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OBITUARIES

BILLY J. DUDLEY

I know I speak for many colleagues of the late Professor Billy J. Dudley when I say that his passing leaves us with a profound sense of loss. The former Chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University of Ibadan is known to a wide range of Africanists as a result of his important publications on Nigerian politics, including his books, *Parties and Politics in Northern Nigeria* (London, 1968), and *Instability and Political Order: Politics and Crisis in Nigeria* (Ibadan, 1973).

Billy Dudley's death is extremely untimely for a number of reasons: his relative youth, the wife Valerie and four school-age children he leaves behind, but also because the Second Nigerian Republic, which he worked so tirelessly to bring about, is still in its relative infancy. Political scientists in Nigeria and abroad have lost a well-informed analyst of Nigerian affairs to whom they could always turn for a cogent and often penetrating critique of their own attempts to explain the evolution of that complex polity.

Professor Dudley has left uncompleted a number of vital projects on Nigeria's government and politics, and a biographical study he had begun on one of its illustrious modern sons, General Murtala Muhammed. Although he has selflessly helped so many of us in the pursuit of our own research and teaching in Nigeria, few, if any of us, can look with composure at the gap which his demise has now created in Nigerian and African scholarship.

As a member of the Constitution Drafting Committee, 1975-1976, as well as in the subsequent national debate on the draft constitution, Billy Dudley poured all the experience and understanding he had gained from years of close study of the Nigerian people and their governments into the fashioning of the best possible provisions for the new Republic. It is uniquely fitting that he will be remembered, not only as a keen debater, a scholar, and a teacher, but also—in keeping with the ideals of classical political thinkers—as a lawgiver to his revitalized nation.

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GERALD W. HARTWIG

Members of the Indiana University African Studies Program, former students of the Program, and friends from the Bloomington community join in commemorating the life and accomplishments of Gerald W. Harwig, who died of heart failure on October 19, 1980. Jerry's professional achievements include three years teaching at Arusha, Tanzania; a decade teaching at Duke University where he directed the International Studies Program for several years; numerous publications on East Africa, notably concerning the Kerebe and neighboring peoples for which he made extensive use of oral traditions; and beginning this fall the position of vice-president and dean at his alma mater, St. Olaf College. Jerry will be most remembered for his cooperative efforts involving a wide spectrum of people: collaboration with his wife Shoonie, with whom he studied and wrote about East African music, art, and literature, and worked in church and community