

Dr. Maurice Natanson to speak at UCSD

November 25, 1964

Dr. Maurice A. Natanson, Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina and currently Visiting Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley, is scheduled to speak on the San Diego campus of the University of California Monday, November 30.

Dr. Natanson will speak at 8:00 p.m. in Sumner Auditorium on "Man As An Actor." Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Natanson is noted for his work on recent European philosophy, philosophy in literature, and philosophy of the social sciences.

In numerous articles and lectures Dr. Natanson has dealt with the problems of death, anonymity, wonder, doubt, familiarity, conformity to the image of Everyman, love, anguish, strangeness, choice, and nothingness. A clue to the experience which his lecture may occasion might be indicated in an excerpt from his article entitled "Existentialism and Literature": "At the center of philosophical inquiry there stands the but once given ego, This man, who seeks to understand his world...Existentialism is a philosophy which sees the initial relationship between self and world as deeply problematic because it approaches the individual terms 'self' and 'world' as experientially strange."

Dr. Natanson received a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska and a Doctor of Social Science from the New School for Social Research in New York, where he taught on the graduate faculty. He has also taught at the University of Nebraska, and the University of Houston, as well as the University of North Carolina.

He was an American Council of Learned Societies Scholar in 1951-53 and a Fellow in Europe during 1961-62 where he conducted research on existential and phenomenologic psychiatry. He served as Distinguished Visiting Professor for the spring term of 1963 at The Pennsylvania State University.

His books include "A Critique of Jean-Paul Sartre's Ontology," "The Social Dynamics of George H. Mead," and "Literature, Philosophy, and the Social Sciences."

He edited "The Problem of Social Reality," by Alfred Schutz, and "Philosophy of the Social Sciences: A Reader." He has also contributed chapters to many books and articles to many periodicals.

Dr. Natanson is a member of the Board of Editors of the journal, "Philosophy and Phenomenological Research," and a Consulting Editor to the Northwestern University Press Studies in Existentialism and Phenomenology.