

E. Merriam was president of the American Political Science Association in 1925. It was not particularly surprising that Bob chose to follow in his father's footsteps, obtaining an MA in public administration at Chicago in 1940. Interestingly, however, their footsteps continued to match through Fifth Ward aldermanic service and candidacy for the mayor of Chicago. Not so well known was their parallel path through the U.S. Army in World Wars I and II, each reaching the rank of captain. Bob's duties included that of military historian, and in 1947 he authored *Dark December: The Full Account of the Battle of the Bulge*. The two Merriams co-authored *The American Government: Democracy in Action* (1954). (Bob, with Rachel Goetz, co-authored *Going into Politics: A Guide for Citizens* in 1957.) Both distinguished careers closed in Arlington National Cemetery. There, on August 29, 1988, Bob, with full military honors, was buried beside his father.

Bob served as Chairman of the ACIR from October, 1969 to December, 1978. In a resolution adopted by its quarterly (and 98th) meeting in September, 1988, the Commission ascribed to him "a combination of pragmatism, perseverance, insight and unparalleled enthusiasm." This "combination" characterized his public and private life. He will be long missed by his many friends and colleagues in public administration.

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### John S. Schmotzer, S.J.

Father John S. Schmotzer, S.J., assistant professor of communication at Fairfield University in Connecticut and well-known lecturer on the Holocaust, died on July 16 at the age of 66.

Father Schmotzer brought to his work an intensity and commitment that made him a favorite among students. His witness of history on three continents had a profound influence on him and in turn on his teaching.

Raised in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, Father Schmotzer joined the Jesuit Order in 1940 in Budapest after earning a bachelor's degree from the Gymnasium Kosice in Czechoslovakia. He studied in Hungary before returning to Kosice to pursue a master's degree in philosophy, which he interrupted to serve in the Czechoslovakian Resistance Movement.

During his youth, Kosice was a multi-cultural community with Jews, Hungarians, and Slovaks. Father Schmotzer credited his experiences in such an environment for his "radical openness to others." Certainly his experiences as a teenager at the start of the Holocaust and then as a young Jesuit who participated in hiding Jews from the Nazis left an indelible mark that made him forever an advocate of educating subsequent generations about the Holocaust.

In 1947 Father Schmotzer began a 20-year stay in China where he witnessed directly the Chinese Revolution and the birth and development of the People's Republic of China. During his time there he completed his theological studies for the priesthood and was ordained. In 1953 the Communist government placed him and several other missionaries under house arrest for nine months. After his expulsion from mainland China, he spent 14 years in academic and pastoral service in Taiwan.

Father Schmotzer came to the United States in 1967 and earned a doctoral degree in international relations at Georgetown University where he held a graduate fellowship. In addition he provided pastoral and counseling assistance at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Washington, D.C. and at Georgetown University.

Father Schmotzer joined the faculty of Fairfield University in 1974 where his classes in negotiation drew large enrollments. His enthusiastic and extensive knowledge of the subject earned him a reputation as an exceptionally fine teacher. He was also warmly regarded by his students because of the personal interest and encouragement he provided to every student he encountered. Many former students recount career moves and advancements that were instigated by Father Schmotzer's support of their efforts.

Father Schmotzer was frequently called upon to speak on negotiations to business,

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educational, and community groups and was interviewed by the media on hostage negotiations.

In addition, Father Schmotzer frequently spoke before Jewish and Christian organizations on the Holocaust. In 1983 he became associated with the Yale University Center for Holocaust Studies and became an official witness to the Holocaust. He serves as an advisor to the Educational Committee of the Jewish Center of Greater Bridgeport.

A tribute to Father Schmotzer in "The Connecticut Jewish Ledger" tells of his ability to relate to young people and his eagerness to do whatever he could to help people better understand the Holocaust. Jolly Zeleny, a founder and president of the Bridgeport-area Holocaust Survivors Organization and the Holocaust Education Committee, noted, "Not only was Father Schmotzer a theoretician, he was one who truly inspired the moral imperative of speaking up and caring."

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