

just arrived from McGraw-Hill with a copyright date of 1981, and he was in the second week of a new grant from the National Institute on Aging to study the quality of life of those in their later years. If death was due, the terms at least were the most merciful.

For a generation of scholars in political science as well as other of the social sciences, his benign, insightful and towering presence will be keenly missed.

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Billy Dudley

The death of Billy Dudley on December 23, 1980 at the age of 49 came unseasonably early in life, and at a time in the history of his country, Nigeria, when, as a fearless scholar of politics he could hardly be more missed. His friends who happened also to be colleagues will feel keenly bereft of his presence. Billy began his professional career as a tutor in the Extra-Mural Studies Department of Ibadan University in 1959. In 1971, he was appointed professor of political science in the University of Ibadan, and served as sometime Chairman. Billy was an eminent pioneer of political studies in Nigeria and an international academic of the first rank. He achieved an outstanding reputation and produced a very substantial body of published works that with the resumption of civilian democratic politics in Nigeria last year became more than ever valuable as a contribution. Not to have his continuing analysis is a deprivation.

In pursuing from the very beginning a broad sweep of field investigation as well as intellectual rigor and an eclectic choice of approaches to his subject, he helped lay down a standard of excellence that is virtually *de-rigueur* in the political science literature of Nigeria. At home and abroad alike, he undertook taxing and significant assignments of profession and citizenship, one of the more recent latter ones being that of a member of the national committee that drafted the present Nigerian Constitution. He officially and unofficially advised the international political science community.

Many will know that to have Billy Dudley in memory is to salute the best tradition

of intellectual strife as a war over truth. His good fight was conceived of generous hospitality and famous sociability, and an incorruptible unwillingness to withhold criticism or condemnation for the sake of concord, personal or otherwise. True to his subject and with comparable passion, he pained and exulted over matters of politics and conveyed the process faithfully.

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George A. Lanyi

Words spoken of him by a friend echo in our ears: "a gentle, wondering, loving giant."

George Albert Lanyi was born in Budapest on April 30, 1913, the son of a prominent newspaper publisher. Early photographs of George in his student years reveal a devilishly handsome and debonair young man. He completed four semesters of study at Heidelberg University and at the University of Berlin between 1931 and 1933. One of his recollections of his student days at Heidelberg University—recollections he shared with us two years ago—reminds us of his self-deprecating wit: he completed a rendezvous beneath a young lady's window by persuading a passer-by to give the pre-arranged signal—a whistle—which George had agreed to in spite of not knowing how to whistle!

But among his recollections of those years, too, was the gathering darkness of Nazism. He knew the Berlin of the Reichstag fire and the rise of Hitler, and the extraordinary perspective on world affairs his colleagues valued is perhaps explained by his coming to age as the Weimar democracy collapsed in the ruins of the Reichstag.

After one summer's study at Zurich University in 1933, he braved the strange matriculation exams and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the London School of Economics in 1937. Having married Susan Polya, our beloved Susi, and decided that the time had come to leave Europe, the young couple moved to the United States, and George pursued his education at Harvard, earning the