



George E. G. Catlin

Portrayed near the top right corner,
wearing a red shirt and hat

George E. G. Catlin was an English political scientist and adviser to Prime Minister Winston Churchill's cabinet. He studied at Oxford and Cornell University. In September 1940, he was a guest lecturer at UKC's Political Science Department. His appointment coincided with the beginning of Quintanilla's artistic residency.

Mr. Caitlin was a guest at the home of President Clarence Decker and his wife, Mary Bell Decker. The outbreak of World War II was frequently discussed by Caitlin and the Deckers. One of Catlin's first speeches at UKC was delivered on the first day of the academic year and he discussed the ever-growing need for a strong United States, due to the growing turmoil in Europe. Caitlin feared the spread of totalitarian systems and advocated for the unified action of democratic nations. Quintanilla was interested in these topics and they appear on his murals as well.

Sources: *Kansas City Times*, 24 Aug. 1940; *Kansas City Times*, 16 Sep. 1940; *Kansas City Times*, 23 Sep. 1940; Clarence Raymond Decker and Mary Belle Decker, *A Place of Light*.