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San Diego----The University of San Diego with The United Nations Association of the United States of America will present "World Issues Roundtable; A Forum for Discussion of International Issues" on Monday and Tuesday October 26 and 27. The roundtable is one of four this fall. Other locations were Houston, Atlanta, and Minnesota. The invitational event will take place at the Westgate Hotel in San Diego.

Members of the roundtable sponsoring committee are: Helen K. Copley, Chief Executive Officer, Copley Press; Francis L. Dale, Publisher of the L.A. Herald-Examiner; Robert Flour, Chairman and Executive Officer, Flour Corporation; Author E. Hughes, President, University of San Diego; Ed McNeely, Chief Executive Officer, Wickes Inc.; Dr. Jonas Salk, Resident Fellow and Founding Director of the Salk Institute, and Walter Zable, Chief Executive Officer, Cubic Corporation. Herb Klein, Editor in Chief of Copley Newspapers, chaired the sponsoring committee.

The roundtable will begin with a dinner on Monday, October 26.

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Elie Abel, U.S. Delegate to the McBride Commission and Professor of Communications at Stanford University, and Dileep Padgaonker, Deputy Director of the Division of Information for UNESCO, will speak on "A New World Information and Communication Order."

Elie Abel was a journalist for 25 years before turning to teaching. Abel began his career working for Canadian newspapers while serving overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. Following the war, he was, in turn, a national and foreign correspondent for the New York Times for 10 years, based in Detroit, Washington, Eastern Europe and South Asia. In 1959 he joined the Detroit News as chief of its Washington bureau. Abel became a broadcast journalist in 1961, first as State Department correspondent, then London bureau chief, and later as diplomatic correspondent for NBC News. For his work as a broadcaster, Abel received the George Foster Peabody Award for outstanding radio news and two Overseas Press Awards for best interpretation of overseas news.

Prior to his appointment to the Stanford faculty, he was Godfrey Lowell Cabot Professor and Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York.

A member of the International Commission for the study of Communication Problems at UNESCO from 1977-79, Abel also served as a

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member of the U.S. delegation to the 21st General Conference of UNESCO in 1980. While at UNESCO, he was also a member of the McBride Commission, which recently concluded a two year study of international communication problems.

Abel has served as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Stock Exchange, a director of the Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association in New York, and as a trustee of the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey.

Dileep Padgaonker, a native of India, graduated from the University of Poona with a degree in political science and german. In 1967 he received a diploma from the Institute of Higher Cinematographic Studies in Paris for film direction and scriptwriting. He earned a doctorate in Indian studies from the University of Paris in 1968.

From 1968 until 1973 Dr. Padgaonker was Paris correspondent for the Times of India. He was appointed assistant editor in New Delhi in 1973. Dr. Padgaonker joined UNESCO in 1978 as the Regional Information Officer for Asia and the Pacific, and was appointed Deputy Director of UNRSCO's office of Public Information at the Paris headquarters in May, 1981.

Tuesday's session will open with Ambassador Abelardo Valdez speaking on "The U.S. and Latin America; Perspectives and Prognosis for Development." Gerald Warren, Editor of the San Diego Union will

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serve as moderator.

Ambassador Valdez is a partner in a Washington, D.C. law firm. During the Carter administration, Valdez was Chief of Protocol for the White House and served as principal protocol official for the United States Government. He was also principal liaison for the White House and State Department to all foreign embassies in Washington, D.C. Mr. Valdez began his White House career in 1965 as a military aide to President Johnson and accompanied the President to the Conference of American Presidents at Punta del Este, Uruguay in April, 1967. In 1977 he was Assistant Administrator for Latin America, Agency for International Development and was twice appointed Special Ambassador while serving as a member of the U.S. delegation to the inaugurations of the Presidents of Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

Prior to his service in the Carter administration, Valdez was a founding partner of a Washington, D.C. law firm specializing in international trade law and the regulation of commodity futures markets. He was an attorney for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from 1971-73 and General Counsel for the Inter-American Foundation from 1973-75.

Valdez graduated from Texas A&M with a B.S. in civil engineering and earned a masters degree in law from Harvard University, where he was editor of the Harvard Journal of International Law. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Baylor Law School and studied international law at The Hague.

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Ambassador Valdez was a member of the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard in 1977 and was appointed visiting scholar at Trinity University in San Antonio and visiting professor at Texas A&M for Spring 1981. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Society of International Law, the American, Inter-American, and District of Columbia Bar Associations, and the State Bar of Texas. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of American University in Washington, D.C.

Vice-Admiral John Marshall Lee will speak on "The Escalating Arms Race and Disarmament." Gloria Penner, Director of Program Development and Public Affairs for KPBS-TV, will moderate.

Upon his retirement in 1973, Admiral Lee completed 38 years of commissioned service in the United States Navy. Seventeen of those years were served at sea, as ship's officer, afloat staff officer, ship captain, and task force commander. During World War II, Lee served almost exclusively in the Pacific as navigator of the cruiser Boise, where he won the Navy Cross in the Battle of Cape Esperance in the Solomons, as Executive Officer of the destroyer Wadsworth, and as captain of the destroyer Terry. On his last sea assignment he was a rear admiral in command of the 7th Fleet Amphibious Force in the Western Pacific. This involved the operation of 75 ships and frequent

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operational control of additional ships, aircraft, and ground forces drawn from all U.S., Philippine, Chinese, and Korean services and their allies in a theatre stretching from Japan/Korea to Singapore.

In addition to the Navy Cross, Lee has been awarded three Distinguished Service medals, the Legion of Merit medal, three Bronze Stars with combat "V", and the Commendation Medal with combat "V". His World War II Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon has six battle stars.

On shore, Admiral Lee has concentrated on planning, strategy, and politico-military matters primarily in relation to NATO. His assignments included Director of Planning Staff in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense during the Second Berlin Crisis and the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vice Director of the staff of the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Military Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. and Assistant Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during the SALT I talks.

Overall, these shore tours have involved Lee in the relations of the Navy, Defense, and State Departments, National Security Council, NATO Alliance, and the United Nations.

Admiral Lee is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Federation of American Scientists, the Committee for National Security, the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D.C., and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

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He is Director of the American Committee on East-West Accord and the Council for a Livable World.

Since his retirement he has lived in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he has served as Chairman of the city's Fair Housing Board, a member of the Environmental Development Commission, and county coordinator of Americans for SALT.

Luncheon speaker at Tuesday's session will be Dr. James O.C. Jonah, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations Office of Personnel Services, on "The Future of the United Nations," Herb Klein, Editor in Chief of Copley Newspapers will introduce Dr. Jonah.

A native of Sierra Leone, West Africa, Jonah received his Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was a special student in the African program at Boston University. Following two years at Harvard Law School where he studied in a special program in international law, Jonah spent one year as a resident fellow at the Friedrich-Bert Foundation in West Germany, researching European international organizations. During 1962-63, Jonah was a research assistant for the Center for International Studies at M.I.T.

Dr. Jonah joined the United Nations in October, 1963, in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs, transferring in 1970 to the office of the Secretary General as political advisor to Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, special representative of the Security General to the Middle East.

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Jonah participated in the military talks at Kilometer 101, serving as advisor to UNEF's then Commander Lt. General Siilasvuo. Jonah acted in the same capacity in Geneva for the Military Working Group established by the Geneva Peace Conference on the Middle East.

In 1977 Jonah was designated special advisor to the representative of the Secretary General for Rhodesia. He is presently director of the Office of the Undersecretaries-General for Special Political Affairs.

Other speakers slated for Tuesday's session will be Andrew J. Joseph, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development in the '80s. Dr. Ellen Cook, Professor of International Business and Accounting at the University of San Diego, will moderate.

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