

## **News Conference: Rev. Dr. Eugene Blake**

**March 20, 1972**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, is scheduled to speak as a Mandeville Lecturer at the University of California, San Diego at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 23. The lecture, part of a series on "The Human Condition: Man's Immediate Future," will be held in Room 2100 (second-floor auditorium) in the Basic Science Bldg. of the UCSD School of Medicine.

A press conference for Dr. Blake has been set for 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 27, in the private dining room of the Muir Commons, Muir College at UCSD. A UCSD campus map pinpointing the Muir Commons has been enclosed for your use. The Parking lot north of the Muir Campus provides the easiest access to the Muir Commons.

Dr. Blake is one of the world's most effective spokesmen for the cause of Christian unity. He has gained prominence both in the United States and abroad for his ardent advocacy of the civil rights movement, particularly through his chairmanship of the National Council of Churches' Commission on Religion and Race.

His leadership in the civil rights movement and as one of American Protestantism's leading statesmen has won him world-wide recognition. One of his main concerns since assuming leadership of the World Council of Churches in 1966 has been how to harness the churches' resources to close the gap between rich and poor nations and the needs of starving peoples.

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