

Dollars replace weapons as link between nations

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Economic interdependency between nations has replaced the military relationships prominent a decade ago, Franz Schurmann, a professor of history and sociology at the University of California at Berkeley said Friday.

There exists today an enormous amount of economic collusion devoid of any kind of ideology, Franz told a group of about 70 people during a lecture at the University.

Schurmann recounted the military pressures that existed in 1970—a strong anti-war movement in the United States, the first instance in which oil was used as a weapon by an Arab Nation and a strong alliance between all major Arab states and the Soviet Union—and compared them with the situation today.

"Mutual assured destruction" or the "balance of terror" has prevented a nuclear war and attention is now focused on economics instead, Schurmann said. "The psychology of making a buck is very widespread.

"The United States stuffed the shah with weapons until they were coming out of his mouth. Iran is the second biggest oil exporter in the world and the United States considered the shah a very important strategic factor," Schurmann said.

"We went in with a bang and now we stand looking at Khomeini with a whimper. We didn't even inflict a trade embargo," he said. "If Kennedy or Johnson had been in office they would have blockaded that country."

There is an economic interdependence between nations today, he said. For example, the Soviets favor the United States and Japan building consumer societies; and the American farmers favor the Soviets and the Chinese buying their grain, and are now lovers of international communism, he said.

"I basically see that combat has had it," Schurmann said.

"Economic relations are a struggle that go on forever. In an economic world there is hope. Combat results are not all that great,"

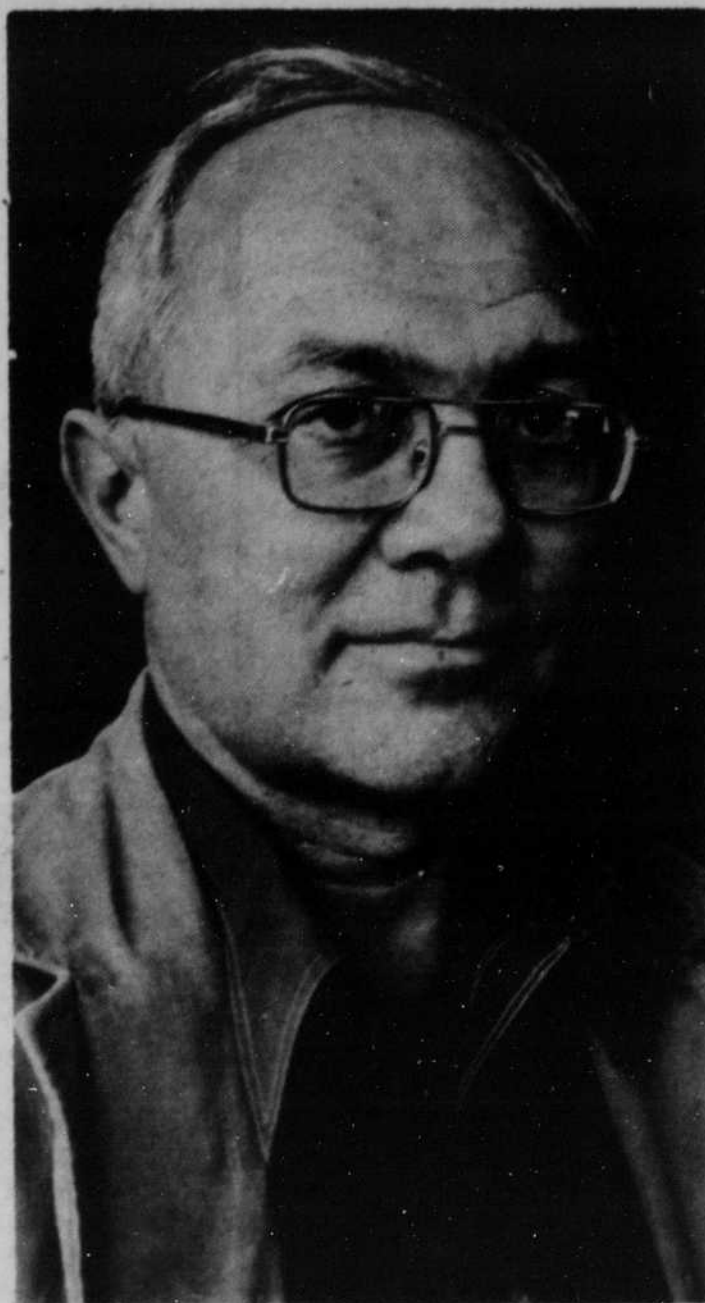


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Franz Schurmann

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"In an economic world you can't abandon the future in the end. There is an inevitable wager on the future," he said. "You can't disassociate yourself. The thing with combat is that it sweeps aside the old ... but the old comes back again, so what have you gained?"

In a discussion following his lecture Schurmann said attempts to reinstate the draft were of more civil significance than military.

"I think the intent is to use draftees for military purposes in civil programs."

State schools work against 1980 deadline

PORTLAND (AP) — Statewide school district administrators have been garnering the money necessary to make their programs accessible to the handicapped by a July 1980 deadline.

Public agencies which receive federal funds — such as school districts — must meet the deadline set by Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

In Portland, school officials have put together a plan that lists 25 school buildings for modifications that will make them accessible. Students with hearing, vision and physical handicaps in Portland are served by state-funded programs that cross school district lines.

The price tag there will be \$1 million.

Districts statewide are adopting similar programs mainly aimed to accommodate newer buildings, rather than attempting to make all buildings accessible.

Still, many of the districts, including Portland, will have to wait to see if their alterations meet the federal standards.

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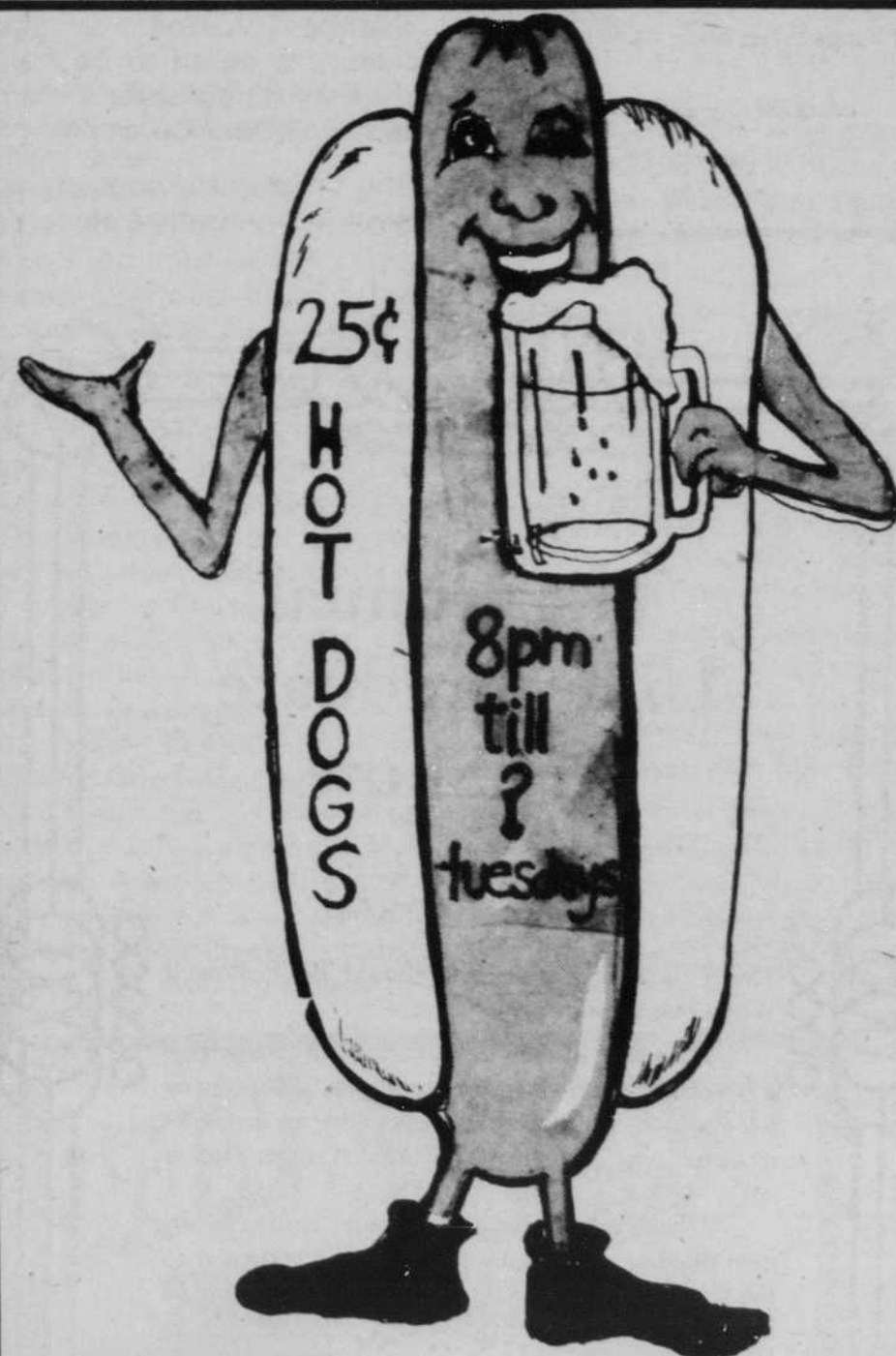
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