

Professor blasts detente as damaging policy to U.S.

Remember "detente"? That controversial word loosely defined as a "relaxation of tension" and dropped from official administrative vocabulary as a conciliatory offer to the Reagan faction of the GOP?

Although the word may no longer be in use, University political science professor Joseph Fiszman contends that the policy still is, and that the United States is getting the short end of the stick.

The Kissinger policy of pursuing a relaxation of tensions between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. is doing nothing but supporting Russia, Fiszman told a Demo Forum luncheon audience at the Colonial Inn Monday. The Kissinger detente policy, he said, doesn't require that the Soviet Union alter its "social-political model," making it possible for Russia to continue its "neo-Stalinistic" policy of an expanding sphere of influence.

In addition to supporting Russia, detente does nothing to lessen the possibility of war, according to the heavily accented native of Poland.

"How secure is a peace maintained by a balance of terror?" he asked. It's doubtful, he said, that a mutual capability for destruction — the heart of Kissinger's "balance of power" philosophy — would affect Israel's decision to go to war if attacked. "They can be expected to defend themselves,"

he said. "It's ridiculous to think the superpowers can continue to impose their will on third world countries."

Detente is even interfering with the balance of power, he said, allowing the Soviet Union to use U.S. technology to improve its air defense systems.

"Detente is not a stable system," he said, "but a fluid one that is allowing the U.S.S.R. to build up

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its forces during a political moratorium."

"The U.S.S.R. is displaying a great capacity for pragmatism," he said. "They supply arms to third world countries in the name of Marxism, but it's only in the pursuit of their own self interest. The leadership is naturally trying to broaden its sphere of influence."

A situation in which the Russian populace can affect foreign policy — such as when American public opinion stopped the Vietnam war — is impossible, he said. "The only thing that counts in the Soviet Union is the political lies of the Politburo."

"The United States is on the road to becoming encircled, of be-

coming the sole island of capitalism," Fiszman said, "and the problem is going to be how to break out."

The U.S. has gotten to this point, he said, because our foreign policy is based entirely on a false assumption that socialistic countries are naturally our enemies and reactionary countries our friends. He said this ignores the reality that many "leftist" governments are also suspicious of Russia.

He suggests that in order to break out of the ring of countries that consider the United States "imperialistic," the government should "encourage those countries trying to establish socialistic governments outside the Soviet camp."

He cited Allende's Chilean government as an example of a friendly socialist government that the U.S. opposed and he also used it as an example of the hypocrisy of Kissinger's policy of not interfering with Russia's internal affairs.

Although he said he didn't know how Carter would deal with it, Fiszman said the United States should help all of its allies even if they are socialistic, citing Italy as an example.

"We ought to get them on their feet," he said, so they won't feel they have to turn to the Soviet Union.

Yoga workshop offers relaxation, awareness

If your mind needs relaxing and your muscles need limbering, Judith Barker's yoga workshop this Sunday may be worth a try.

The daylong workshop scheduled at a Creswell, Oregon health retreat will include a presentation on yoga and the nervous system by her husband, David Barker, assistant professor of biology at the University. The cost is \$25.

Since attaining a B.A. in psychology and an M.A. in theater, Barker says she has been "trying to combine the sensibilities" of mental and physical realms in both her own practice and instruction.

She has been teaching yoga in Eugene for four years and recently helped start the New Mime Circus.

Judith Barker advises prospective participants to wear loose, "stretchy" clothing, sweat shirts or leotards, and to call either Great Oaks School of Health at 895-4967 or herself at 686-9781 for a reservation or other information.

A tentative agenda has practical instruction in breathing and postures of Hatha Yoga from 9 a.m. to noon. A bring your own bag lunch will follow this session.

Lectures and readings of the philosophy of yoga including professor Barker's presentation, will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

A vegetarian dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and instruction in yoga for two will follow the dinner. Later that evening demonstration and instruction in massage and chanting meditation is scheduled.

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University, shows 40 to 50 per cent of the campus inaccessible to handicapped students. Buildings such as Deady Hall, Earl Hall and Hamilton dormitory complex, have never been entered by a wheelchair-confined student, according to the report. Yet Ackerman explains, "there is no provision in the law for a standing building to be wheelchair accessible. It is only new buildings, or buildings that are being modified that must also be modified for the handicapped."

Ackerman believes prospects for future changes are good. "The University is always modifying its buildings," he said. "All the buildings will therefore have to be wheelchair accessible in time."

Ackerman's job does not end with the problems of paraplegics. In fact, two of the major deficiencies pointed out by his report are the lack of identifying marks on doors for the blind, and visual fire alarms for the deaf. "These things are costly," he said. "They are essential, but it will be hard to get them installed."

Ackerman said that the University has a rescheduling policy for the handicapped. "I had one night class that was on the basement of the building," he remembered. "I couldn't get there because they shut off the elevator at that time of night, so the class was rescheduled to a different time."

Ackerman hopes that when his report on the problems and benefits of the campus is published sometime in December, it will not only attract more handicapped students to the University, but prompt University officials to take further steps toward improvement.

Since June of this year, a special faculty committee has been meeting to plan a new minority program at UO. This committee is now prepared to make a formal presentation of its recommendations. Everyone concerned with educational opportunities for Asian Americans, Blacks, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans should attend this meeting. The committee will not prepare a final version of its report until representatives of the affected groups have had a chance to comment on the recommendations.

The ASUO Executive cannot stress enough the crucial importance of these recommendations and their impact on the future of minority programs at UO. We strongly urge all interested parties to attend.

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