IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE I. SÁNCHEZ
(JORGE ISIDORO SÁNCHEZ Y SÁNCHEZ)

Dr. George I. Sánchez, Professor of Latin American Education and former Chairman of the Department of History and Philosophy of Education, died in Austin, Texas, April 5, 1972. In making this assessment of the life and work of George I. Sánchez one comes to a general conclusion, that here was a truly great man, great in his sensitivity toward the needs of the underprivileged mass of humanity; great in the quality of his sacrificial service to his fellow man; and great in his scholarship and ability to interpret and evaluate our common human needs. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that a scholar is a man of action. George I. Sánchez was such a man.

In reviewing the background of Professor Sánchez before coming to The University of Texas in 1940 we find that he received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Arizona and New Mexico. He became a rural schoolteacher and principal in Bernalillo County, New Mexico at the age of seventeen, and while serving there received his B. A. degree at the University of New Mexico in 1930. As a Fellow of the General Education Board, he completed his M. S. degree in Education at The University of Texas, 1931, majoring in Educational Psychology and Spanish. From there he went to the University of California (Berkeley) for his doctorate, 1934, in Educational Administration. During the years from 1930-1935, he served as Director, Division of Information and Statistics, New Mexico State Department of Education under a grant from the General Education Board. The years from 1935

to 1940 were devoted to a Research Associate, Julius Rosenwald, 1935-1937, and to Research Associate and Associate Professor of Education directing a Carnegie Corporation Survey at the University of New Mexico. Also while engaged in these activities, he served as Asesor Técnico General, Ministerio de Educación National, Caracas, Venzuela.

From 1940 until the day of his death in April, 1972, Dr. Sánchez served as Professor and Consultant in Latin-American Education at The University of Texas. He was Chairman of the Department of History and Philosophy of Education from 1951 to 1959, and on leave from November 1943 to March 1945 to the U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. as Education Specialist and Consultant for the Inter-American Educational Foundation.

Although serving as consultant and director of many educational boards and foundations, the first love of Professor Sánchez was teaching. His undergraduate course attracted a wide range of students across departmental and college lines at The University of Texas. As a member of the Graduate Faculty, he directed and supervised more than sixty-five masters theses and as many as twenty-four doctoral dissertations. His national reputation was such that he served as visiting lecturer at the University of New Mexico, 1931; University of Hawaii, 1936; Colorado College of Education, 1939; University of Southern California, 1940 and 1946; University of Mexico, 1943; and the University of Alaska, 1960. He was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Laws by his Alma Mater in 1967.

Next to his teaching, Professor Sánchez valued his public service, especially in his efforts to bring about a better way of life for the Mexican-American and for the black man. The following list of consultantships and boards on which he served is full of testimony of his interest and effort.

Dr. Sánchez was married to Dr. Louisa Sánchez of the Austin Public Schools, had two children by a previous marriage, and five grandchildren.

Stephen H. Spurr
President of The University of Texas at Austin

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Secretary of the General Faculty

This Resolution was prepared by a Special Committee consisting of Professors William Drake, Clark Gill, Arthur Moehlman, John Rich.