Dr. Harry Shulman, Dean Of Yale Law School, Dies

Ex-City Resident Was Top Arbitrator In Labor Disputes



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Dr. Harry Shulman, dean of Yale University Law School, who was arbitrator in many of the nation's biggest labor-management disputes, died yesterday at his home in Hamden, Conn.

A respected national figure, Dr. Shulman's roots were deep in Rhode Island. Although he was born in Russia March 13, 1903, his family moved to Providence nine years later.

His family had little money, but he had something more precious, the drive to succeed, and succeed he did, from the first. He earned money for his education by selling the Journal-Bulletin on the streets, and it took him just three years to do four years' work at Brown University, where he graduated in 1923. He was Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year and won many prizes.

A. Whitney Griswold, president of Yale, said he was "shocked" at the news of Dr. Shulman's death. "Yale and the legal profession have suffered an irreparable loss," he said.

Just last month Dr. Shulman received a tribute from many of the country's top figures in law and labor relations. They packed the hall at Harvard University where Dr. Shulman delivered a 90-minute Justice Holmes lecture on labor relations.

Dr. Shulman graduated from Harvard Law School in 1926 with special honors and was awarded a $2,000 research fellowship which enabled him to study for two graduate years and earn a degree of Doctor of Juridical Science.

During this period of extensive study at Harvard—while working his own way through—he collaborated with Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, one of his professors, in writing a law book.

After a brief period as a corporation lawyer, Dr. Shulman became law secretary to the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis and in 1930 joined the Yale faculty. He was named Sterling Professor of Law in 1940 and became dean of the law school.

Although he taught a full schedule at the university, he was continually sought after as umpire in labor-management disputes. He had served in such a capacity for the United Auto Workers, CIO, and the Ford Motor Co. since 1943. He wanted to resign from this task in 1946, but strong urging on the part of both labor and management caused him to remain.

Money was no object and he refused a substantial raise, on the ground that he had to preach against too high salaries and because he didn't want to "run the risk of developing a financial interest in the job."

He was also arbitrator for the Bendix Aviation Corp. and the Wright Aeronautical Division of the Curtiss-Wright Corp. In addition, he held many government positions, and was author and co-author of many legal books.

In June, 1953, Brown University conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Law degree. The citation read, in part: "Distinguished student of the law, able practitioner, noted teacher, gifted in research, you attained high distinction by industry, fair-mindedness and penetration. Having won and fully justified the complete confidence of both labor and management, you hold a unique place in maintaining industrial peace and in training others to emulate your own valuable public service."

He is survived by his wife, the former Rea Karrell of Boston; a son, Stephen Neal Shulman, a recent graduate of Harvard; three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Blanck, Mrs. Etta Lightman and Mrs. Celia Troup, all of Providence, and a brother, Abraham I. Shulman of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, Niagara Street, Providence, with Rabbi Morris Schussheim officiating. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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HAMDEN, Conn., March 20. Dr. Harry Shulman, fifty-one, dean of Yale University Law School and nationally known



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labor arbitrator, died today at his home at 1100 Ridge Road.

Dr. Shulman, a native of Russia, had served as umpire in negotiations between the Ford Motor Co. and the United Auto Workers, C. I. O., since 1943. He was also arbitrator for the U. A. W. in its dealings with two other firms, the Bendix Aviation Corp. and the Curtiss Wright Aeronautical Corp.

Dr. Shulman, formerly a law secretary to the late United States Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, had been associated with Yale since 1930. He was Lines professor of law there in 1939-1940 and has been Sterling professor of law since 1940. The latter chair was previously held by Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the United States Supreme Court.

"Red Slacks" Case

Besides his teaching duties, Dr. Shulman has been one of the country's most-sought-after and busiest arbitrators of labor battles. He sought to resign as arbitrator between the U. A. W. and the Ford Motor Co. in 1946 but remained on the pleas of both sides.

Being a man - in - the - middle between the two sides was often far from easy. While he handled many arbitration cases, one that struck the public's fancy was the matter of "the woman in the bright red slacks," who was fined a half-hour's pay on the ground that her slacks distracted men in the shop. Dr. Shulman ruled that the person should not have been reprimanded since green slacks were tolerated. "Wolves, unlike bulls, may be attracted by colors other than red and by various other enticements in the art and fit of female attire," he wrote.

Came to U. S. in 1912

Dr. Shulman was brought to this country by his parents in 1912. During his early years in Providence, he helped support his family by selling newspapers, a practice he continued while attending Brown University.

He was graduated from Brown with Phi Beta Kappa honors after three years. He was graduated from Harvard Law School in three years' time, as well. Dr. Shulman became a naturalized United States citizen in 1921.

He was author and editor of several books on labor and law, and collaborated on one book, "Cases on Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure," with Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter.

For a year, before becoming secretary to the late Justice Brandeis, Dr. Shulman practcied law in New York City. He was a member of the New York, Rhode Island and United States Supreme Court bars.

Surviving Dr. Shulman are his wife, Mrs. Rea Karrel Shulman, and a son, Stephen Neal Shulman.

Deaths

MORREY—Ethel, March 19, 1955, formerly Executive Secretary of Protestant Big Sisters. Beloved sister of Richard B. Malone and aunt of Ida Bruno, Richard N. Benjamin, Richard B. Malone jr. and Virginia Schleck. Reposing at Walter B. Cooke, Inc., Funeral Home, 20 Snyder av., Brooklyn, until Tuesday, 1:30 p. m. Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2 p. m. Interment private. Please omit flowers.