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San Diego...Andrew James Joseph, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, will speak on "Perspectives on Asian Development in the '80s" at the United Nations Regional Meeting at the Westgate Hotel on Tuesday, October 27.

A native of Sri Lanka, Mr. Joseph has been with the United Nations since 1959, when he started in the U.N. Health Organization. Between 1959 and 1962 he worked in Egypt, Switzerland, and the Philippines. He was appointed Deputy Resident Representative for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Sudan in 1962. In 1965, he spent part of the year in Zambia in the same capacity, before his appointment as Resident Representative in Nepal. Between 1967-70 he served in the Philippines in the same capacity.

Mr. Joseph became Chief of the Asia and Far East Service of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) in Rome in 1970. Between 1972-75, he was both Resident Representative of the UNDP in Indonesia and Director of the Program Division of the FOA in Rome.

Mr. Joseph came to New York in 1975 as Deputy Regional Director for Africa. In 1977, he was appointed UNDP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, and Assistant Administrator of the UNDP.

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Before coming to the U.N., Mr. Joseph worked for the government of Ceylon. Between 1947-59, he served in the capacities of Principal Secretary of the Ceylon Transport Board, Chairman of the National Dairy Board of Ceylon, Assistant Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Deputy Director General of Agriculture, Assistant Permanent Secretary for Health and Local Government, and Deputy Controller of Finance and Exchange.

Joining Mr. Joseph on the topic will be David Osborne. Mr. Osborne was the U.S. Ambassador to Burma from 1974-77. Prior to that, he served as American Consul General in Hong Kong with assignments in Geneva, Tokyo, and Taiwan. In 1970, he headed a task force for the Department of State to consider economic assistance in Asia.

Ambassador Curt Lidgard, Ambassador of Disarmament in Geneva since 1978, will join Vice Admiral John Marshall Lee on the topic of "The Escalating Arms Race and Disarmament." Lidgard received a law degree from the University of Lund in 1950 and joined the Foreign Service in 1952. From 1971-76, he served as Economic Director at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C. In 1976, he went to Paris as Minister of the Swedish Embassy for two years.

In addition to the topic of disarmament, Ambassador Lidgard is interested in economic questions concerning less developed countries and international legal problems.

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University of California, San Diego, faculty member Dr. Gustavo Del Castillo will join Ambassador Abelardo Valdez on the topic of "The U.S. and Latin America, Perspectives and Prognosis for Development." Dr. Del Castillo is the Director of the Program in North American Studies, Center for Advanced Social Research in Anthropology. His experience includes working with a team of Mexican social scientists in Washington, D.C. to determine U.S. trade policies toward Latin America.

The invitational roundtable is scheduled for October 26 and 27 at the Westgate Hotel. Dinner speakers on Monday, October 26 will be Elie Abel, U.S. Delegate to the McBride Commission and Professor of Communications at Stanford University, and Dileep Padgaonker, Deputy Director, Division of Information of UNESCO. They will address the subject of "A New World Information and Communication Order." O.C. Jonah, Assistant Secretary General of the U.N. Office of Personnel Services will be the luncheon speaker on Tuesday, October 27. Mr. Jonah will speak on "The Future of the United Nations System."