

Editorial

With disbelief and horror, the scientific community has learned that, on May 30, Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky was killed by guerrilla gunfire in the airport of Lod, Israel. In the space of an instant, we lost an eminent scientist, an outstanding human being and a valued member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Membrane Biology. All who knew him will never forget his unique personality, his deep humanity, his brilliance as a lecturer and the breadth of his ideas and interests. The Editors of the Journal mourn the loss of a wise and unforgettable friend.

In recognition of Professor Katchalsky's eminence, a future issue of the Journal will be dedicated to his memory. We also join wholeheartedly the colleagues who in the June 9th issue of *Nature* have called for the establishment of a Memorial Fellowship at Professor Katchalsky's spiritual home, The Weizmann Institute. These steps are only too inadequate to express our sense of loss and our deep sympathy to Professor Katchalsky's family. But let this also be our way of asserting, as scientists from all parts of the world, our determination to promote peaceful and humane resolution of political differences and conflicts.