

Totalitarianism is just around the corner, claims colonel



Col. Arch Roberts

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The United Nations and the war in Indochina are part of a plan to change the United States into a totalitarian state, Arch Roberts, an army officer and author of several pamphlets dealing with the subject, said Wednesday.

Roberts, a retired lieutenant colonel in the reserves, accused the Council on Foreign Relations of fostering plans for such a change in a speech before some 75 Eugene residents at the Eugene Hotel.

Communist governments, the U.N., the "no-win" wars in Korea and Indochina and the current "international monetary crisis" are all part of the plan, Roberts said.

He said that the government has "emasculated the idea of sovereignty of the states" and the system of regional government proposed by Nixon is merely a means of greater control by the Federal Reserve Banks.

Beginning with 1905 and events in Russia, he delineated a history of the group of financiers and industrialists who he said were in control. "Communism was injected into Russia from America," he said, because Trotsky brought 300 paid assassins there from New York City.

He said that Woodrow Wilson was the first puppet president and that legislation during Wilson's time in office, two amendments and the Federal Reserve Act, was instrumental in changing the power base.

"Since then the people have not elected a president. They have always been presented to us as an option," he said, but they have always been under the control of the Council on Foreign Relations. Nixon and Humphrey "were at the bidding of the people who control the Council," he added.

The Council "is in fact the real government of the United States," he said.

Legionnaires express views on antiwar demonstrations

Eugene city officials drew both criticism and praise Tuesday night from members of the American Legion Post No. 3 for the city's response to recent antiwar demonstrations.

The demonstrators themselves fared considerably worse at the session, which 16 of some 450 members attended.

Some Legionnaires attacked Mayor Les Anderson and the Eugene City Council in particular for not ejecting protesters who entered the city council chambers Monday night carrying a Viet Cong flag.

Past Commander Oral Robbins proposed that the post adopt a resolution "demanding that our elected officials enforce the laws."

It's time that "responsible" organizations join forces and demand that elected officials do their jobs, Robbins said. He said, "When someone breaks the law, they should be summarily dealt with."

Mayor Anderson, contacted Wednesday for comment, said he had resented the presence of the Viet Cong flag and the "atmosphere" of the confrontation in the council chambers, "but, to me, the important thing was to see that they (the protesters) were met, that their questions were answered. And I feel we did a good job of answering their questions."

He said he felt that it was more important "that we react to what they had to say, not to the techniques they used to irritate and intimidate us."

Not all of the Legion members present at the Tuesday night meeting were in favor of taking an official stand on the matter.

One unidentified member said that taking a stand against the demonstrators would be "drawing a line" and daring them to step across it.

Legion member Ralph McConnell said that young people shouldn't be criticized for the disturbances caused by "transients who go from city to city making trouble."

The discussion Tuesday night

followed a plea from Master Sgt. William Lohan of the Eugene Marine recruiting office that the Legionnaires not "drive any further wedge" between young people and the general public.

Lohan said that most of the demonstrators who marched around the recruiting offices last week were "interested and concerned kids."

"Nobody asked me to like what they do," Lohan said. "But what my job and your service is all about is giving them the right to express themselves from time to time."

Lohan attended the meeting with two other representatives of the Marine recruiting office and a Naval recruiting officer.

"I believe now that we are headed for a massive depression," he added. He said that a depression which would reduce the U.S. to a state of want would make the country easier to control.

He called for individual action to cause state legislatures to pass a statute making the U.N. illegal within state borders. Alabama had already done that. Such action would prevent the U.S. from becoming a "socialist animal farm which is where we are headed right now," he said. "It is the states that are the final reserve of federal power."

"I am not an anti-Communist, because you see it is not a viable political force," Roberts said. "The real enemy is in New York City and Washington D.C."

"Who profits from the war in Vietnam? The richest oil deposits in the world have been discovered in Southeast Asia," he said. "All the international oil companies are sending ships there already to stake out prospective fields."

"I know my charges are going to be largely discounted and ignored because they don't seem real," Roberts concluded. "America is the last bastion of freedom, and when it finally goes down there will be no place to run. We will all be part of the animal farm."

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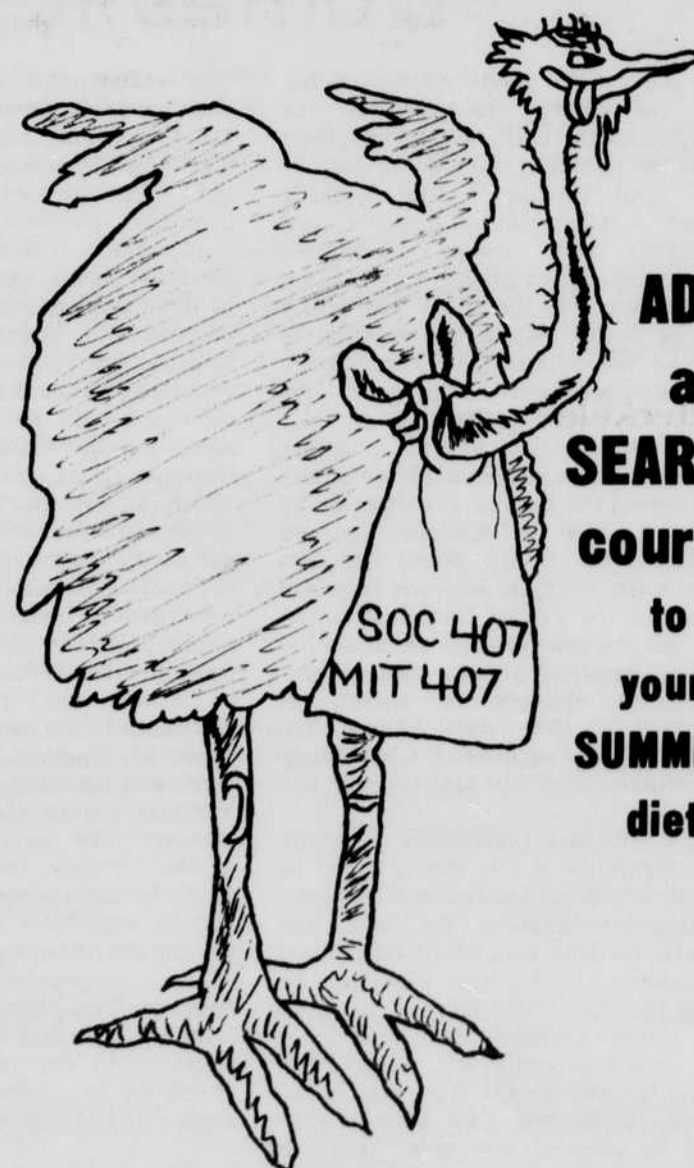
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