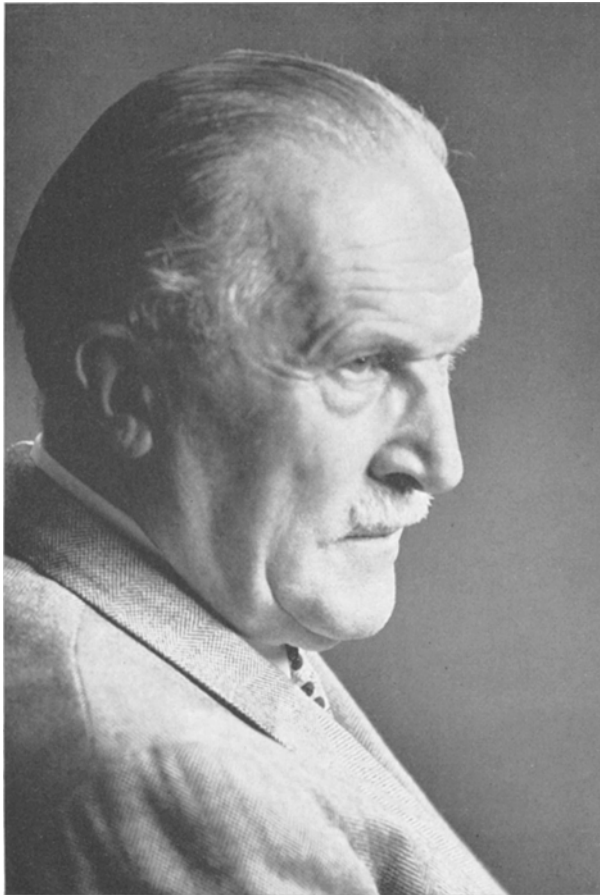


## **K. F. Meyer**

### **In memoriam**

With the deepest regret we must record the death of Dr. Karl F. MEYER, who died in San Francisco on 27th April, 1974, a few days before his 90th birthday.



Dr. K. F. MEYER was co-editor of the "Archiv" from 1952 until his death, at the same time editing "Virology Monographs". In his capacity as a co-editor of the "Archiv" he bore the brunt of post-war difficulties and frustrations, and was mainly responsible for the later development of the journal. He was meticulous as an editor, insisting on the highest standards of scientific work and presentation, whilst at the same time ensuring that authors of publication received the encouragement and expert advice of which he was so eminently capable. His personal

acquaintance with most microbiologists throughout the world was also of considerable advantage to the editing of the "Virology Monographs".

"KF" as he was affectionately known to his colleagues and friends, seemed to be possessed of an "eternal youth". In his latter years his enthusiasm, vitality and logic were the envy of men many years his junior. Only in the last year of his life did the brightness dim. He became depressed at the drastic curtailment of U.S. funds and grants to scientific research and at the general forced trend among many scientists. His feelings were expressed in one of his last letters by the bitter words: "The prevailing ailment all over the world is inherent dishonesty and selfishness and the lack of a guiding philosophy and ethics."

This issue is thankfully dedicated to his memory.

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