

Dr James Alfred Perkins

Dr James A Perkins, President of Cornell University, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the Ceremony of Conferring of Degrees held in the Senate Room at the University on Wednesday, 21 August 1963.

Dr Perkins was attending the Tenth Quinquennial Congress of the Association of Commonwealth Universities held in Sydney.

Report

Dr James A Perkins has been the Seventh President of Cornell University since July 1963. Before going to Cornell he was Vice-President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He graduated from Swarthmore College with high honours in 1934, received his Doctorate in Political Science from Princeton in 1937, and has been awarded a number of honorary degrees.

In October 1967, Dr Perkins was named by President Johnson as Co-Chairman of the International Conference on the World Crisis in Education. In October 1965, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Council of Education. He is Chairman of the New York State Regents Advisory Committee on Educational Leadership, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, and a member of the Board of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

He is a member of the Council of Higher Education in the American Republics, and a Director of the Centre for Inter-American Relations. He was elected to membership of the American Academy of Arts and Science in 1965.

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