

K. William Kapp

KARL WILLIAM KAPP
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With sadness and regret we report the death, on 10 April 1976, of K. William Kapp. Professor Kapp was an institutionalist scholar in the great tradition of European scholarship. His interests were catholic: the theory of knowledge in relation to social policy, technology, society as a total decisional system, economic development and culture, comparative economic systems, environmental problems, the history of economic thought, and many others. Among his writings, *Social Costs of Private Enterprise* (1950) was a path-breaking study of externalities and related topics both in its wider-than-conventional context and in being over a decade in advance of major professional and public concern with environmental degradation. *Toward a Science of Man in Society* (1961) was a brilliant and heroic attempt to present a positive integration of social knowledge, indeed, a major effort to articulate his holistic approach to economics and social science. K. William Kapp was a respected, prolific, and creative scholar in the institutionalist tradition. We will miss him but may do him honor by promoting and furthering what he stood for and worked to achieve.