

INTER-AMERICAN ACADEMY

Federico de Onís

1885-1966

It was a great honor for the Inter-American Academy when Dr. Federico de Onís accepted an invitation to become a member. Dr. de Onís has been known by students and scholars all over the world for more than a half century. He was born in Salamanca, Spain where he won a doctorate degree at that great university. After teaching there and at the University of Oviedo, he came to the United States in 1916 as an instructor at Columbia University, where he organized the Instituto de las Españas. Retiring from Columbia in 1953, he and his wife Harriet joined the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico where he attracted students from all the Americas. In September 1966 he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and on October 14 he died, in his eighty-first year. A great void has been created in Hispanic American scholarship. His friendship for students, his correspondence with scholars, and his helpful cooperation with his many friends are already missed.

Víctor Andrés Belaúnde

1883-1966

Dr. Víctor Andrés Belaúnde died December 14, 1966 in New York City, one day before his eighty-third birthday. Very few men were better known in or out of Latin America than this leading Peruvian diplomat and scholar. He served his country as representative in the United Nations for fourteen years before being elected in 1959 as President of the General Assembly. Dr. Belaúnde, who was born in Arequipa, Peru on December 15, 1883 and educated at the University of San Marcos, was one of the early members of the Inter-American Academy.

While his later life was devoted to world affairs, Dr. Belaúnde was for many years a distinguished educator and literary figure. He was a member of the founding faculty of the University of Miami as professor of Spanish-American history and director of the university's first Pan American Forum. His friends everywhere will long remember his personal charm, his high integrity, his contagious enthusiasm, his brilliant speeches and his delightful conversation. It was my special privilege to know him for more than thirty years.

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