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which he was able to express himself. His many friends all over the world will deeply miss his kind and noble personality.

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Adolfas Jucys

The sudden death of Adolfas Jucys in his 70th year, on 4 February, deprives theoretical physics of an important and singular figure.

An atomic-structure physicist, proud of having worked with both Douglas R. Hartree in England and with V. A. Fock in Leningrad, Jucys developed single-handedly an important school of theoretical physics in Vilnius, Lithuania. This development went largely unnoticed in the West until social and geographical isolation were overcome in the 1960's, initially through the translation of some major works from that school. A quirk of double transliteration-into Cyrillic and back into roman-often changed Jucys's name to its more nearly phonetic version, Yutsis.

The work from Vilnius enriched and extended the applications of Racah algebra, particularly through the invention of now familiar diagrams related to those of Richard Feynman. Many novel aspects of atomic theory were elucidated by Jucys and collaborators in a long series of papers and in several books.

As travel to and from Vilnius eased again, many of us visited there—finding a most friendly, witty and gentle hospitality—and many of us had the privilege of receiving him as a lecturer and guest. His depth of understanding, his guidance to many and his high scientific integrity made him a universally respected and beloved scientist.

Ugo Fano, Chairman Department of Physics University of Chicago

Arthur J. M. Johnson

Arthur J. M. Johnson, professor emeritus of physics at Montana State University, died on 10 March 1974 in Bozeman, Montana.

Johnson was born on 18 February 1900 in Bayard, Nebraska. He graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1924, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi. He earned his MS and PhD degrees, the latter in 1928, from the State University of Iowa, working in the field of x-ray spectroscopy.