

Simon Casady will give political forecast

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Simon Casady, former president of the California Democratic Council and currently co-chairman of the National Conference for New Politics, will give his forecast of the political climate following the November elections, Wednesday, October 26, at the University of California, San Diego and in La Jolla.

Casady, former owner and publisher of the El Cajon Valley News, will be the first speaker of the 1966-1967 academic year in the continuing Mandeville Lectures sponsored by UCSD. He will speak twice: at 3:00 p.m. in the UCSD Revelle Commons cafeteria, and at 8:00 p.m. in Sherwood Hall, 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla. Both talks are free and open to the public.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Casady attended the University of the South in Sewanee Tennessee, the University of Iowa, and the University of Oklahoma. He began his newspaper career in 1928 as a reporter for the Oklahoma City Times and later served as a wire editor for the Associated Press and as editor and general manager for several small daily newspapers.

Casady became editor-publisher of the El Cajon Valley News when he purchased the semi-weekly newspaper in 1953. He converted the paper to daily operation in 1961 and sold his interests in 1964.

Casady gained nation-wide attention as president of the California Democratic Council through his verbal battles with California Governor Edmund Brown. Casady was elected president of the CDC in 1965 with Governor Brown's support but resigned less than a year later when a majority of the delegates at the annual convention failed to give him a vote of confidence. Governor Brown had requested his resignation because of "personal attacks" on President Johnson's Viet Nam policies.

Six months ago, Casady was named co-chairman, with Julian Bond of Atlanta, of the National Conference for New Politics and is currently serving as a member of the steering committee of the California Coordinating Committee for New Politics.

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