

## Galbraith resignation statement

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LOS ANGELES., Calif., Sept. 22 . . . Dr. John S. Galbraith, Chancellor of the San Diego campus of the University of California, has resigned his post-- effective a year hence-- in order to accept the prestigious Smuts Visiting Fellowship at Cambridge University for the year 1968-69.

Galbraith's resignation, submitted a year in advance to permit the Regents ample time to select a successor, was accepted by the Regents at their meeting today on the UCLA campus and announced shortly thereafter by Regents Chairman Theodore R. Meyer and UC's Acting President Harry R. Wellman.

The 50-year-old Galbraith, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, is an authority on British Empire history. The Smuts Fellowship is named after Jan Christian Smuts, the famed Prime Minister during the two World Wars of the Union of South Africa.

Galbraith has been Chancellor at San Diego since December 1, 1964. In the intervening three years, under his leadership, enrollment at UCSD has grown from 500 to about 3,100 students. Wellman, in a letter acknowledging "with regret" Galbraith's resignation, noted that he had "made very important contributions to the welfare of that campus and to the University," assembling "an excellent administrative staff" and adding "to an already outstanding faculty."

Wellman told Galbraith that "you can be justifiably proud of the progress which the campus has made under your leadership." And he termed the Cambridge appointment " a well deserved recognition of your high scholarship" which "adds to the distinction of the University" of California.

Galbraith said he would leave San Diego "with very great regret" but believed "that I should return to teaching and scholarship."

The Chancellor received a B.A. degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1938, and Master's and the Ph.D. degrees from the University of Iowa. He taught at Osceola Junior College and the University of Iowa, with time out during World War II to serve as Historical Officer for the Army's Third Air Force. In 1946-47 he was Associate Professor and chairman of the history department at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and Assistant Professor at Ohio University in 1947-48.

Dr. Galbraith joined the faculty of UCLA in 1948 as an Assistant Professor, becoming Associate Professor in 1952 and Professor in 1958. In July, 1964, he went to San Diego, serving briefly as Vice Chancellor and Professor of History until his appointment as Chancellor.

STATEMENT BY

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During the past three years I have been an administrator in one of the most exciting educational developments in the United States and in the most attractive environment, physically and climatically, in the country.

If I were to continue in administration, I can think of no other university with which I would wish to be associated. But I have had to make a choice between administration and scholarship, and I have concluded that if I am, to return to scholarship, I must do so soon.

The invitation from Cambridge brought the issue to a focus, and I have decided to accept the Smuts Visiting Fellowship in 1968-65. This is the reason-- the sole reason-- for the decision. I think UCSD has an outstanding present and a distinguished future, and Mrs. Galbraith and I love San Diego.