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Fifty years ago, Anne Frank and millions of European Jews like her went into hiding to escape the inevitable fate imposed on them by the Nazis. To commemorate Anne Frank, her family, and the Jews of the Netherlands, as well as all the other victims of the Holocaust, the University of California, San Diego is hosting a free exhibition from May 7 to June 7, titled "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945."

"Anne Frank in the World" is an internationally acclaimed educational exhibition organized by the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam. It presents a broad picture of historical developments during the Nazi era and also focuses on daily life in both Germany and occupied Holland during this period.

The exhibition will be open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in UCSD's Price Center, Ballroom A. It contains more than 600 photographs from Dutch and German archives, as well as photos from the Frank family collection, a model of the Secret Annex where the Franks hid, and parts of manuscripts written by Anne Frank. The award-winning videotape "Just a Diary" will also be shown at regular intervals.

Through these various artifacts and photographs, the exhibition portrays the discrimination and hatred which were ingrained in Nazi ideology. It also illustrates the choices people made to vote for or against Hitler, to collaborate with the Nazis, to resist them, to protest, or -- a choice in itself -- to do nothing.

A major goal of the exhibition, according to Grayson Covil, director of the American Friends of Anne Frank Center in New York City, is "to educate people about the Holocaust era, but beyond that, to get them to think about how it came about." Covil believes it is important to understand that the Holocaust was a result of an ongoing process from the 1920s to the 1930s. "I hope the exhibition will cause people to see themselves as an integral part of a democracy, and to understand the responsibility of each person to make a decision about racism and anti-semitism," Covil said.

The exhibition is being held in conjunction with a free, 10-week, public lecture series on "Racism, Genocide, and the Holocaust" beginning April 3; the two have been funded by the Weingart foundation, UCSD Judaic Studies Program, Congregation Beth-El, San Diego National Bank, The American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League and other groups.

Parking permits are required on the UCSD campus; they can be purchased at the Gilman and Northview Drive entrances to the campus. For more information, call UCSD Extension at 534-3400.

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