

## Robert S. Elegant gives Mandeville lecture

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Robert S. Elegant, Chief of the Hong Kong News Bureau for the Los Angeles Times, will speak at the San Diego campus of the University of California, Wednesday, October 18, as part of the continuing series of Mandeville Lectures.

Elegant, winner of the Overseas Press Award for Best Interpretation of Foreign Affairs in 1966, will speak on "The Red Dragon: Are There Ways to Tame It?" at 8:00 p.m. in Sherwood Hall, 700 Prospect Street, La Jolla. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The Mandeville Lectures began at UCSD nearly two years ago, underwritten by retired publisher Ernest W. Mandeville, a Fellow of UCSD's John Muir College.

Elegant, who has been called "one of the six best American foreign correspondents," covers China and Southeast Asia for the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service in over 100 newspapers around the world. He is an experienced correspondent on Asian countries, having reported on that area for Newsweek and other news media for over a decade.

Elegant won a Pulitzer Travelling Fellowship at the Columbia School of Journalism in 1951. The fellowship took him to Korea where he served as a war correspondent until the end of the war. He next spent two years on a Ford Foundation Fellowship engaged in a study of the overseas Chinese.

Before joining Newsweek as Southeast Asian Correspondent in February 1956, he reported at various times for the Overseas News Agency, the North American Newspaper Alliance, the International News Service, and the Columbia Broadcasting System. In 1962, Elegant was assigned to Germany as Newsweek's Bureau Chief for Central Europe, covering Germany, Austria, Communist East Europe and Scandinavia.

He assumed his present Hong Kong post as Bureau Chief for the Los Angeles Times in 1965.

Elegant was born in New York City in 1928. He received an A.B. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1946 and spent the following year at the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, as a student and teacher of Japanese. He next went to Yale University's Institute of Far Eastern Languages and Literature where he earned a Certificate of Proficiency in the intensive Chinese language course in 1948. At Columbia University he took two advanced degrees, M.A. in Chinese and Japanese Languages, History and Literature, and an M.S. in Journalism.

He has contributed to such periodicals as The National Observer, The Reporter, The New Leader, Business Week, Look, and The Reader's Digest. He is the author of three books, "The Dragon's Seed: Peking and the Overseas Chinese," "China's Red Masters: Political Biographies of the Chinese Communist Leaders," and "The Center of the World: Communism and the Mind of China."

Elegant's fluent knowledge of the Oriental tongues enables him to do what few newsmen can do: speak directly to the people of Asia.