ABOUT THE AWARD:
CONSTANTINE PANUNZIO (1884 - 1964) was a professor of sociology at UCLA from 1931 until his retirement in 1952. It is largely due to Professor Panunzio that the UC emeriti owe the present pension system, established by The Board of Regents after they received a six-page memorandum from Professor Panunzio. Edward A. Dickson, who was Chairman of The Board of Regents at the time (1954), described Professor Panunzio as the architect of the UC Retirement System. Thus, during the last dozen years of his life, Professor Panunzio was instrumental in bringing about a substantial increase in the stipends of colleagues already retired at the UC, in improving the retirement system at UC, and in discovering what the situation was for other retirees at institutions throughout the United States by launching a nationwide emeriti census in 1954.