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## SPECIAL MEMORIAL EDITION

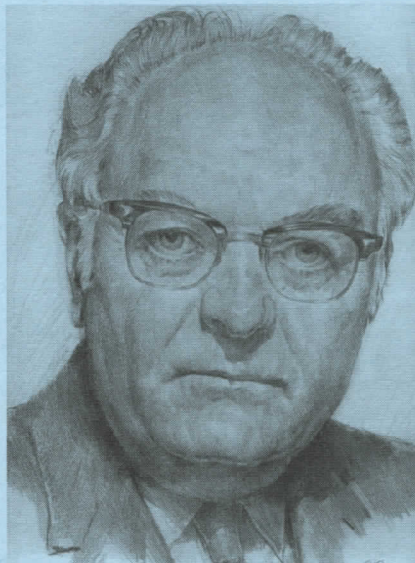
In this special edition, the Institute celebrates the life of Dr. Boyd A. Martin, founder and emeritus Director of the Martin Institute, who died in Moscow on January 8, 1998 at the age of 86. He had been at the University of Idaho most of his life, beginning as a student in 1929, later as a professor and Dean. His career spanned nearly seven decades, as he watched the world change and he helped the University of Idaho grow and change with it.

Born on a farm near Cottonwood, Idaho on March 3, 1911, Boyd Martin was the fourth of seven children of Archer and Norah Imbler Martin. His grandfather had homesteaded the land in the late 1800's and Boyd maintained an attachment to it throughout his life, managing the home farm and other land he purchased later until just before his death.

He attended both Pasadena City College and the University of California at Los Angeles during the early 1930's, before graduating from the University of Idaho in 1936 with a major in political science and emphases in economics, history and sociology. He earned a master's degree in 1937 and a doctorate in 1943, both from Stanford University, before returning to the University of Idaho as an assistant professor that same year. He was promoted to associate professor in 1944 and to professor in 1947.

He became head of the Department of Social Science in 1947 and was named Dean of the College of Letters and Science in 1955, the youngest dean the university had ever had. He was also the founder of the Bureau of Public Affairs Research, and in 1973 was named the first Borah Distinguished Professor of Political Science at UI.

In December of 1933 Dr. Martin married Grace Charlotte Swingler, whom he had met when she was teaching in Weippe earlier that year. Grace became her husband's closest friend and helpmate throughout his career, devoting her



energy and her talents to his work, to the university, and to the students that she loved and helped so much.

The Martins combined their academic lives with lives of service and activities outside the campus. Besides work with the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Youth Ranch, Dr. Martin represented the U.S. Department of State in the Alliance for Progress in Central and South America, especially in Ecuador. He later served on the board of the National Association of the Partners of the Alliance. He was a delegate to the 1945 conference in San Francisco at which the United Nations Charter was written, and was

particularly instrumental in drafting the section on the Security Council.

Both of the Martins had always been devoted to the cause of peace, and when Hitler had invaded Poland in 1939 they were so concerned that they vowed to take all their current savings — some \$800 — and invest it with the intention of someday founding an institute dedicated to the study of war and violence, and to discovering the conditions necessary to maintain peace in the world. To that end, Dr. Martin devoted at least an hour every evening to studying the stock market and managing his investments to make their dream come true.

Shortly before Mrs. Martin's death in 1979 the Martins finalized an agreement with the University of Idaho in which they would give their life's savings, by then nearly \$1 million, to found the Boyd and Grace Martin Institute of Human Behavior — today known as the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. For the last twenty years of his life Dr. Martin devoted his time and efforts to nurturing the new institute and laying the foundations of its current work.

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During his life Dr. Martin had earned many awards and honors, including membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the Idaho Statesman's Distinguished Citizen award, the UI Distinguished Idahoan award, membership in the University of Idaho Hall of Fame, and in May of 1997 the UI awarded him an honorary Doctor of Administrative Science degree in recognition of his achievements as Dean and as Director of the Martin Institute.

Dr. Martin is survived by sons Michael Martin of Santa Rosa, CA, and William Martin of Nolanville, TX; two brothers, Sanford Martin of Phoenix, AZ, and Owen Martin of Portland, OR; a sister, Betty Martin O'Rourke of Nezperce, ID; five grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his immediate family, Boyd Martin will be remembered by the many thousands of students and faculty at UI who were influ-

enced by him over the years, as well as by countless friends both in Moscow and in Kamiah, Idaho, where he maintained a summer home. Several of his former students today serve on the advisory board of the Martin Institute helping Dr. Martin directly to advance the Institute and its goals. Many others are regular financial donors to the Martin Endowment, providing the increased income that is always needed for growing programs.

Dr. Martin remained active in the Institute, spending several hours a day in his office, until the last month of his life. He encouraged, inspired, and guided us all as the Institute grew and flourished. His presence, his stories, his humor and his warmth will be greatly missed, but his vision has been passed on and his work will continue through the Martin Institute and its many friends.

## Friends Remember Boyd Martin

*We share here excerpts from some of the articles and eulogies written for Dr. Martin in the days following his death.*

*"Through his dedicated efforts for better governance from city councils to national administrations, Boyd was able to make his mark on the quality of government in this country at every level.*

*It is no accident that . . . Idaho's most distinguished award for professional public service is named the Boyd A. Martin Award of Distinction. While some might look to loftier places for governmental policy examination, Boyd knew that the government closest to the people needed to be as capable, responsive and productive as possible. He also knew that those qualities depended on people who could deliver.*

*. . . his singular contributions to scholarship, to educational administration, to his family and friends and to the cause of peace stand as a memorial few Idahoans can come even close to.*

*We have given up a piece of what the best of the 20th century has meant. What we keep are the cherished memories and Boyd's exhortation to all of us to do better, to be better and to continue to dream about and work for peace in our lives, whether those lives are played out on Main Street or the world stage."*

From a column in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News by Linda Pall, Moscow City Council member and adjunct professor at the UI College of Law

*"Boyd Martin was probably the best known professor the state of Idaho has ever seen over the years, north or south, then or now — the giant scholar in the little puddle.*

*But it was his solid work over the years as a traditional professor to a couple of generations of students at the University of Idaho that made him a scholarly fixture in the state where he was born.*

*The University of Idaho was the almost unanimously recognized pinnacle of higher education in Idaho during those years. And Martin was the epitome of the star professor at the state's dominant institution. University presidents came and went but Martin shone year after year. Indeed, more than once, the professor of political science was urged to give up the theoretical for the practical and run for office himself.*

*He never did. But scores of his students did. Dozens of them have sat in the Idaho Legislature. And there has hardly been a time when the Idaho congressional delegation did not include at least one of his former students.*

*Sometimes, thanks to people like Boyd and Grace Martin, it seems some sanity actually has dawned and that the world truly is becoming a more peaceful place."*

From an editorial in the Lewiston Morning Tribune by Bill Hall, Tribune editorial page editor



## Memorial Campaign Planned

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*"Figures such as Boyd Martin are really larger than life. They dominate the university landscape through their intellect, civility and dignity, humanity, commitment to excellence and those identifying personal actions that set them apart from the rest of us mortals.*

*We will miss him, but his passion and commitment has shaped our institution and the lives of countless students associated with the University. Legends such as he will live as long as there is a University of Idaho."*

From a eulogy at the memorial service by UI President Robert Hoover

**T**here is no memorial that meant more to Boyd Martin than the Institute that he and his wife founded after so many decades of planning and saving. He dedicated his energy and his savings to helping it to grow and prosper over the years.

Now it is up to us to keep it growing and to provide the staff and the funding for the many new and ongoing programs about which Dr. Martin was so enthusiastic. As a tribute to his memory planning is underway for a memorial fund drive. The drive, which has been started with a large bequest from Richard and Margaret Larson, will raise funds to further the work of the Martin Institute in areas particularly important to Dr. Martin.

Dr. Martin was always extremely concerned about problems of war and peace, and desirous of establishing an educational program in the Institute.

The expected focus of the fund drive is an educational initiative focused on current major problems of global conflict. The initiative is likely to focus on enhancing in-depth course offerings on major categories of global conflict, such as failed states (Africa) or state-building in the wake of disintegrating empire (the Balkans, central Asia).

In advance of the formal fund drive, we invite memorial contributions to the Martin Institute to keep its programs vital and growing. Please return your gift or pledge with the attached form.

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The Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution is a multi-disciplinary center at the University of Idaho, founded in the belief that war and violence are neither necessary nor inevitable. Its purposes are to encourage education and research to advance peace at all levels, and also to resolve local and regional conflicts with alternatives to confrontation and litigation. Institute scholars seek to understand the major causes of disputes and violence and to provide information, training and assistance for the resolution of conflicts. The institute brings together scholars, students and present and future leaders to develop the knowledge needed for the ongoing and new challenges of establishing peace as a basis for long-range social and economic progress.

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