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## Dr. Karel Hujer

In the death of Dr. Karel Hujer at the age of 85, Chattanooga has lost a real genius, a man of towering intellect, a scholar and professor of international note, a most pleasant and fine gentleman and a dedicated champion of freedom throughout the world.

Dr. Hujer was a native of Czechoslovakia. He saw his homeland strangled by oppressive Communism imposed by the Soviet Union. He dreamed that his country some day would regain freedom, and constantly reminded Americans of the heritage that many take so lightly.

Dr. Hujer came to the University of Chattanooga, where he taught with brilliance, his smiling, warm personal-

ity and wit winning him wide friendship.

He was known through the world as an astronomer and physics professor, traveling to such far-off places as China, Tibet, South America and India to study, to share membership in scholarly societies and to speak at scientific gatherings. During his India sojourn, he became a close friend of the famed Mohandas K. Gandhi and was a guest at his ashram.

In recent years of retirement, Dr. Hujer and his beloved wife, Mrs. Harriet Hunt Hujer, continued their outspoken advocacy of freedom. He was a great intellect, and a great American lover of freedom for all mankind.