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Final lecture in the New Perspectives on Social Science series at New College will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in College Hall.

Clayton Lane, formerly of the U. S. Foreign Service, will talk on the subject, "Asia In Our Future."

This sixth in the series of talks by educators on subjects in the social sciences climaxes a season that has dealt with psychology, anthropology, history and sociology.

Lane, who was Director for Far East of the Mutual Security Agency and professor of Asian Studies at various colleges, talks at a time when Asia, especially Southeast Asia, has a particular relevance.

A Sarasota resident since 1961, Lane will discuss the current situation in southeast Asia, but much of the lecture will be devoted to historical background and particularly to the past and prospective role of China. India's problems and this nation's relation to them also will be discussed. The position and attitude of the Soviet Union not only in the cold war but as an Asian power will be related both to those of the United States and to Russian relations to China. The ideological aspects of these situations will be discussed but the relevance of power politics will be emphasized. Some attention also will be given to western Asia, chiefly to the complexities of the Arab area.

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While attendance at the New Perspectives is by season subscription a limited number of seats are available at each lecture. These may be reserved by calling the New College administrative offices.

While Lane will speak from experience as a teacher of the history of Asian civilization in various colleges and universities, his views will also derive from an even longer experience as a Foreign Service officer at posts in Asia, Europe and Africa. After leaving the Foreign Service, Lane directed a research organization concerned with Asia, and later was Chief of the Southeast Asia Branch of the Economic Cooperation Agency in Washington.

In 1951 he became Director of the Far East Program of the Mutual Security Agency. Since 1954 he has introduced Asian studies at St. John's College, Simpson College and the University of Vermont. At Burlington he conducted a faculty seminar on South Asia composed of professors at several colleges in Vermont, an undergraduate course and an extension course on Asian Civilization.

Since coming to Sarasota Lane has been a consultant to the American University in Washington and the Department of the Army, particularly on the geopolitics of the Himalayan region related to frontier conflicts between China and India. He is now chiefly concerned with research on the relevance of basic historical factors to the ideological conflict which receives greater attention in press and periodical accounts of problems and conflicts in Asia, and on their significance to the United States.