

Senator Ernest Gruening to speak on Viet Nam

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Senator Ernest Gruening, Democrat from Alaska and a strong opponent to President Johnson's policy in Viet Nam, is scheduled to speak at the University of California, San Diego Friday, June 4. He will talk on "United States Policy in Viet Nam."

Senator Gruening's lecture is being sponsored by the Philosophy Department at UCSD. It will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Sumner Auditorium on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography campus. It is free and open to the public.

Senator Gruening was elected to the Senate in 1956 and reelected in 1958 and again in 1962. He has served in various federal and territorial governmental positions including Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, United States Department of Interior from 1934 to 1939, and as Governor of Alaska from 1939 to 1953. He served as the Keynote speaker at the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1955.

He was born in New York City in 1887 and received an A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1907 and an M.D. degree from Harvard in 1912. He has been awarded Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Alberta in 1950, the University of Alaska in 1955, and Brandeis University in 1958.

He is a noted author and has served as editor for several publications. In 1927 he founded the Portland, Maine, Evening News.