

Harold King, diplomat and Denver lawyer, dies

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HAROLD TAFT KING, Denver lawyer, diplomat and co-founder of Columbia Savings and Loan Association, died Saturday in his Denver home after a long illness. He was 79.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant St. Entombment will be in Fairmount Mausoleum.

Mr. King began his law practice in Denver in the early 1930s after graduating from the University of Colorado Law School. In addition to his long legal career, he was a co-founder, vice president and general counsel of Columbia Savings and Loan Association, retiring as director and board vice chairman in 1976.

He and his brother, Kenneth Kendal King, built the Petroleum Club Building at 16th Street and Broadway in 1957.

Mr. King was born March 3, 1908, in Angleton, Texas. He moved to Denver in 1916 and graduated from East High School. He married Thelma Owen on Aug. 9, 1933.

In 1960, he was appointed to the board of visitors for the Air Force Academy by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. King began his diplomatic career in 1970 when he was named chairman of the U.S. delegation for UNESCO to Paris. He was named special representative of the State Department to the American embassies in London and Dublin in 1974, a member of the U.S. delegation to Egypt in 1976 and the economic delegation to Israel in 1977.

He also was a member of the advisory board of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and the boards of directors of the State Department's Public Members

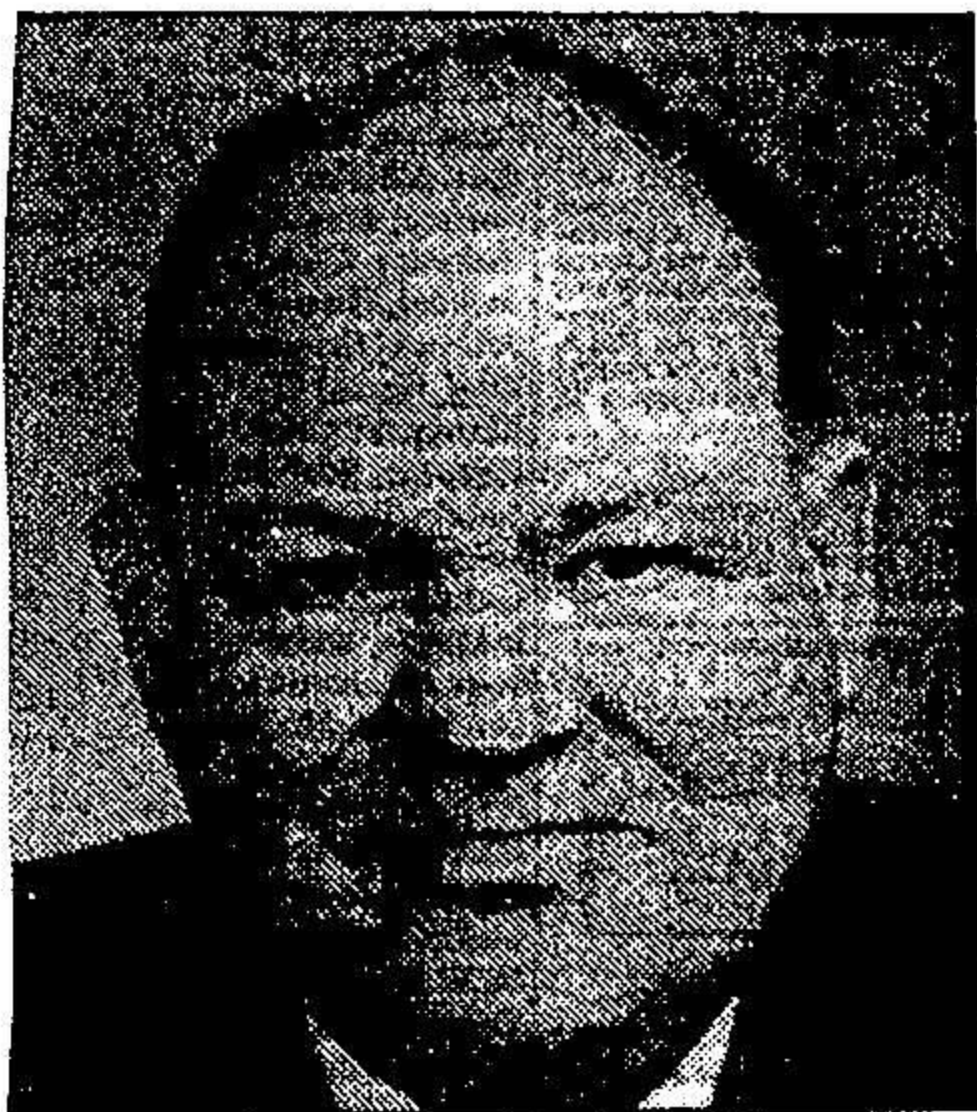
and Foreign Service associations.

A Cordier fellow at the School of International Affairs, Columbia University, Mr. King was a recipient of the Significant Sig Award of Sigma Chi fraternity. For many years he was a director of the Capitol Life Insurance Co.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Denver, Denver Downtown Association, Denver Country Club, Petroleum Club, Law Club of Denver, and American, Colorado and Denver Bar associations.

In addition to his wife, Mr. King is survived by a daughter, Diane Hughes of Dallas; his brother, Kenneth King of Denver; and two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant St., Denver 80203; or Sigma Chi Foundation, P.O. Box 469, Evanston, Ill. 60204.



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