

## LOSS OF EPS WORKER

With the death in January of Leslie A.A. Thomas at the age of 67, EPS has lost one of its longest-serving and most conscientious workers. His first contacts with EPS began early in 1970 when as senior physicist at the Hirst Research Centre of GEC he was already known in England as an active society member devoting his energies particularly to bridging the gap between physics practised in the universities and in industry. He himself had his feet planted firmly in both camps, being at that time a visiting professor at Bath University and he continued to lecture and concern himself with the technical education of the young even after his retirement from GEC in 1982.

Despite the warning of a heart attack that was decidedly non-trivial he threw himself back into his post-retirement tasks with all his old energies and enthusiasm and it was while lecturing that a second attack occurred from which there was no reprieve.

Starting as representative of the UK Institute of Physics on the Advisory Committee for Applied Physics and Physics in Industry, he quickly identified himself as one of its most enthusiastic members. He became its chairman in March 1973, continuing in the post until 1977. He was a firm disciple of the principle that there is only one physics wherever it is done, but he was concerned that EPS should appreciate the special preoccupations of physicists working on project-orientated research and be as representative of them as of the academics. He was equally anxious that the Associate Members receive full recognition and play a significant role in the life of the Society.

In March 1977 he joined the Executive Committee as Vice-Treasurer, became Treasurer the following year and the Secretary the year after, a position he held

until 1982. After that he continued to work for EPS and was made a member of the newly-formed Finance Committee. Always considerate in his personal dealings and considered in his comments — so carefully phrased that the non-English at times had difficulty in following — he made the promotion of good international relations his first priority. When O. Folberth handed over the Chairmanship of ACAPPI, he deplored the fact "that some representatives of national physical societies have still not done their homework". He was not referring to Leslie. Whatever the occasion, one could be perfectly certain that Leslie had done his.

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