IN MEMORIAM

PABLO MAX YNSFRAN

Professor Pablo M. Ynsfrán, Professor Emeritus of the Spanish and Portuguese Department, died in Austin, on May 7, 1972.

Professor Ynsfrán was born in Asunción Paraguay, on July 30, 1894, the son of Dr. Facundo D. Ynsfrán and Francisca Jiménez. After graduating in 1911 from the Colegio Nacional de Asunción, he soon entered the Escuela de Notariado of the Law School of the Universidad Nacional of Paraguay and received the legal degree of Escribano Notario from that school in 1918. Between 1918-1921 he served in the Paraguayan Ministry of Education.

Between the years 1920-1928, Mr. Ynsfrán, like so many Latin American intellectuals and statesmen, wore many different hats at the same time. He was professor of philosophy and Roman history in the Colegio Nacional de Asunción, 1923-1928; professor of literature in the Escuela Normal, 1920-1928; secretary to the Paraguayan Delegation to the 5th Pan American Conference, held in Santiago, Chile in 1923 and a deputy in the national congress of Paraguay, 1924-1928. From 1929-1933, he was chargé d'affaires of the Paraguayan Legation, Washington, D.C., and while in Washington, attended the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University during the years 1930-1931, and received the gold medal presented to the outstanding graduate student of that University in 1930. Prior to this award he had been decorated by the Chilean Government in 1928 as Commander of the Order of Merit.

In 1933 he returned to Paraguay to become President of the State Bank (Oficina de Cambios), where he served until 1936. He was a member of the Boundary Commission of Paraguay 1933-1936 and of the Governing Board of the Agricultural Bank of Paraguay,
1934-1935. During this same period he was a Member of the Board of Primary Education of the Paraguayan Government. From 1938-1940 he was again in Washington, D.C. as Counsellor of the Paraguayan Legation and Chargé d'Affaires. He returned to Paraguay in 1940 to become the Minister of Economy, Public Works and Colonization and at the same time served as one of the editors of the United Press Association.

After such a varied and active experience in education and government, Professor Ynsfrán came to The University of Texas as Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Romance Languages in the Spring of 1942 and continued teaching from that time until his retirement in 1963. During the years 1942-1963, he taught not only in the Department of Romance Languages but also in the Department of Government and the Department of Economics. His broad personal experience in government, education and international affairs made him especially well prepared in these fields.

Professor Ynsfrán was a member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Latin American Studies from the time the Institute was organized at The University of Texas in 1942 and continued on that committee for many years. Whether on the committee or not he always actively contributed his talents to the Institute in every way possible.

A quiet, unassuming person, Professor Ynsfrán always was available to help the student who sought him out, regardless of whether the student was in his class or not. He was a true educator and gentleman.

Mr. Ynsfrán began to write at an early age and according to the Paraguayan literary historian Carlos R. Centurion in the Historia de las letras paraguayas vol. III, 10-14, young Pablo Max Ynsfrán demonstrated great promise as a modern poet but regrettably abandoned poetry for prose. Not only did he produce various worthwhile historical works he also edited and contributed
to many newspapers and journals; especially El Diario y La Crónica of Paraguay.

He was a member of the Academia Española de la Lengua (Spain) National Geographical and Historical Society of Paraguay, American Military Institute of Washington, D.C., Texas State Teachers Association, etc. and is listed in Who's Who in Latin America; Who's Who in American Education; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; and American Men of Science; The Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Quién es Quién en el Paraguay.

He is missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Carmen Gatti, whom he married in Asunción Paraguay, December 22, 1924, and his son Carlos Facundo, who returned to Asuncion to live after the death of Professor Ynsfran.

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