

of History at the Syrian State University in Damascus (1949-59). Before obtaining his doctorate in Chicago he had been instructor in history and geography at the American Friends Boys' School in Ramallah (Palestine), and in Syrian public secondary schools. He later became inspector of education in Aleppo and Damascus (1939-46) until the government sent him for graduate work in history in Chicago. As a visiting professor, he lectured on the history and culture of the Middle East at Bowdoin College (Maine), Thiel College (Pennsylvania) and the University of Michigan. He served as Professor of Middle Eastern history at the University of California at Santa Barbara since 1960, and was the first faculty member to teach courses on the Middle East on both undergraduate and graduate levels. He helped introduce the teaching of Arabic and Hebrew and established the major in Middle Eastern studies. He was chairman of the Middle East Studies Committee until his retirement. He retired as professor emeritus in July 1978 and was recalled to active service in 1978-79.

Professor Haddad is the author of several books, among them a series of history textbooks in Arabic for Syrian secondary schools between 1935 and 1945. His first book, published in 1931, *The Arab Conquest of Damascus 635 A.D.* was the expanded version of a prize essay written in his junior year in college; the prize was given by Professor Dana Munro of Princeton for the best essay on a topic of Near Eastern history. He also wrote a *History of Arab Civilisation, Aspects of Social Life in Antioch in the Hellenistic Roman Period, Fifty Years of Modern Syria and Lebanon, History of Civilisation in the Middle East, Revolutions and Military Rule in the Middle East* (in three volumes), and a monograph on *Arab Peace Efforts and the Solution of the Arab Israeli Conflict*. He has traveled in various parts of the Middle East. As a member of the international conferences and delegations, he served as chairman of the Constitution Committee of the Conference for Economic and Cultural Relations Between the Mediterranean Countries (Palermo, Italy, 1954), and lectured on the Arab World as a member of the Town Hall Asia Delegation that was invited to tour the US in 1955. He was a member of the American Historical Association, the American Oriental Society, the Middle East Institute, and a fellow of the Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America. He appeared on several panels and interviews on television for discussion of Middle Eastern problems and issues. At one time he was a fellow of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and a member of the editorial board of *Military Affairs*. In Syria he was a member of the board of directors of the department of antiquities and museums, and of the editorial board of its journal (*Annales Archéologiques Syriennes*). He was awarded the medal of the Order of Saints Peter and Paul, rank of Commander, by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Antioch and all the Orient for his efforts to restore the Basilica of St. Symeon Stylites, West of Aleppo, which was built by Emperor Justinian in the sixth century.

His short biographical sketch was included in *The International Who's Who of the Arab World, The Directory of American Scholars, The Who's Who in the West, The Who's Who of Contemporary Authors, and The Dictionary of International Biography*.

Professor Haddad immigrated to the US with his family in the summer of 1959. He taught at the University of California in Santa Barbara (UCSB) for nearly twenty years. After retiring from there, he moved, with his family, to San Francisco, where he taught several classes at the Fromm Institute at the University of San Francisco.

He passed away February 22, 2000 in San Francisco, California.

Prepared by the family of GEORGE M. HADDAD

Rev. Dr. **Stephen S. Infantino**, 61, of Green Oaks, Illinois passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville from injuries received from a fall on February 28. He was born November 11, 1938 in Chicago and had lived in Green Oaks since 1976. He was a 1957 graduate of Quigley North Seminary in Chicago and began college at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. He completed his religious

studies at Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1963. His first parish was St. Genevieve in Chicago and he later became a teacher at Niles College of Loyola University. He also completed his PhD in Classics at the University of Chicago.

In 1975, Father Infantino was received as a Priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, where he first served at Annunciation To Our Lady Parish in Waukegan and was now a member of St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. In keeping with his love for teaching, in 1973 he became a professor at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. He taught Philosophy, Comparative Religion, Medical Ethics and Middle East Studies. What began with a commitment to civil rights in the 1960s, followed with his involvement in multiple organizations that are working toward a just peace in the Middle East, including Americans for Middle East Understanding and Seeds of Peace.

Surviving are his wife Cynthia (née Percak) Infantino of Green Oaks, his mother Mary (née Maggio) Infantino and sister Joanna (Kenneth) Krzywicki, both of Elk Grove Village; a nephew, Kenneth Krzywicki of Chicago; niece, Karolyn (Lance) Sefcik and grand nephew, Michael Sefcik of Addison. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph, in 1973. Mass of the Resurrection was held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 4 at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St., Libertyville. A private family interment service was held at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside. Visitation was held at the church from Noon until time of services on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, friends may honor his commitment to education by contributions to the Infantino-Percak Memorial Scholarship Fund, a scholarship that benefits foreign-born students, c/o College of Lake County Foundation, 19351 W. Washington St, Grayslake, IL 60030.

Prepared by the family of the REV. DR. STEPHEN S. INFANTINO

Wilfred Cantwell Smith, one of the past century's most influential contributors to interfaith dialogue and the comparative study of religion, died February 7, 2000 of natural causes in his native Toronto at the age of 83. Wilfred Cantwell Smith was born in Toronto on 21 July 1916. His father, Victor Arnold Smith, came to Canada from Grenada, British West Indies, at the age of eighteen. He became a successful self-made businessman and was an influential elder of the Knox Presbyterian Church. He possessed a belief characterized by Internationalism. His mother was a US citizen by birth and came to Canada upon marrying Mr. Smith. She taught Classics at Ohio Wesleyan University in the days when few women went to university.

As a small child, Smith attended the Victor Arnold and Sarah Cory (Cantwell) School in Toronto. He left Toronto's sheltered life and Upper Canada College and spent a year, at the age of seven, at the Lycée Champollion in Grenoble, France. At the age of seventeen he was elected Head Boy at Upper Canada College of Toronto. Also at the age of seventeen, Smith spent a year in Spain and Egypt. In 1939, he married Murial Mackenzie Struthers, the daughter of Dr. Gordon Struthers of Toronto. They had five children: Arnold, Julian, Heather, Brian, and Rosemary.

In 1939, Smith obtained a B.A. Honours in Oriental Languages (Classical Semitic Languages and Eastern History) from the University of Toronto. From 1938 until 1940 he was a research student in theology at St. John's College and Westminster College in Cambridge, England. Accompanied by his wife, he lived seven years (1940-46) as a missionary in India. He taught Indian and Islamic History at the Forman Christian College in Lahore, India and studied the life of the Indian Muslim Community.

In 1946, Smith left India to return to North America to complete a doctorate in the Department of Oriental Languages at Princeton University under the Arab historian Philip K. Hitti. The title of his dissertation was "The Azhar Journal: Analysis and Critique," a study of the Arabic monthly journal published at the seat of Islamic Orthodoxy in Cairo. He obtained his PhD degree in 1948. In 1948, Smith came to the McGill Faculty of Divinity as the W. M. Birks Professor of Comparative Religion. There he continued to pursue his