

Frank E. Maestrone comes to UCSD as part of Diplomat-in-Residence Program

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How is American foreign policy in the middle East carried out on a day-to-day level? What are some of the problems confronting an American diplomat serving in a small but vitally important nation in one of the most politically volatile areas of the world?

Frank E. Maestrone, recently returned from a three-year assignment as American ambassador to Kuwait, will spend the 1979-80 school year at the University of California, San Diego as part of the little known federal Diplomat-in-Residence Program to help students learn the answers to these and other questions.

Maestrone, who has spent more than 30 years in the diplomatic service, has joined the UC San Diego political science department, but will be available to meet with classes in other departments as well as other institutions in the San Diego area.

The Diplomat-in-Residence Program was begun by the State Department in 1964 with a twofold purpose, to allow career foreign service officers to better familiarize themselves with ideas and attitudes on U.S. campuses and to permit students the opportunity to learn how diplomacy is conducted from an authoritative, first-hand source.

Maestrone is a graduate of Yale University and joined the State Department in 1948. His overseas assignments have taken him to Germany, Austria, Iran, France, Belgium, Egypt, the Philippines and Kuwait.

He has been part of the U.S. mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, attended the first Suez Canal Conference in London in 1956 and participated in the Second Sinai Disengagement Agreement between Israel and Egypt.

In 1974, Maestrone served at the U.S. Naval War College as faculty adviser to its president, Admiral Stansfield Turner, currently Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Maestrone is the first diplomat-in-residence at UC San Diego. He is accompanied by his wife, Jo, and has a daughter, Anne, presently a student at United States International University. His son, Mark, is a landscape architect.

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