

News and Notes

In Memoriam

Education for twenty-six years, and served as president of the Utah Conference on Higher Education, executive of the Western Interstate Commission for Cooperation in Higher Education, and member of the Governor's advisory committee on higher education.

In 1969, Utah State University recognized his remarkable fifty-four year association with the institution by conferring a Doctor of Humanities degree and by naming the new university library in his honor. At the same time the board of trustees and the political science department initiated a campaign to fund the university's first endowed chair. The Milton R. Merrill Chair of Political Science was formally established last year through contributions by friends and former students. It will be filled on a rotating basis to permit student and faculty association with a series of distinguished scholars in a variety of fields in political science.

Stephen A. Merrill
Yale University

Rodney Loomer Mott

Rodney Loomer Mott, Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Government and Jurisprudence Emeritus, Colgate University, passed away at his home in Hamilton, N.Y. on December 9th, at age 75.

Professor Mott was director of the Division of Social Sciences at Colgate University from 1934 to 1959. His special field of study was Constitutional Law and the Judicial Process. He was a graduate of Stanford University and held a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Mott's active teaching career covered a span of forty-nine years; his contributions to good government and to society included an even wider variety of important activities. They extended from services, both civilian and military, with the state and national governments, to research fellowships in Australia and Japan. Among other important services were his work as Specialist in Government Finance, HICOG, Germany, 1950-51, and service on the Selection Boards of the U.S. Department of State, 1955.

Dr. Mott was widely travelled and widely read. His scholarship was both thorough and ecumenical, and his sympathies and understanding were free from prejudice and pettiness. While he was a

master of detail in management, he was always able to see the long directions and the larger proportions of life.

There was a practical value in his academic leadership, and no student or colleague consulted him without coming away enriched and inspired. Perhaps the greatest challenge and charm of his teaching was his genius in leading the student to think for himself, to explore, to analyze and relate facts in life situations.

Professor Mott was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, both from universities and governments. His numerous writings included books, pamphlets and many articles in professional journals.

Delightful in his daily associations of personal friendship, Rodney Mott remained loyal to the finest in our basic institutions, in which he so deeply believed. His life represents a fine blending of scholarship, leadership, and gracious friendship.

Paul S. Jacobsen
Colgate University