Reporter speaks of revolutions

Eye-witness relays viewpoints based on first-hand experience

The better-organized the black majority becomes in South Africa, the more it is oppressed by their government, news correspondent Wilfred Burchett said to almost 300 persons Wednesday in 167 EMU.

"There's no possibility negotiations will take place," Burchett added, saying revolutionary leaders in South Africa only resorted to arms after other means of dealing with the government had been exhausted.

Burchett addressed the topic of "Revolution—a View from the Front Lines," relaying his experiences in China, Africa, Vietnam, North Korea, Laos, Mozambique, Angola and the Middle East. This was his first speaking tour in the United States.

He is a veteran reporter for the Guardian, an independent Marxist newspaper. His appearance with Irwin Silber, the executive editor of the New York based newspaper, was sponsored by the University Cultural Forum, the MayDay Cultural Committee and the Eugene chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Examining his media coverage of revolutions, Burchett said he is impressed with the solidarity of revolutionary people.

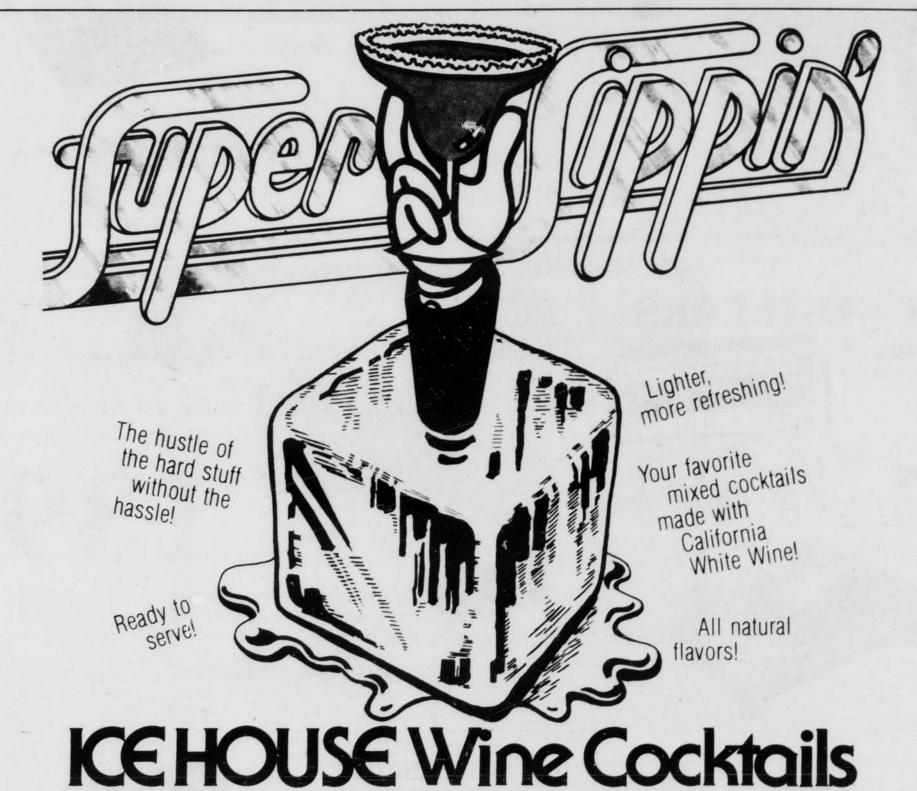
In Africa today, "this is the last push now into the stronghold of racism and fascism.," he said. He added the black revolutionary forces will "push further south until they have South African troops against the sea."

In a question and answer session following Burchett's speech, he was asked why the Guardian criticizes South Africa, where 67 blacks were killed in the 1960 demonstration, but ignores Uganda, where hundreds of thousands are rumored to have been massacred. Burchett replied, "Uganda is, unfortunately, an independent country."



Wilfred Burchett

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Julian Bond speaks Mon.

The EMU Cultural Forum will present Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond for a free guest address Monday at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the EMU.

Bond, nationally prominent civil rights leader and founder of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, won election to the Georgia Legislature in 1965. He was denied his seat in the Assembly by legislators objecting to his "statements on the war in Vietnam."

Despite winning two special elections in 1966, he still did not take his seat until 1967 after the U.S. Supreme Court declared the Georgia State Legislature had erred in refusing his place. He eventually served four terms in the House, and in November of 1974 was elected to the State Senate where he now serves.

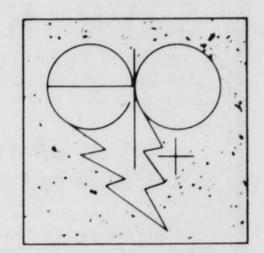
Former prof dies in Eugene

A former University psychology professor, Lester Beck, died Friday at Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 68.

Beck was a member of the University faculty from 1934 to 1942. He then entered the military service and resumed teaching after the war. He taught at University of Southern California, Portland State College and Oregon College of Education at Monmouth until his retirement in Eugene five years ago.

Beck was an author of textbooks and articles. His book and film entitled "Human Growth" are still used to teach sex education in schools.

Contributions in memory of Beck should be made to the University Development Fund.



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