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Drew Middleton to speak on United States-European relations

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Drew Middleton, Bureau Chief of the New York Times at the United Nations, will speak at the University of Montana Music Recital Hall Tuesday (Feb. 7) at 8 p.m.

Middleton, an award winning foreign correspondent, will speak on "How Europe Looks at America Today."

Prof. Edward B. Dugan, acting dean of the School of Journalism, will moderate the program. Middleton also will be featured in journalism classes Tuesday afternoon on the UM campus.

He served as chief correspondent for the Times in France, Britain, Germany and the Soviet Union for twenty years. In 1939 he was dispatched as a sports reporter to London but ended up covering a war for the Associated Press. Middleton joined the New York Times staff in London in 1942, where his wartime reporting won him the U.S. Medal of Freedom and the Order of the British Empire.

He also served as Chief Correspondent for the Times in the USSR, Germany, and the United Kingdom. From 1953 to 1963 he was London Bureau Chief of the Times. Middleton then became Chief Correspondent in Paris until 1965 when he took over his position at the United Nations for the Times.

Middleton is well-acquainted with the De Gaulle regime, the changing problems of Britain, the political stress of the Soviet Union and Germany, and the conditions of the smaller European powers.

He is the author of several books, the most recent of which are "The Atlantic Community," "The Sky Suspended" and "The Supreme Choice."

Middleton is presented by the ASUM Program Council and the Public Exercises Committee of the University. His long and intimate association with leading political and diplomatic figures in the United States and abroad gives a special immediacy to Middleton's talks.