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In Memoriam

ANTONIO DE LUNA GARCIA (1901-1967)

Associate Editor of the NATURAL LAW FORUM

BORN in Granada, April 30, 1901, Antonio De Luna was educated in the universities of Granada and of Madrid, continued his studies at Freiburg in Bregovia, Paris, and Oxford and received the doctorate in law from Bologna. At the age of 27 he was appointed to the chair of natural law at the University of La Laguna in the Canary Isles, and from there went on to Salamanca and Granada. In 1932 he obtained the chair of international public law of the Faculty of Law of the University of Madrid. At this time he began a period of intense professional activity: He was Secretary of the Federation of Spanish Associations of International Studies (1932-1936), founder and director of the Institute of International and Economic Studies (1932-1936), and Secretary of the Juridical Assessor Commission of the Spanish Republic (1931-1934). After the interruption of the Civil War, Luna, with a sense of continuity, resumed his essential tasks. He was the founder and director of the Francisco de Vitoria Institute of International Law, a member of the High Council of Scientific Inquiry (1940-1963), and was the first editor of the *Revista Española de Derecho Internacional*. He was associated with the creation of the Spanish-Portuguese-American Institute of International Law. He belonged to a number of other scientific societies such as the Francisco de Vitoria Association, the Institute of Political Studies in Madrid (being co-editor of the *Cuadernos de Política Internacional*), the Institute of Spanish Culture, the Francisco Suarez International Association (Coimbra), the Argentine Institute of International Law, the Brazilian Air Law Institute, the Greek Institute of International Law, and the Institute of International Law.

In addition to his activity as a member of the academic profession Luna held a variety of public offices. He was a member of the Permanent Tribunal of Arbitration. He acted as the arbiter between France and Spain in 1957 in the matter of Lake Lenoux. From 1957 to 1963 he was the juridical assessor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1957 he was the delegate of Spain to the Sixth Commission of the United Nations, and from 1962 to 1966 he was a member of the United Nations Commission on International Law. From 1963 to 1965 he was Ambassador from Spain to Colombia. Beginning in 1965 he was Ambassador from Spain to Austria. Death surprised him during a visit home, May 8, 1967.

Don Antonio, a splendid professor, showed some reluctance to publish. His teaching was essentially conveyed as oral teaching, not only by means of classroom lectures. For those who had the privilege of knowing him, he taught by the simple impression given by his human presence and by a conversation full of suggestions and stimulating ideas. Antonio de Luna belonged to the line of the Socratic masters.

His written work was occasional. Prescinding from some articles and notes, for example, in the *Revista de Estudios Politicos*, it consisted essentially in his report of the first Spanish-Portuguese-American Congress of International Law ("Fundamentacion del derecho internacional") and two printed lectures, "Es la guerra inevitable?" and "El poder exterior." What is significant is not in these few pieces. The thought of Luna can be found in better part in memoranda on appointments to chairs and in the published works of his disciples on the general theory of international law. His was a living thought, in perpetual process of critical reconsideration and renewal, a thought which sought to express itself in dialogue and in contrasts. The debt which many Spanish writers on international law contracted to him, directly or indirectly, went beyond the intellectual level and reached a deeper zone. That makes more heartfelt, if possible, the memory of the master he was for us.

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THE SPECIAL place that Antonio de Luna Garcia has in the annals of the NATURAL LAW FORUM is as the first editor of this journal. Coming to a cold, alien land, he undertook with gusto the demanding enterprise of launching a journal which would preserve the best elements of natural law jurisprudence throughout the world and at the same time be receptive to articles criticizing or departing from this tradition. From the large red chair which he left as a physical memorial of his editorship to the worldwide representation of writers on jurisprudence on the Editorial Board and Advisory Board of the FORUM, Luna left a mark which those who succeed him must gratefully acknowledge. After his return to Spain and withdrawal from the editorship, he continued to serve as a member of the Editorial Board and was a vigorous and colorful participant in its annual meetings. We recall him with affection in this issue.

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