

Dr. Flournoy A. Coles, Jr. of Falls Church, Virginia, noted international economist and educator died at the age of 67 on Sunday, August 1, 1982. Dr. Coles was most currently Distinguished Visiting Professor of Management at Rutgers University, as well as consultant to several developing African nations in the area of economics and management. Author of numerous professional articles as well as a book, Black Economic Development, Dr. Coles was the recipient of many professional and academic honors, which included presidency of the National Economic Association from 1977-78, Professor Emeritus at Vanderbilt University, the Outstanding Educator of America Award in 1975, listings in Who's Who in Black America and Who's Who in the South from 1975 until the present, chairmanship of the Departments of Economics at Fisk University, 1966-77, Texas Southern University, 1950-51, and Florida A&M, 1948-50. Dr. Coles graduated cum laude from Xavier University in New Orleans in 1941 and received a Penfield Travelling Scholarship to complete his doctoral studies at the Wharton School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania in 1949. Dr. Coles also was a member of the American Economic Association, the professional association Beta Gamma Sigma, and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Dr. Coles served in the Italian campaign during World War II and was recently inducted into the Officers Candidate School Hall of Fame, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Dr. Coles' professional background included 12 years as an economist with the State Department and the past 10 years in a consulting capacity with the Booker T. Washington Foundation and various United Nations commissions concerned with economic development in independent Black African countries. During this period, Dr. Coles lived and worked in Thailand, Germany, Israel, Sri-Lanka, Ghana, Gambia, and Cameroon.