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ATTORNEYS TO DEBATE "RIGHT TO DISSENT" AT USD

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--The legal conflicts of dissent and law enforcement will be debated Wednesday, Mar. 5, at the University of San Diego by Edward T. Butler, former San Diego city attorney, and ACLU's chief counsel for Southern California, A. L. Wirin.

The debate will be held at noon in More Hall, the USD School of Law. Prof. Joseph Darby will be the moderator.

Butler and Wirin will discuss society's conflicts in the desire for greater civil rights and the need, at the same time, for strict enforcement of the law, said Marc Weisell, acting director of the USD Law Forum. The debate is the forum's second in the semester series.

Butler served as city attorney from 1964 to early this year. Previously he was senior vice-president and general manager of Electro Instruments, Inc., serving from 1959 to 1963. He had been a member and later partner of Lawler, Felix and Hall, a Los Angeles law firm, from 1949 to 1959.

Abraham Lincoln Wirin has been prominent in controversial court fights over constitutional questions for more than 38 years. He received his education at Harvard. In his legal battles, Wirin has defended the individual rights of racial minorities, religious sects, Communists, fascists, Nazis and other controversial political zealots. Recently, he urged the respect of the civil liberties of Sirhan Bashira Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert

F. Kennedy. #####
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