, and a practical orientation of an academically-trained mind. Today, this department is functioning as one of his outstanding legacies. He was distinguished in manner and bearing yet possessed an expansive warmth and charm that immediately put people, of any culture, at ease.

Returning from Pakistan in September, 1964, he joined the staff of the National Municipal League as Director of Field Activities, in which capacity he continued to carry on despite the steady progress of the disease. And when finally he was bedridden and in great pain, he co-authored with his brother, Arthur Larson, *Vietnam and Beyond: A New American Foreign Policy and Program*—proposing the kind of constructive alternatives in Southeast Asia which President Johnson repeatedly has asked from the academic profession.

Here, then, was a political scientist of unusual spirit and dedication, whose death September 17, 1965 proves a great loss to his many associates and friends.—JAMES S. ROBERTS AND WILLIAM W. BOYER.