

Faculty lecture to be given at Sherwood Hall May 23

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Willard F. Libby, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry in 1960, will give a free public lecture at Sherwood Hall, Art Center in La Jolla, at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23.

Dr. Libby's talk will be the last in the Spring 1961 series of Faculty Lectures jointly sponsored by the University of California, San Diego, and the Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County. Dr. Libby, formerly a member of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, will speak on "Our Atomic Future".

As the only scientist on the five-man Commission, he was its chief scientific spokesman, evaluated the vast mass of technical and scientific data reaching the AEC, and initiated intensive investigations on the effects of radioactive fallout. His leadership at the 1955 Geneva Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy and his contribution in this field earned him the unofficial title of "AEC vice president in charge of atoms for peace".

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Libby is now a Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, Los Angeles. Last year he was awarded the Nobel Prize for his research with the radioactive carbon "time clock", a technique by which the age of fossils 50,000 years old can be dated within 500 years.

The lecture will be open to the public. Admission is free.