Dr. Emanuel Edrich, an instructor of English at the University since September, 1960, died of complications resulting from a rare internal ailment on February 11, 1962. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Worden Edrich, Austin; his daughter, Vanessa Beth, Austin; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Edrich, New York City; and a brother, Joseph G. Edrich, Los Angeles.

Dr. Edrich was born in New York City on June 1, 1928, the posthumous son of Emanuel Edrich, Sr., a British subject. He graduated with the B. S. degree in Education from the City College of New York in June, 1952. He received his M.A. in English from New York University in June, 1953, writing his thesis on "The Outlaw Situation in the Ancient Icelandic Sagas."

He volunteered and was inducted into the U. S. Army in November, 1953. He was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, as a Public Information Supervisor in the Transportation Corps. He attained the rank of Corporal, and was awarded a National Defence Service Medal.

Upon receiving his honorable discharge in September, 1955, he immediately entered the University of Wisconsin as a teaching assistant and graduate student in English. He attended the University of London for graduate work in the summer of 1956. During his final year as a Ph.D. candidate (1959-60) he was a full-time instructor at the Wausau Extension of the University of Wisconsin. He received his doctorate in June, 1960; his dissertation topic was "Literary Technique and Social Temper in the Works of George Orwell."

Despite his career being cut short soon after the completion of his studies, Dr. Edrich had already shown unusual promise as a writer and scholar. While still an undergraduate, an article of his on "Mustapha Kemal Attaturk" appeared in the Journal of Social Studies, VIII (Spring 1952), 24-36. And while in the Army over two hundred newspaper and magazine articles in the area of public relations and human interest appeared under this signature. Two recent articles of his indicate his scholarly interests:

1) "Naivete and Simplicity in Orwell's Writings: Homage to Catalonia," University of Kansas City Review, XXVIII (Summer 1961), 289-97.


He was a member of the Jewish faith.

Those of us who knew him deeply regret his passing.

Roger D. Abrahams, Chairman
David J. DeLaura
Harry A. Holloway

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