
DEATH OF DR. LEO S. ROWE

Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan-American Union, was instantly killed by an automobile on the evening of December 5, 1946, while crossing the street on his way to a reception at the Bolivian Embassy. Dr. Rowe was a founder of the American Society of International Law in 1906 and of its *Journal* in 1907. Both had been initiated at the 11th annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration held in the Spring of 1905, and as a member of the organizing committee appointed by the Conference Dr. Rowe participated in drafting the original Constitution of the Society which, with some amendments, remained in force until redrafted in 1940. Dr. Rowe was a member of the first Executive Council, which held its first meeting in January 1906; from this time onward he was an active and enthusiastic member of the Society, having been elected a Vice President in 1930.

Dr. Rowe was Chief of the Latin American Division of the Department of State when he was elected Director General of the Pan-American Union in 1920, the position which he held from that time to the time of his death. He occupied numerous governmental posts in connection with Latin American affairs and attended every Pan-American conference for the last quarter of a century as a delegate of the United States or as Director General of the Pan-American Union. Many of the American Republics conferred upon him the highest awards and decorations at their disposal.

At his request his body was cremated and the ashes placed in the Pan-American Union over which he presided for so many years. An appropriate meeting in his memory was held immediately after his death by the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union.

On February 5 a commemorative program in homage to Dr. Rowe was held in the Hall of the Americas in the presence of the Diplomatic Corps and high ranking officials of the United States. The principal address on behalf of the Governing Board was delivered by the Chairman, Dr. Antonio Rocha, Special Ambassador of Colombia to the Pan-American Union. The Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., Vice President of Georgetown University, a friend and associate of many years, also spoke, at the special request of Dr. Rowe. Brief remarks by other members of the Governing Board concluded the program.

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