

Margaret Papandreou: Women As Peace Movement Leaders

Margaret Papandreou, wife of the Prime Minister of Greece, will speak on the developing leadership role of women in the international peace movement on Tuesday, March 17, at the University of Oregon.

Papandreou's Eugene appearance will open a string of university lectures on American college campuses including Yale, Harvard, Wellesley and New York University. Her U.S. tour will be capped by the International Women's Leadership Conference at Rutgers University.

The Eugene lecture, sponsored by three university groups, is scheduled at 8 pm in the Erb Memorial Union Ballroom, 1222 E. 13th Ave. It is free and open to the public.

Papandreou, a native of Oak Park, Ill., is president and founder of the Women's Union of Greece, a nation-

wide independent feminist organization which has pressed for such recent reforms as abolishment of the dowry system, divorce by mutual consent, legalized abortion and equal pay for women.

She led the Greek delegation to the United Nations Conference for the Decade of Women in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1985. In an address to the conference, she proposed that the U.N. subsidize meetings for women from both sides of an international conflict to recommend ways to resolve the conflict.

"Peace has no gender. But striving for it is surely a feminist goal because we have made compassion, loving and caring part of the new society we struggle for," Papandreou said at the Nairobi conference.

"We have made equality of life a

common cause, and we have made machismo and brute power targets of our feminist wrath," she said. "Except for fascists or madmen . . . the whole of humanity wants peace."

Papandreou earned journalism and public health degrees from the University of Minnesota. She met Andreas Papandreou while he was teaching economics at the University of Minnesota in 1948. They married in 1951 and moved to his native Greece in 1959. He became the prime minister in 1981.

She was invited to Oregon by the UO chapter of Mortar Board, a national honor society for college seniors. Also sponsoring the event are the UO Center for the Study of Women in Society and the women's studies department.



Women's rights advocate Margaret Papandreou.

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The March 19 issue of *What's Happening* is a 2-week issue and will cover events from March 19-April 1. The Calendar and Classifieds deadline for this issue is March 12. Display advertising is due March 16.

The *What's Happening* office will be closed March 20-26. Calendar and Classifieds deadline for the April 2 issue is Friday, March 27 at 4 pm.

LETTERS

Soviet Sister City

A group of Eugene people is working toward a formal sister city relationship with a city in the Soviet Union, somewhat like the sister city relationship Eugene has with Kakegawa in Japan. The purpose of the Soviet Sister City Project is to create greater understanding, appreciation, and friendship between the people of the U.S. and USSR. We seek to build an enduring peace and reduce the risk of nuclear war by building cooperative working relationships with a Soviet city similar to Eugene.

The objectives of the project are to:

- 1) Exchange information between the cities;
- 2) Develop reciprocal relations between schools, clubs, churches, industry, commerce, agriculture, and other institutions;
- 3) Encourage personal correspondence between children and adults of the two cities;
- 4) arrange and promote visits and exchanges between citizens and officials of the two cities.

The Soviet Sister City Project is a grass roots organization asking the Eugene community to show interest and support for the creation of a Soviet sister city relationship. We are now gathering letters of support and involvement from community organizations and individuals. We intend to present these letters to the Eugene Sister City Committee, and then to Mayor Obie and the City Council, later this spring, as evidence of strong community support for the project.

You can help! Please write letters with and for any organizations you are involved with. Consider how your organization(s) would benefit from such an exchange. Within your areas of interest, what might be the areas of common concern and dialogue? If a delegation of Soviet citizens visited Eugene, what would you like to show them? What would you like to learn from them (in person and/or through correspondence)? The actual form of the Soviet sister city exchange will be defined in the future by the groups that want to be involved. If you believe that your organization will be enriched by such an exchange, then this is what you do:

Write a letter to Mayor Obie and the City Council endorsing the idea of a Soviet Sister City for Eugene. Mail this letter to one of the members of the Soviet Sister City Project listed below, by April 7:

Kate Rogers Gessert
1230 West Broadway
Eugene, OR 97402

Cary Thompson
970 Van Buren
Eugene, OR 97402

The letter can be a short, concise statement describing the benefits your organization would gain from an exchange with a Soviet sister city, and how your organization would like to be involved.

If you would like to be a working member of Soviet Sister City Project, we would love it! Our next meetings are Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 31, both at 7 pm, both at 1230 West Broadway. If you have questions, please call Kate Gessert, 343-2920.

—Kate Rogers Gessert

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