

## Pamela N. Wrinch

In the death in mid-career of Pamela N. Wrinch, Professor of Government at Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts, political scientists have lost a talented colleague of great sensitivity and professional commitment. She died in a fire at her home in near-by Woods Hole on December 4. Born in England in 1927, Pamela Wrinch earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees at Michigan and her Ph.D. at Yale. She responded to the challenge of the early postwar years by acquiring a proficiency both in the Russian language and in what is today called strategic studies. Her first publication in a scholarly journal, while she was still a graduate student, made effective use of both these skills. Subsequently, she was the author of *The Military Strategy of Winston Churchill*. The daughter of Dr. Dorothy Wrinch, a crystallographer with a distinguished career in Britain and America, she was like her mother in pioneering in areas of scientific inquiry into which few women had previously ventured.

Professor Wrinch had earlier taught at Wellesley College, Boston University and West Virginia, and had for several years been associated with the Russian Research Center at Harvard University. She defined her professional responsibilities broadly and in a period of academic turmoil was among the most vigilant in protecting faculty rights on her own campus. By acting as Russian language interpreter to the scientists and sailors whom international scientific collaboration brought to the oceanographic and marine biological institutions at Woods Hole, she served both her scientific and her humanitarian concerns.

Although she used her maiden name professionally, she was married to Alfred S. Schenkman, who is president of the Cambridge, Massachusetts publishing company which bears his name.

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