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Roy Harris JENKINS, President

He was born in 1920 and was educated at Abersychan Grammar School and Balliol College, Oxford, graduating with a first class degree in Modern Greats - philosophy, politics and economics. He served in the Royal Artillery during the war and was for two years in the field before being recalled for special duties as a staff captain in military intelligence.

At the end of the war Mr. JENKINS worked for two years for the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, edited a volume of Lord Attlee's speeches and followed this with a biography of the then Prime Minister.

He entered Parliament in 1948 and from 1949-50 served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

From 1955 to 1957, Mr. JENKINS was a United Kingdom representative to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Assembly of the Western European Union. From 1962-64, he was Director of Financial Operations in the John Lewis Partnership.

When Labour took office in October 1964 he joined the Government as Minister for Aviation; in December 1965 he became Secretary of State for the Home Department. In November 1967 he was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer.

At the change of government in 1970 he was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and as such was a Member of the Shadow Cabinet, but resigned from these positions in 1972 over the European Community issue. In November 1973 he returned to the Opposition Front Bench as an elected Member of the Labour Shadow Cabinet. He became Secretary of State for the Home Department for the second time when the Labour Party returned to office in March 1974, a post which he held until his resignation in September 1976 to become President of the Commission of the European Communities for the period from January 6, 1977 to January 5, 1981.

He married in 1945 and has two sons and a daughter.