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IN MEMORIAM PROFESSOR RNDr. KAREL HRUŠA

Professor RNDr. KAREL HRUŠA, Head of the Department of Mathematics of the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Charles University and Head of the Department for Modernization of Mathematical Education at the Institute of Mathematics of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague, died in Prague on November 16, 1971.

Professor Hruša was born July 7, 1905 at Mnichovo Hradiště. After completing his university studies he was secondary school teacher for almost twenty years. In the year 1946 he comes to the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Charles University, in 1953 he becomes associated professor and in 1964 professor at the Faculty as well as Head of its Mathematics Department.

Prof. Hruša's wholelife activities were devoted almost entirely to the theory of mathematical education. He occupied himself with this field of science in its whole width, starting with the first years of elementary school and ending with the highest courses of university studies. He wrote a number of textbooks of mathematics for both secondary schools and colleges as well as methodical handbooks for teachers of secondary schools and students of pedagogical faculties of universities.

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SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR RNDR. CYRIL PALAJ

On August 24, Professor RNDr. CYRIL PALAJ, Head of the 1st Department of Mathematics of the Faculty of Science of the P. J. Šafárik University at Košice and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Descriptive Geometry of the Faculty of Wood Industry, Institute of Forestry and Wood Industry at Zvolen, will be sixty.

The main field of the scientific activity of Prof. Palaj has been the classical algebraic geometry and linear algebra. Especially highly appreciated have been his contributions to the theory of spatial matrices and their geometrical applications. Besides, he has devoted continual effort to the building up and advancement of the departments entrusted to him as well as to his work in JČSMF (Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists) and JSMF (Union of Slovak Mathematicians and Physicists).

A more detailed analysis of Prof. Palaj's scientific and pedagogical activity may be found in the article: Prof. RNDr. Cyril Palaj 60-ročný by V. Medek, Čas. pěst. mat. 97 (1972), 339—340.

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