

Muslim speaker claims Sadat 'executed'

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Anwar Sadat was executed — not assassinated — for his crimes against the Islamic freedom movement, a Muslim Students' Association member said Wednesday night.

Before Sadat came to power, he chaired a committee that was responsible for the deaths of 3,000 Egyptians — "the cream of the Islamic movement" — and was accountable for several other deaths during his reign, Ahmed Altwaijri said in a speech to about 50 students in the EMU.

"They shot him because he killed their leaders, imprisoned their people, and sold our culture and heritage to the colonizers," he said.

"According to Islamic law, whoever kills gets killed," Altwaijri added.

Although Egypt was freed from British rule years ago, the elements of imperialism still persist in the Egyptian institutions of politics, education, social life, religion and the military, he said. This contradicts the Islamic philosophy, a way of life supported by 78 percent of the population, he added.

"We won't have true liberation until the Islamic teachings are applied in all ways of life," Altwaijri said. "In our way of thinking, there is no separation of church and state — mosque and state."

The United States continues to protect its imperialist interests in Egypt as evidenced by the rush of military aid to the area and by statements from the government, Altwaijri said.

"The U.S. State Department said they would do everything to protect the Egyptian government, not the Egyptian people," he said.

Altwaijri said that after Sadat came to power in 1971, he kicked out the Soviet Union — the previous "colonizers" — and replaced them with the U.S.-Western European "imperialists."

With the Camp David peace initiative, Sadat was serving the interests of the "colonizers," recognizing an illegal entity in Palestine (Israel), and undermining any effort by the Palestinians to reclaim their territory, he said.

"Sadat never consulted with the (Egyptian) people (about the peace initiative) because he knew the answer — no," Altwaijri said.

"If peace means we surrender to the Zionist movement in Palestine (Israel) or subjugate to them and say, 'Oh, master!', then this is not peace."

But Muslims are not opposed to negotiating or co-existing with the Jewish people, Altwaijri said.

"We are not against the Jews," he said. "The Jews' golden age came under Islamic rule, and that's what they say."

The negative views of Americans toward the Islamic movement are caused by the U. S. government and a misrepresentation by the Western media, Altwaijri said.

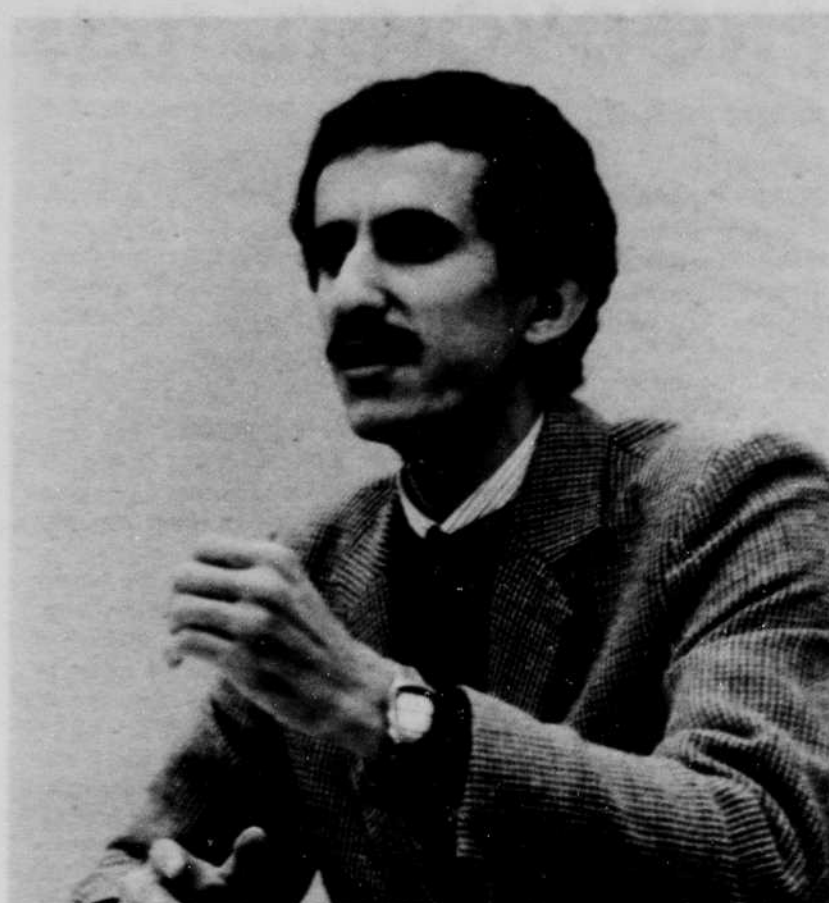


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Ahmed Altwaijri, a member of the Muslim Students' Association, said Islamic law called for Sadat's execution.

Octoberfest '81 benefit to profit local community organizations

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An all-out community effort will culminate this Saturday with a night of live music and dancing — complete with a beer and wine garden — at the WOW Hall on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Street.

Octoberfest '81, a benefit co-sponsored by the Whiteaker Community Council and the Community Center for the Performing Arts, will help to provide annual operating funds for the two non-profit organizations.

Jazz dancer Michelle Powers will open the show at 8:30 p.m., followed by the rhythm and blues sound of James Thornbury and the Riders. Mithrandir will top off the evening along with an old-time dance contest.

Tickets are \$3 up to the day of the show, and \$3.50 at the door.

Guy Justice, WCC full-time staff assistant, says grassroots fund-raising events such as the Octoberfest are an important way to bring the community closer together.

Dwindling government support for community service organizations has forced these groups to look to the community

for help, Justice says.

Those cutbacks are pushing organizations closer together, "networking" their resources, Justice says. Local media personalities, as well as the performing artists for Saturday's event, are volunteering their talents for the benefit, he adds.

CCPA Director Carol Caulk agrees with Justice that hard times do push groups to rely more on one another.

"Our roots are in the Whiteaker community," Caulk says. "They are part of our network. As times get harder economically, it pushes us to share our resources."

Caulk says CCPA has the production expertise that other organizations may not have, but CETA staff cutbacks have limited CCPA's ability to help out.

WCC, incorporated as a neighborhood group in 1974, serves an area bordered by the Willamette River on the north, Mill Street on the east, Seventh Avenue on the south, and Fillmore Street on the west.

Justice, who received a graduate degree from the University in community service and public affairs, says Whiteaker — one of the oldest

and most diverse neighborhoods in Eugene — is made up of seniors, single-parent families, and students. WCC provides an information forum for those residents to learn about city policies and in turn communicates grassroots concerns to public officials.

Caulk sees the benefit as a new and different way for WCC to raise funds and a good way for CCPA to help support their efforts. She says WCC has given WOW Hall financial assistance in the past.

Several radio personalities from the Eugene community also have offered their help. Benefit volunteer Denny Guehler, of KWAX, says the station already is involved in the University community, and they want to become more involved with the rest of the city as well.

Guehler says radio people enjoy helping out active community groups, and WCC and CCPA represent a hard working bunch of folks.

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