

Reagan: Detente 'one-way street for Soviets'



Photo by Ken Shin

Ronald Reagan

Favors using new technology as SALT talk 'lever'

It may be time for the United States to play its trump card, military technology, in the next scheduled Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) negotiations with the Soviet Union. So says Ronald Reagan, former Republican governor of California and guest speaker for the Lane County Republican Central Committee fund raising dinner Sunday night.

Reagan, speaking at a news conference Sunday afternoon, said the time has come for the United States to realize detente with the Soviet Union is not what it was supposed to be. "Detente has been a failure because it has just become a one-way street for the Soviets," Reagan said.

By KEVIN HARDEN
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"There is really one thing lacking in the SALT talks — that is to negotiate you must have an alternative. You must be able to reach an agreement and the Soviets aren't willing to reach an agreement. They're not reasonable," Reagan said.

According to Reagan, the United States should use newly developed scientific technology as a "trump card" in the SALT negotiations and "hint at an arms race to make the Soviets realize that they must stop being so stubborn."

Speaking on the development of a tactical nuclear missile which kills by radiation alone, Reagan said the people of the United States haven't been told enough about the truth of the arms race. If they were told, he maintains, they would probably call for increased defense spending.

While his former 1976 presidential running mate, Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., predicted that if

Reagan ran for President in 1980 he would be "unstoppable," Reagan says he is undecided about his political future. "Whether or not I'd be a candidate in 1980 will be one of those things to be decided along down the road," he said.

"I think the issues in the next campaign will be more important than the candidates," Reagan explained. "I can't say whether or not I will run because the whole cast of characters may change between now and then."

A nationally syndicated radio commentator and newspaper columnist, Reagan hinted that he would remain an outside political observer. "I'm not one to minimize the powers of the press," he said.

The first six months of the Carter administration have been "long on style and short on substance," especially on human rights, Reagan concluded.

"This administration has been hypocritical on human rights because, while Carter was calling for an end to imports of Rhodesian chrome because of their practices, he was opening up negotiations with Cuba and Vietnam, the two countries that have the worst human rights violation records in the world," Reagan explained.

Carter has placed human rights restrictions on some countries who were historically our allies, Reagan said, and ignored the violations of others.

In his only public appearance in Oregon this year, Reagan spoke on the future of the Republican Party at a \$25-a-plate fund raising dinner at the Rodeway Inn Sunday night, telling the audience that there is a "new majority" emerging who believe in the same ideals as the Republican party. "There are a great number of people who don't realize it, but we have been saying what they are thinking for some time," he said.

Board debates public works money allocation

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Spending \$1.45 million dollars in public works money is not as easy as it would seem.

Lane County's board of commissioners faced that problem at their regular meeting last week, debating for three hours which county projects deserved part of the money expected in August from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). Cooperation and communication broke down several times during the debate.

Complicating the decision for the commissioners were two factors: they had to choose from over 20 construction projects totaling \$10.5 million and they were unsure the exact amount of EDA money they would receive.

In addition to choosing projects, EDA officials required the commissioners to "prioritize" their choices in the event that less than \$1.45 million is awarded.

Proposals for spending the money ranged from rebuilding parts of the county fairgrounds to building a new fire station in the Santa Clara district just north of Eugene. Other project candidates included park developments, applying the funds toward a new pioneer museum and funding a wide range of rural special district's projects.

Commissioner Archie Weinstein favored spending all the money in rural areas of the county, saying that over \$17 million has been spent on public works projects in the Eugene-Springfield area in the last six years, while the rural areas have been allocated very few funds.

Commissioner Bob Wood argued that the rural special districts should be responsible for their own projects. He stated that the rural residents should learn to tax themselves when they outgrow their water and fire protection systems, rather than depending on the county to bail them out.

After Wood and Commissioner Jerry Rust indicated they would only support three of 7 rural project applications, Weinstein complained that Wood and Rust always outvote him two to one. He even offered to vote no in advance on whatever the other commissioners proposed, as the following exchange between the commissioners indicates:

Weinstein: "You can have my no vote; let's do it that way."

Rust: "Are you going to vote against Florence?"

Weinstein: "I'm even voting no now; you've got the 2-to-1 so go ahead and do what your going to do."

Rust: "Are you going to vote against Santa Clara?"

Weinstein: "I'm not going to do

anything; I'm just through with it; maybe when we get the five commissioners I'll be able to get a break a year and a half from now. I'm just stuck. That's all there is to it and I'm willing to admit it."

Wood: "I've tried to be conciliatory, if you vote no in advance I'll oppose it."

Weinstein: "I'm not going to make any more suggestions on how to spend the money. I'm not giving up, but I'm not going to bump my head against this wood wall. You fellas go ahead and do it, you're doing it anyway. You have done it for five months so go ahead and decide what you want to fund."

Wood and Rust denied any conspiracy to outvote Weinstein, who promised not to leave but said all he would do was chair the meeting, refusing to discuss the projects any further.

After the dust settled, Wood and Rust voted in favor of allocating funds for remodeling the courthouse to provide more space for a new district court judge. They also allocated funds for remodeling the county annex to hold many of the county's community health and social services offices that are now scattered in 13 rented buildings throughout the metropolitan area.

These two projects, estimated to cost almost \$1 million, received the number one priority from Wood and Rust. The following rural area projects have the second highest priority for the EDA funds:

- \$167,000 to upgrade the existing Florence wastewater treatment facility, which would allow

that city to lift its moratorium on future sewer connections (which limits growth).

- \$187,000 for an Oakridge water systems improvement which will provide better fire protection for areas of the town.

- \$294,079 to partially fund a new firehouse in the northern section of the Santa Clara district.

The lowest priority projects would allocate funds to develop two county parks: Camp Lane and Jasper Park. The commissioners intend to apply for Bureau of Outdoor Recreation grants to develop those parks and projects in Alton Baker Park that were not chosen for EDA funding.

The commissioners also tentatively agreed to "come up with a package" to rebuild the county fairgrounds, including the horse arena.

In other actions last week the commissioners:

- agreed to hold a public hearing July 6 to hear comments on the boundaries for the new five-member commission that goes into effect next year. A group of Santa Clara residents promised to offer an alternative plan at the 1:30 p.m. hearing.

- approved the Public Defender's office contract for another year at an expense of \$336,000;

- approved an update work schedule for the 1990 Metropolitan Plan;

- authorized a study of the impact of the county's land-use regulations on housing.

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