

Joseph Clark to speak on "Folly of the ABM"

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Joseph S. Clark, president of United World Federalists and former U.S. Senator, will speak on "The Folly of the ABM" at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, in the Revelle Commons Cafeteria at the University of California, San Diego.

Clark, Senator from Pennsylvania from 1956 to 1968, was elected president of UWF in March of this year. Before being elected to the U.S. Senate, he was elected City Controller of Philadelphia and, in 1953, was the first Democrat in 67 years to be elected Mayor of Philadelphia.

While in the Senate, Clark's committee assignments led him to specialize in manpower, unemployment, poverty, housing, education, foreign relations and Congressional reform. He is particularly well-known for seeking ways to set up the machinery for peaceful settlement of conflicts, especially in his role as member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Since 1959 Clark's record shows consistent performance in submitting resolutions in the Senate calling for far-reaching revision of the Charter of the United Nations, so as to make that body a more effective force for peace. He submitted the Planning for Peace Resolution and co-sponsored the International Cooperation Year Resolution, which was passed by both the Senate and the House.

The former Senator's role is equally as vigorous in the areas of international law, arms control and disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation, the comprehensive test ban treaty, control of fissionable material, nuclear free zones, reduction and limitation of the deployment of strategic arms, curbing the arms race, security for less developed countries, European security arrangements and many other facets of the question of war vs. peace.

Since retiring from the Senate, Clark has been an adjunct professor at Temple University and a visiting lecturer at Haverford College and the University of Pennsylvania. He holds honorary degrees from nine institutions of higher learning, including Harvard, Haverford and the University of Pennsylvania.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he was graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College and from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He practiced law in Philadelphia until 1941 when he was commissioned a captain in the U.S. Army Air Forces, where he served until shortly after V-J Day. He was retired with the rank of colonel.

Clark's program will be free and open to the public.