

**Ferenc G. Harcsár**  
**1910-1979**

Founder of the Hungarian Readers' Service and co-founder of the *Canadian-American Review of Hungarian Studies*, F. G. Harcsár was born in Szatmárnémeti, Hungary (now Satu Mare, Romania). He completed his university education in Budapest. After obtaining a doctorate in chemistry, he embarked on a career in scientific research. The war drove him into exile. Following several years' stay in Venezuela, he immigrated to Canada where he resumed his career as a research scientist. He retired in 1977 as a respected member of Canada's defense research establishment.

F. G. Harcsár was a deeply religious man with an equally strong passion for his Hungarian nation as well as his ancestral Transylvania. Throughout his adult life he had been involved in religious and patriotic organizational efforts. He had been instrumental in the founding and the maintenance of Hungarian Calvinist congregations wherever he stayed for more than a brief period. During the last decade of his life he devoted most of his spare time to the establishment and the directing of the Hungarian Readers' Service, our journal's institutional sponsor. A dedicated and punctual worker, he put in long hours every week, often every day, to attend to the administrative and financial affairs of his organization. Although the apathy and malice he encountered often caused him to despair, he refused to be discouraged and to abandon his plans.

After nearly four years of preparatory work, in 1974 he launched the Readers' Service and published, with the help of N. F. Dreisziger, the first issue of his *Review*. Following his retirement from government service three years later, he devoted even more of his time to the increasing administrative work demanded by the journal. Even during the last months of his life, he expended his rapidly diminishing energy in making arrangements for the periodical's future.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two granddaughters. His death is a great loss to his family, his many friends, the Hungarian-Canadian Calvinist community, and to the cause of Hungarian studies in North America and elsewhere.

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