

## **Third College faculty member, Dr. Rae Lesser Blumberg, to attend United Nations conference on "Rural Development, Population and the Role of Women"**

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A Third College faculty member at the University of California, San Diego has been chosen as one of three Americans who will attend a United Nations conference in Egypt on "Rural Development, Population and the Role of Women."

Dr. Rae Lesser Blumberg, acting associate professor of sociology, will be in Cairo Oct. 26 through Nov. 3 participating in the meeting which is sponsored by the UN's Food Agricultural Organization.

Discussions will focus on ideas for solving world food supply problems, increasing the involvement of women in the economies of developing countries and controlling population growth in those areas.

More than 20 countries will be represented at the meeting with the majority of participants coming from the Middle East. In addition to Dr. Blumberg, the U.S. delegation will include two individuals from the State Department's Agency for International Development.

According to Dr. Blumberg, current economic policies in developing countries seem to cause conflicts with efforts to curb population control.

"Most development programs are creating a need for more labor and therefore women are encouraged to have large families," she said. "This conference is the first such program concentrating on that problem and the interrelationship of development, population and the role of women."

Dr. Blumberg was graduated from Northwestern University in 1970 with a Ph.D. in sociology and has taught rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin. She has also served as a consultant for international groups involved in population studies and the role of women.

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