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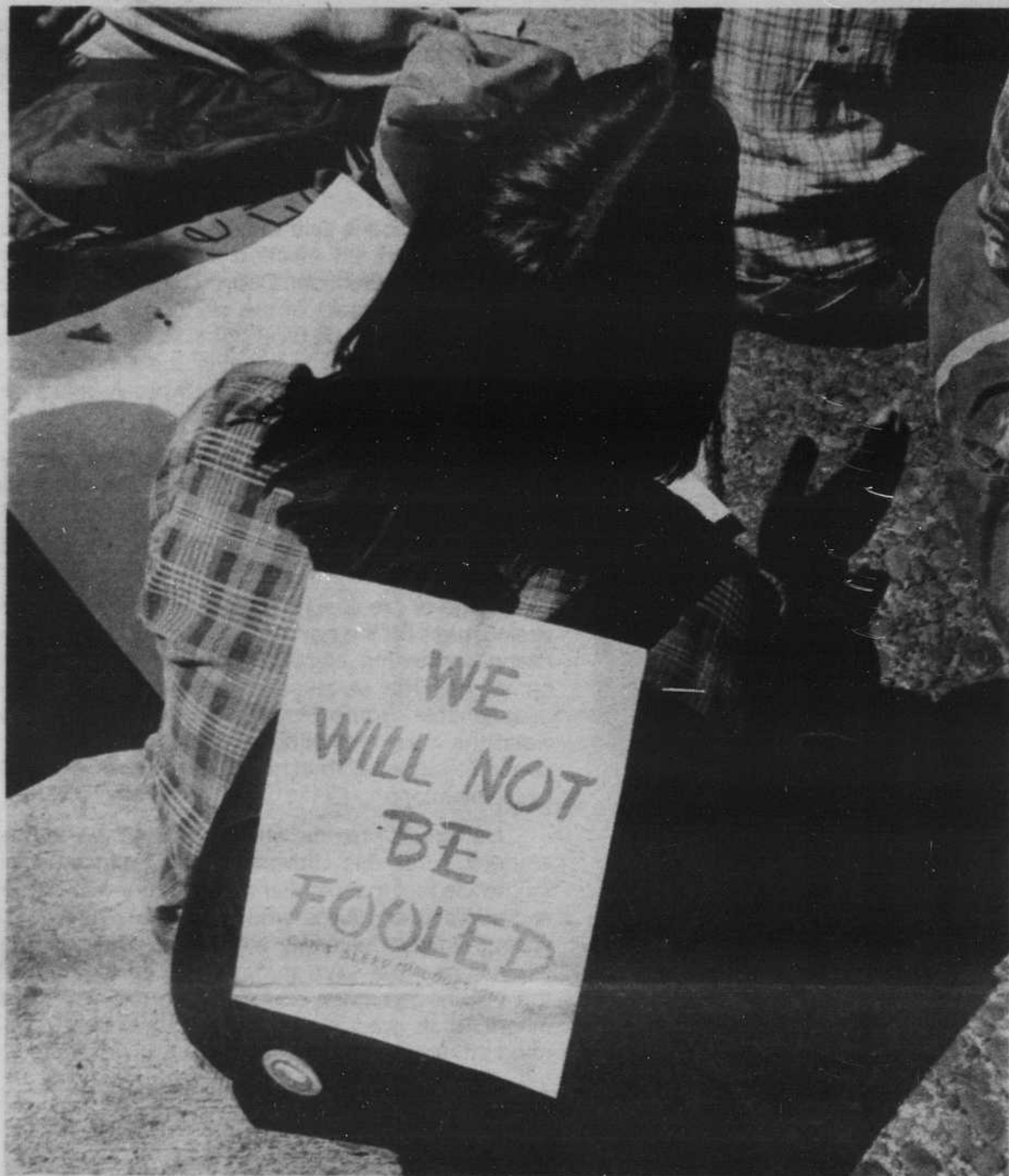


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Marchers filled 13th Street from the University Bookstore past Fenton Hall, ending up at a rally in front of the Federal Building in downtown Eugene.

El Salvador 1,500 march in protest of American intervention

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More than 1,000 marchers — winding their way from the University to downtown Eugene — chanted their opposition Saturday morning to U.S. intervention in El Salvador.

Chanting "Hey, hey, Uncle Sam, we remember Vietnam" and wearing signs such as "We will not be fooled," the protesters marched to the Federal Building for a rally with a speaker from El Salvador and the San Francisco Mime Troupe.

Police estimates of the crowd (1,000), which at times spilled into two lanes and stretched four blocks, were "low" according to a march organizer who put the number at more than 1,500.

Whatever the numbers, the turnout exceeded organizers anticipation. Marchers filled 13th Street from the University Bookstore past Fenton Hall before the peaceful but vocal 18-block walk began.

"It is a struggle for social justice . . . it is a struggle for peace that we need so badly," said Alfredo Monge, a representative of FDR of El Salvador. "We do not see how a struggle for social justice and peace can touch the interest of the U.S. or the security of this country."

Monge, speaking through an interpreter, emphasized that the recent elections in El Salvador "bring no solution to the crisis for the people in El Salvador."

Monge added that the countries who support the present junta, not the Salvadorian people, were meant to be fooled by the elections.

"We cannot cheapen life in El Salvador without cheapening the quality of life here in America," said the Rev. Austin Ray at the rally. "I refer to the situation in El Salvador . . . lives are being dehumanized, exploited, in order that capitalism may thrive and expand."

Kevin Kouns, spokesman for the march's "umbrella" sponsor, the April 24th Coalition, said the march served two purposes.

"First, we wanted to make people aware of the situation in El Salvador . . . to give people a chance to become better educated," Kouns said. "We want people to know that Salvadorians were coerced into voting," Kouns said.

"The elections were a fraud, and the estimates of how many people voted were completely incorrect."

"We wanted the media to come out," Kouns noted as another motivation for the march. "We wanted them to see that the people in Eugene have expressed their opposition to U.S. intervention in El Salvador."

British attack Argentines

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Helicopter-borne British commandos recaptured the island of South Georgia Sunday after helicopter gunships attacked and severely damaged an Argentine submarine that detected the operation 800 miles east of the Falkland Islands, the British government said.

There was no immediate comment from Argentina, which reported earlier in a communique issued in Buenos Aires that its forces on South Georgia were "resisting intense shelling from British naval units and machine-gun fire from the air."

British Defense Minister John Nott, flanked by a beaming Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher outside her 10 Downing Street residence in London, said British forces "have successfully taken control of Grytviken," the main port on South Georgia's northeast coast.

He said Argentine troops ran up the white flag of surrender and that no British casualties had been reported "so far. At present we have no information on the Argentine casualty position."

Nott said the British forces had landed by helicopter, were sup-

ported by British warships, and had met "only limited resistance" in an operation that lasted two hours.

According to Nott, the commander of the South Georgia landing operation sent this telegram to London: "Be pleased to inform Her Majesty (Queen Elizabeth II) the white ensign (of the Royal Navy) flies alongside the Union Jack in South Georgia. God save the Queen."

At the end of Nott's announcement, broadcast live on Britain's major television channels, Thatcher turned to reporters and said, "Rejoice at that news, and congratulate our forces and the marines."

In Buenos Aires, the Argentine junta reported before the British announcement that Argentine morale and fighting capacity were high on South Georgia, "making the operation initiated by attacking forces very difficult."

The official Argentine news agency Telam said ham radio operators in Montevideo, Uruguay, picked up shortwave reports from South Georgia indicating the Argentines repelled the British and shot down a British helicopter. Another Argentine

news agency reported Argentine casualties in the attack.

Argentina said its submarine — believed to be a U.S.-built Guppy class vessel — was unloading food, mail and medicine on South Georgia, a dependency of the Falklands in the frigid South Atlantic.

The British domestic news agency Press Association, quoting government sources, said the assault was preceded by a landing last Thursday of about a dozen British marine commandos, who radioed back that the Argentine defenders numbered 44 men plus a mortar team.

The agency said the landing party had been put ashore from a British submarine off the island, seized by Argentine forces April 3.

Britain warned Argentina Friday that any Argentine surface navy vessels, submarines or warplanes approaching the British armada would be open to attack. There was no immediate word on which British helicopters took part in the attack, but some 20 Westland Sea King helicopters are known to be deployed aboard the British aircraft carriers Invincible and Hermes leading the armada.

Athletic department shifts administration

Intercollegiate athletics at the University will become part of University Relations effective July 1, according to a recent announcement by University Pres. Paul Olum.

As of that date, Rick Bay, intercollegiate athletics director, will report to Curt Simic, vice president for University Relations.

Olum says he decided to make the change at this time at the recommendation of Ray Hawk, vice president for administration and finance, to whom the athletic department has reported formally since 1971. Hawk plans to retire Dec. 31 following 32 years at the University.

Hawk recommended the change be made July 1 rather than Jan. 1 because the fiscal and budget year for the athletic department also begins July 1, Olum says.

"Of all of us in University administration, Curt Simic undoubtedly has the greatest knowledge of and relationship with athletics, making this change an appropriate and effective one," Olum says.

Simic says he expects the change to be seen as consolidating the public relations and outreach efforts of the University. "As I have said many times, athletics is a window on the University, and for many members of the community, athletics is their first contact with the University," he says.

"Bringing athletics into University Relations has other important benefits," Simic says. "Many alumni and development activities are planned in relation to major athletic events such as a football or basketball game or a track meet."

Bay, who has been athletic director since Aug. 1, 1981, says the transition should be a smooth one. "I have been meeting and working with both Ray Hawk and Curt Simic since I arrived. We have anticipated this change for some time."

Bay says he is looking forward to working with Simic, noting that both vice presidents hold a similar philosophy on the importance of athletics in a university.

The change will not have any effect on the location of athletic department offices.