

## **Leon Dash to give lecture on "Adversary Journalism: The Washington After Watergate"**

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Leon Dash, who has won several awards for his reporting with the Washington Post, will give a public lecture entitled "Adversary Journalism: The Washington Post After Watergate" Wednesday Feb. 22, at the University of California, San Diego. The talk, scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Third College Lecture Hall, is free and open to the public.

Dash is being brought to UC San Diego as a regents' lecturer sponsored by the political science department and The Third College. During a week and a half stay on the campus (Feb. 21 to March 3) Dash will speak to classes and seminar groups in addition to giving his public talk.

Dash, a native of New Bedford, Mass., began his career with the Washington Post as a night copyboy in 1965 while working his way through Howard University. In 1966, while still in school, he was made a reporter covering the night police beat. Upon graduation from Howard, his full time reportorial duties included coverage of black militants, riots, university student demonstrations both in Washington and around the country, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In September 1968, Dash was granted a leave of absence from the Post to spend two years in Kenya with the Peace Corps. He returned to the Post in 1971 where he covered the courts, politics, suburban growth, urban decay, prison, and has gone on three special assignments to the African country of Angola.

Last year he wrote a seven-part series for the Post entitled "A Long March in Angola" in which he detailed his seven month, 2,100-mile hike through five Angolan provinces.

Dash is also co-author with Ben Boydikian of the book "The Shame of Prisons" published by Simon and Schuster in 1972, and is presently working on a book about his experiences in Angola.

His list of honors includes an honorable mention in the Robert F. Kennedy Awards for Reporting on the Disadvantaged; the George Polk Award of the Overseas Press Club; and The Washington-Baltimore Guild Award for international reporting in 1974.

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