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On January 5, 1970, Doc. JOSEF HOLUBÁŘ, editor for many years of our Journal and an outstanding Czech specialist in methodology of mathematics teaching, died close before his 75th birthday.

He was born in Skuteč on January 24, 1895. After having finished his studies he became teacher of mathematics and descriptive geometry at various secondary schools. At the same time he worked on his conception of teaching both subjects, conception of a revolutionary character and identical with that practised in advanced countries.

After having moved to Prague in 1936 and especially after 1945 when he was appointed inspector of schools for the land of Bohemia, he tried to put this conception into practice, to unify and to raise the standard of teaching mathematics and descriptive geometry at the Czech secondary schools. He wrote a certain number of textbooks of mathematics for secondary schools and a few treatises on methodology of mathematics teachings.

In 1952 he moved to the Institute of Mathematics in Prague and, till his retirement in 1964, he worked there as research worker in elementary mathematics and as editor of the Czechoslovak Mathematical Journal and of Časopis pro pěstování matematiky. May he and his work be long remembered.

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