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Dr. Seymour E. Harris, Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of California, San Diego, died Monday, October 28, 1974, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Diego. He had been ill for some time.

Harris, 77, joined the UCSD faculty as Professor of Economics and Chairman of the Department in July, 1963. He came to UCSD from Harvard University where he had served on the faculty for more than 40 years.

Harris was one of the most outspoken and effective American exponents of Keynesianism, the body of economic theory propounded by the late British economist and monetary expert John Maynard Keynes. He served as senior consultant to Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon in the Administration of President John Kennedy and was one of the group of "New Frontiersmen" who persuaded Kennedy that stimulation of the economy sometimes takes precedence over a balanced budget, and that tax cuts and government spending can be used as flexible weapons against the threat of recession.

Harris was born in New York City on September 8, 1897. After receiving a B.A. degree from Harvard in 1920 he taught at Princeton University for two years. In 1922 he returned to Harvard as a graduate student and instructor in economics. He received a Ph.D. in 1926 and, a year later, rose from instructor to lecturer. He was named assistant professor in 1933 and associate professor three years later.

Harris became a full professor in the Department of Economics at Harvard in 1945 and served as chairman of the department from 1955 to 1959. He was named Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Political Economy in 1957, a title he retained. He took the title of Professor of Economics Emeritus at UCSD in 1971. He and the former Dorothy Marshall were married in 1968 and made their home in La Jolla near the UCSD campus. Funeral arrangements have not been set.

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