

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia

CITATION

CHARLES HABIB MALIK
Doctor of Humane Letters

CHARLES HABIB MALIK, philosopher, educator, statesman, you have truly sought to exemplify what you once said: "Man, in the freedom of his conscious decision, makes or unmakes history." Aware of every man's responsibility to take a stand in this epoch of startling change, and a believer in the existence of absolute standards, you have declared that "it is better to face the truth and die than to live a thousand comfortable years in falsehood and escape." You, Sir, deserve the salutes which as president of the General Assembly of the United Nations you received from men of many nations. Born on the farther edge of the Mediterranean, you obtained your first collegiate education in your native land of Lebanon, at the American University of Beirut; then you came to the Charles River and Harvard University for your doctorate in philosophy, a discipline to which you have added lustre. Perhaps that classical training has provided you, as a statesman, the flexibility you yourself described in a recent book, to wit, the ability "to change your tack in the middle of a sentence if your assistant passes on a paper to you revealing a new fact upsetting your whole argument." You have remained sensitive to world politics at the same time that you have loyally sought to serve your homeland. Decorations and degrees have dotted your career, and we hope that yet another diploma will not unduly crowd the walls of your study. Only your articles and books outnumber these honors -- an appropriate fact for a man who regards himself first as a philosopher,

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and then as an historian. To honor you in Athens, West Virginia, may, we hope, suggest the universal quality so apparent in what you have said and done, and Concord College hereby confers upon you her degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty three, and of the College the eighty-eighth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President