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Harold Fletcher Dies In California



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Harold A. Fletcher Jr., 50, professor of political science at Grinnell College, died Friday night at Palo Alto, Calif., after an illness of several months.

Funeral plans for Dr. Fletcher are pending.

Born at Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 14, 1918, Dr. Fletcher was a spe-

cialist in French politics and had been a member of the Grinnell faculty since 1957. He was on leave from his teaching duties this semester.

A graduate of Palo Alto, Calif., high school, Dr. Fletcher earned a degree from the University of California (Berkeley) in 1939, an M.A. from Harvard University in 1949, and a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1957. He also studied at the Universite de Paris, in 1949-52, and at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes in 1953-56.

While on a sabbatical leave in 1963-64, he served as a senior research scholar in Paris under a Fulbright grant.

Dr. Fletcher was active in campus affairs at Grinnell and had served as coordinator of the International Studies Program.

He had traveled extensively in Europe and Asia, and authored several works in the field of French politics.

During World War II, he served in the Marine Corps in the Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa campaigns as a field artillery officer and combat intelligence officer.

Dr. Fletcher is survived by his widow Martha, and two children—a son, Garth, 20, and a daughter, Perry Anne, 13.