

CARLO ASCHERI

1936 - 1967

Carlo Ascheri was born in Ventimiglia, Italy on February 16, 1936. After attending the schools in his home town, he went to study philosophy at the Scuola Normale of Pisa, and then at the University of Heidelberg, where he was also a Lecturer in the Italian Department. His main intellectual interest was the social philosophy of the Hegelian left, particularly the philosophy of Ludwig Feuerbach. When he came to teach at Vassar in 1963, he tried to pursue those studies, but soon found that the materials available here were very inadequate. Though he was very happy here for personal reasons, professional considerations forced him to return to Germany; there, a Thyssen fellowship allowed him to work on Feuerbach uninterruptedly for two years. In that time he wrote a number of things of such high quality that he came to be considered one of Europe's leading scholars in his field. The Meiner Verlag had commissioned him to edit the first two volumes of a new edition of the complete works of Feuerbach. His German article entitled "Notwendigkeit einer Veranderung" established the basis for a new interpretation of Feuerbach's early thought. He was invited to address international conferences and seminars. By the spring of 1967, he felt he was well along enough in his work to accept an invitation to return to Vassar the following fall — especially since he had now started studying on translating the works of Herbert Marcuse, many of whose disciples are in this country. ' That summer, Mr. Ascheri married Heidi Osterloh. They arrived in Poughkeepsie in September, and had barely finished setting up a delightful apartment in Keyes, when a sudden cerebral hemorrhage carried him away on November 29, 1967 at the age of 31. .

Carlo Ascheri, the young scholar, has received academic recognition worthy of men twice his age. His notes have been gathered, and will be published as books and articles by friends working in the same field. His nearly finished translation of Marcuse has been completed by his wife and will appear this summer. A Festschrift in his honor was published a few months ago, and included contributions by outstanding European scholars. But for Carlo

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Ascheri the man, the gentle, honest, completely integral man, the sensitive loyal friend, there can be no adequate eulogy. Respectfully submitted,
Mario Domandi

