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Kal Poly Hears Delegate Talk On Soviet Disarmament

Robert E. Matteson, senior advisor to the Director of United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Washington, D. C., addressed more than 200 California State Polytechnic College faculty and staff members during a Staff Club Luncheon at the college here Thursday.

Program chairman Dr. Philip Overmeyer, business department instructor, introduced Matteson, whose topic was "The Soviet Approach to Disarmament."

A member of the U.S. Delegation to the 18-nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Matteson, in the past seven years, has probably had more conversations with individual Soviet officials than any other person in the U.S. government.

His contact with the Soviets

began first at the end of the war when he was an Army counter-intelligence officer in Austria, and was followed in 1947 by a three-week journey through Russia, where he participated in lengthy conversations with Stalin, Molotov, Mikoyan and Khrushchev.

From 1959 to 1962, Matteson served as a member of the Board of National Intelligence Estimates in the Central Intelligence Agency, whose functions had to do with estimating future conditions and courses of action of countries in the Communist bloc.

A former political science professor at Carleton College, Minn., Matteson had an active and extended war experience in the European Theatre, where he received a battlefield commission

and later won the Silver Star and four theatre battle stars.

At the end of the war, Matteson climbed the Totes Gebirge Mountain and captured SS General Ernst Kaltenbrunner, chief of the Nazi Gestapo and of the Nazi Intelligence Service.

The luncheon speaker is also the author of several articles on disarmament and experiences in World War II.

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