

Elias Huzar

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Elias Huzar, Associate Professor of Government, died unexpectedly in Washington, D. C, December 28, 1950. A young man of great promise, he had just been recommended at the age of 35 for a Professorship in the Department of Government.

Born February 14, 1915, in New York City, Mr. Huzar received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts at William Jewell College in 1935, of Master of Arts at Princeton University in 1937 and of Doctor of Philosophy at Princeton in 1938. At Princeton Mr. Huzar received the outstanding award of the Graduate School—the Procter Fellowship.

Coming to Cornell in 1938 as Instructor in Government, Mr. Huzar was advanced to Assistant Professor in 1943 and to Associate Professor in 1946.

During the Second World War, Mr. Huzar made determined efforts to enter the Army or the Navy but was rejected by both services because of defective eyesight. In May 1943 he embraced the opportunity to serve in Washington as Administrative Analyst, Bureau of the Budget, Executive Office of the President, in which position he was able to contribute his specialized skills to the furtherance of the war effort until October 1945. It is indicative of the quality of his services that he was given temporary appointments with the Bureau of the Budget again in 1946, 1948 and 1950, and was urged to accept full time appointment with that agency. From June to September, 1948, Mr. Huzar served as consultant to the Hoover Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, making an administrative survey in Alaska and in Washington of the Alaska Indian Service.

Despite his teaching duties and his professional administrative activities, Mr. Huzar found time to publish a dozen articles and an outstanding volume entitled *The Purse and the Sword: Control of the Army by Congress through Military Appropriations, 1933-1950*—a work which has won the commendation of military, political and academic authorities.

In June 1950, Elias Huzar married Eleanor Goltz, who survives him.

Elias Huzar was a retiring person; yet a deep-seated kindliness and thoughtfulness about others illumined his personal relations. With the tragic loss of so promising a teacher and scholar has come to those who knew him a realization of the value of his life and a deep feeling of personal sorrow.