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The Rt. Hon. Sir Rhodes Boyson, conservative member of the British House of Commons, will be the first Regents' Lecturer at Fifth College, the newest college at the University of California, San Diego.

Boyson will be at the college, which enrolled its first students this fall, to meet with classes and give lectures during the week of October 3-7, including a free public lecture on Tuesday, October 4, at 8 p.m. in Peterson Hall.

Boyson, an author and educator, will discuss "A Country Transformed: The Thatcher Revolution In Britain in Economics, Education and Social Services."

"Sir Rhodes Boyson's visit to UCSD as a Regents' Lecturer is sponsored by and coincides with the opening of Fifth College and reflects the international orientation of the college," said provost James Lyon.

"As a member of Parliament and a former minister for education in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet, who knows the problems of higher education in another culture, he brings to Fifth College the international perspective we are trying to instill in our students," Lyon added.

Boyson has written articles and books on social and economic history, politics, and is one of the leading thinkers of the "Thatcherite Revolution" in Britain. He outlined a program for the future conservative government of Britain in his book "Centre Forward."

After serving in the Royal Navy, Boyson attended the University of Wales, Manchester University, the London School of Economics and Cambridge University. He holds a Ph.D. degree and has an honorary doctorate from Brigham Young University.

For 18 years he was a headmaster (principal) of three schools in Lancashire and London. In 1974 he was elected to the House of Commons from Wembley and has held that seat ever since.

During the first eight years of the Thatcher government, Boyson was Minister for Higher Education, Minister for Schools, Minister for Social Security, Deputy Secretary of Northern Ireland, and Minister for Local Government.

In 1987 he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth and was made a member of the Queen's Privy Council, a group of personal advisors to the monarch.

On Monday, October 3, Boyson will be a guest of the International Visitors Council of San Diego, a non-profit organization, funded in part by the city, which helps prominent visitors arrange professional contacts in the area. IVC is planning a private reception for Boyson at the Horton Grand Hotel from 5:30-7 p.m.

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