

guilty of the same fatuous error. In spite of its defects it should, however, as already suggested, be ratified and put into operation, and improved as time goes on.

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HERBERT WRIGHT

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On April 12, a few hours before President Roosevelt passed away, the American Society and Journal of International Law suffered a severe loss in the sudden and unexpected death of Herbert Wright, a member of long standing, an admired and respected colleague, and a faithful and valued collaborator. Only fifty-three years old when he died, Dr. Wright had been a member of the Society for twenty-four years, during many of which he had served on the Executive Council and on various committees. For the last ten years he was the Chairman of the Society's Committee on Publications of the Department of State and in that capacity he earned the gratitude of teachers and other members of the profession, as well as officers of the Department of State, for his effective work in urging the continuation, expansion, and improvement of the Department's publications program and in supporting that program and obtaining appropriations from Congress for that purpose. Dr. Wright was a constant contributor to the American Journal of International Law and in recognition of this service he was elected to the Board of Editors a year before he died.

He was born in Washington and educated at Georgetown and Catholic Universities. For some years he edited classical and international legal publications for the Carnegie Institution of Washington and later for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He became an editor in the Department of State in 1918-1919 and again in 1929-1930. During the latter term of service he was editor of the Inter-American Conference on Conciliation and Arbitration, at Washington, in 1928-1929, the International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea, in London, in 1929, the International Technical Consulting Commission on Radio Communications, at The Hague, in 1929, and the Naval Conference at London in 1930. From 1923 to 1930 Dr. Wright was Professor of Political Science at Georgetown University. He then became Professor of International Law and Head of the Department of Politics at the Catholic University of America which position he held at the time of his death.

He was a member of the International Commission between the United States and Latvia and was twice Secretary of the Conference of Teachers of International Law and Related Subjects. He was the author and editor of several works on the classics of international law and of biographical sketches of diplomats and statesmen in the *Dictionary of American Bi-*

*ography*. For several years he conducted weekly luncheon meetings of a group of political scientists and international lawyers in Washington for the discussion of current topics, which were largely attended. One of the last services he performed was a detailed comparison of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for an international organization with the Covenant of the League of Nations, which was intended for eventual publication in the American Journal of International Law. It was published in preliminary form as a Senate document.

The death of Dr. Wright at this critical period of transition in international affairs is a severe loss not only to the American Society of International Law and its Journal but to the teaching profession and all others interested in the diffusion of knowledge concerning the promotion of better understanding of international relations and the orderly development of world affairs.

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