

Ambassador to discuss European relations

France's ambassador to the United States, Jean-David Levitte, will discuss U.S.-European relations at the World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond on Wednesday.

The luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 S. 12th St.

As attention has focused during the past few years on differences between France and the United States — particularly over Iraq — Levitte has argued before audiences in both countries that the partnership remains valuable even in the midst of these disagreements.

Infilco Degremont Inc., the local affiliate here of a French firm, is joining with the council to host the program.

Admission is \$25 for the luncheon and Levitte's presentation, or \$8 for the ambassador's talk alone. Students will be admitted to the presentation without charge.

For reservations, call the World Affairs Council at 644-0083.

During the luncheon, Ginger Levit of the Ginger Levit Atelier will unveil the antique French landscape painting she has donated to the World Affairs Council's development campaign.

"Un Paysage Bleu" is the work of early 20th-century artist L. Henry and depicts a Barbizon provincial scene.

The World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond is a non-profit and nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to increasing public awareness of international issues and encouraging investment in central Virginia.