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HARRY JOHNSON

Harry Johnson (1923–1977) was such a striking figure in economics that Nobel Laureate James Tobin designated the third quarter of the twentieth century as the age of Johnson. Johnson played a leading role in the development and extension of the Heckscher–Ohlin model of international trade, wrote fundamental articles on the balance of payments, and later developed the monetary approach to the balance of payments. Within monetary economics, he was also a seminal figure who, in a series of surveys, identified and explained the links between the ideas of the major postwar innovators. His discussion of the issues that would benefit from further work set the profession's agenda for a generation. Johnson was the consummate editor of his generation; he was managing editor of the *Review of Economic Studies* and editor of the *Journal of Political Economy* (twice), the *Manchester School*, and *Economica*. Trained at Toronto, Cambridge, and Harvard, he taught at Cambridge (1949–1956), Manchester (1956–1959), Chicago (1959–1977), the London School of Economics (1966–1974), and Geneva (1976–1977). This book chronicles his intellectual development and his contributions to economics, economic education, and, particularly in Canada and Britain, the discussion of economic policy.

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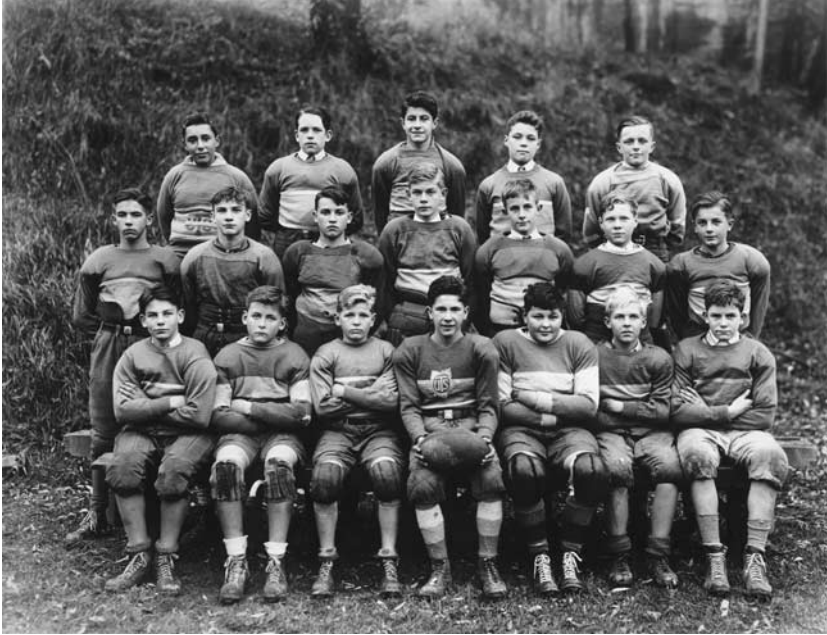
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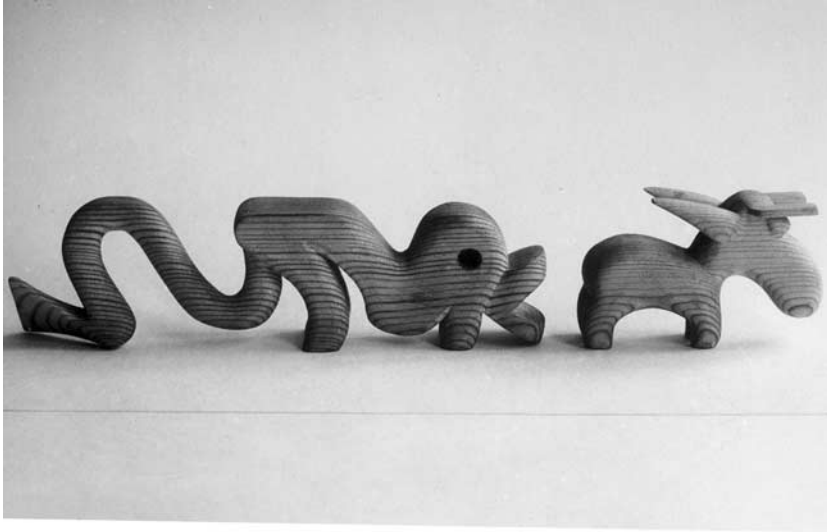
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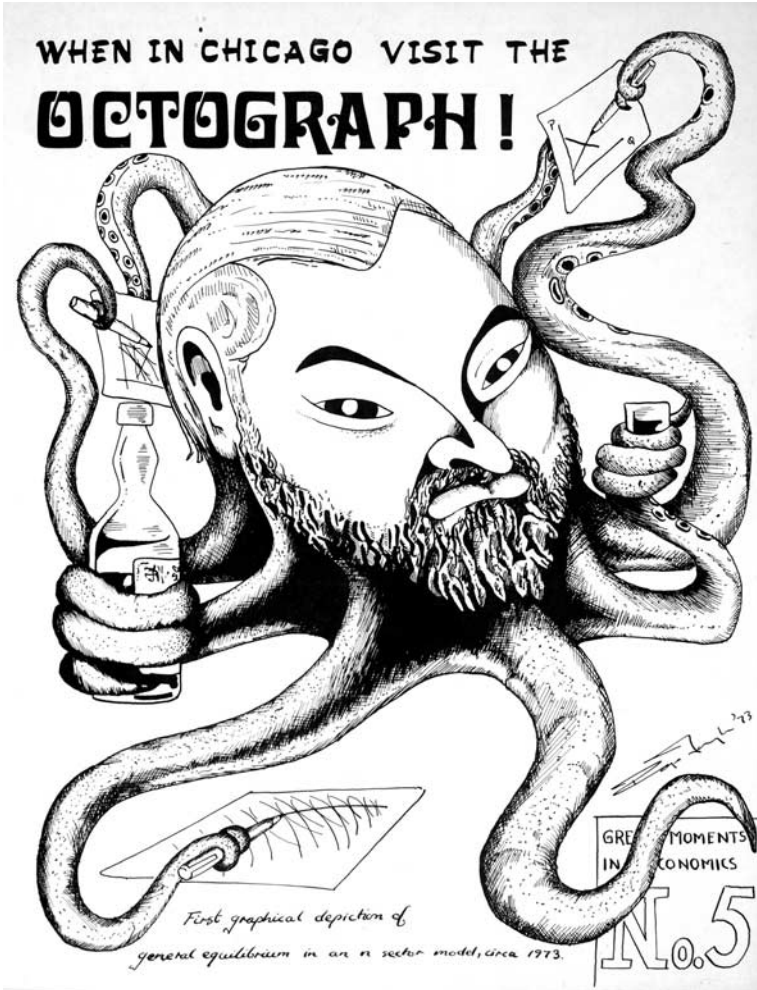
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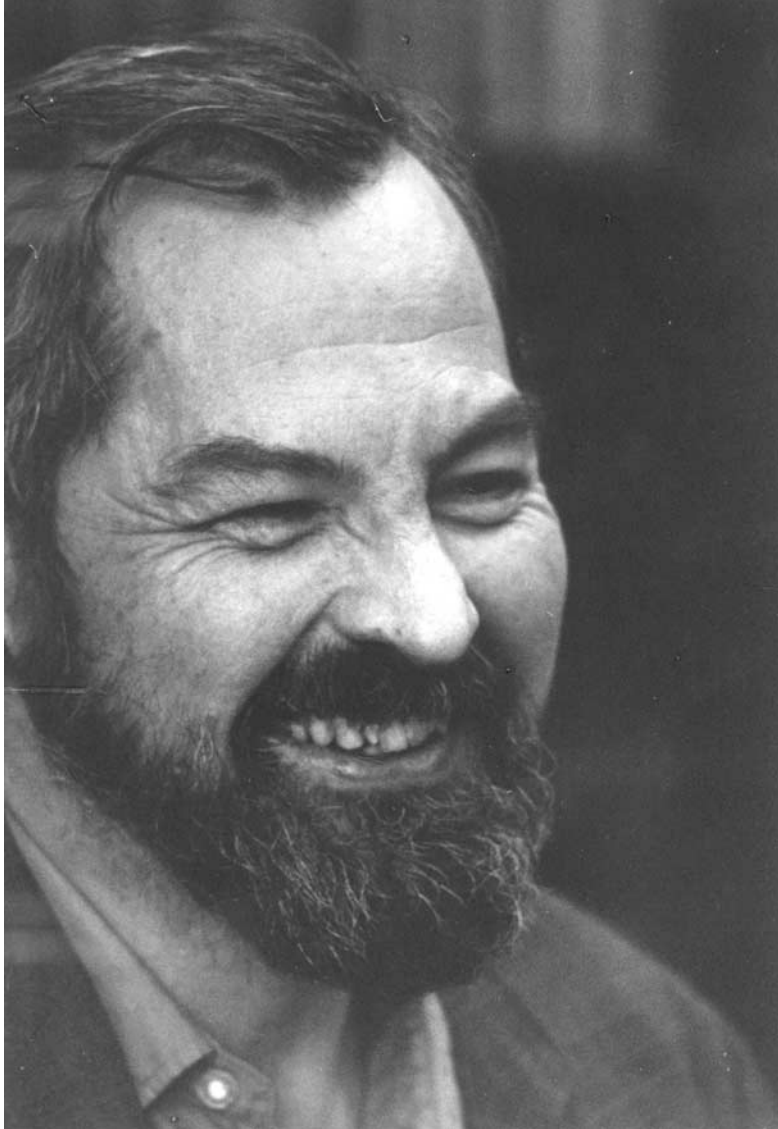
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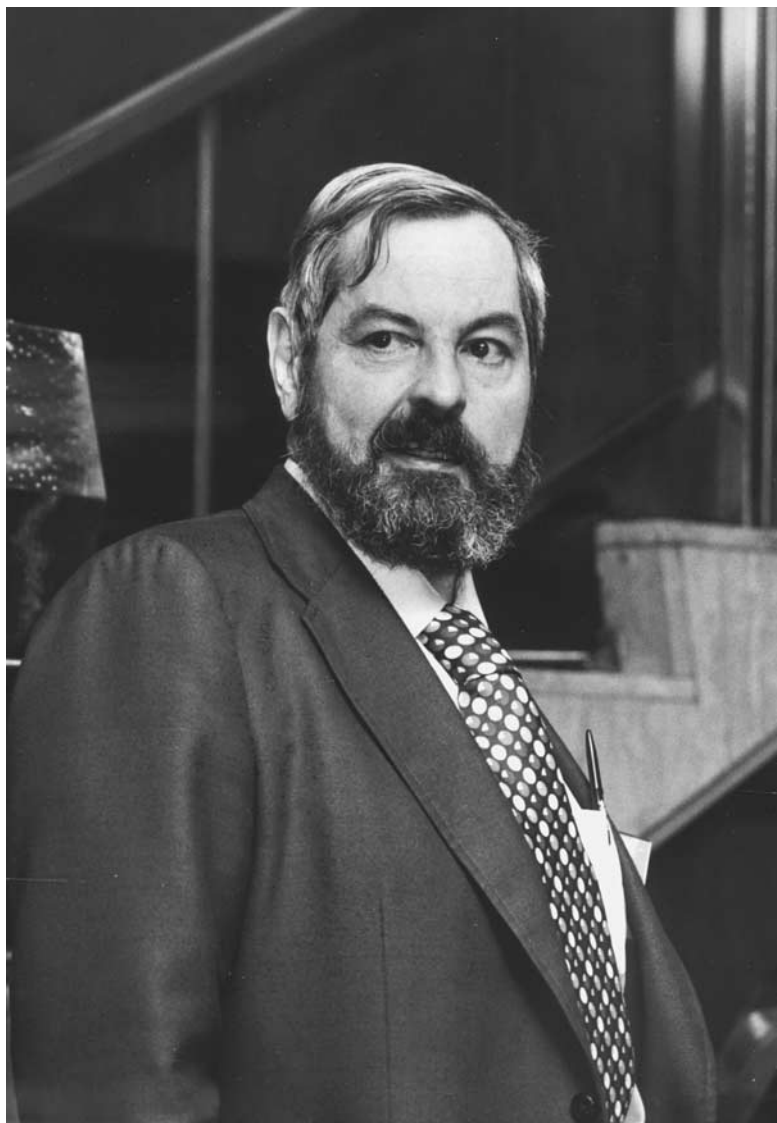
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