

Dr. Avrum Stroll to speak at Council for Public Responsibility meeting in San Diego

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Dr. Avrum Stroll, Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego will be the main speaker at a meeting of the Council For Public Responsibility of San Diego, at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the First Unitarian Church, it has been announced by Robert Sessions, CPR executive secretary.

Topic of Dr. Stroll's talk will be "The Role of a Public University in a Democracy." The public is invited to attend.

According to Mr. Sessions, the CPR was formed to combat extremist tactics, such as the mis-use of public means of communications. "It is not our purpose to oppose the programs and viewpoints of so-called extremist groups. They have a perfect right to their opinions. We do object, however, to their tactics which tend to stifle the free exchange of ideas," he said.

"We particularly object to their distortion of known facts, to their use of unfair, untruthful and misleading propaganda, and to their employing unjust pressure techniques," Sessions said.

Dr. Stroll has taught at the Universities of Oregon, Iowa and British Columbia as well as UCSD. A member of the executive board of the American Philosophical Association, he has written several books, including "The Emotive Theory of Ethics" and "Reason and Religious Belief." He co-authored with R. H. Popkin "Philosophy Made Simple" and "Introduction To Philosophy."

Dr. Stroll served four years in the Pacific Theater during World War II as a Japanese language interpreter. He has been the recipient of a number of fellowships, including the Nuffield Fellowship to study for a year in England in 1962.

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