

Expert says revolutionaries will gain in Central America

By David Steinmetz
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Revolutionary forces in Central America will make "irreversible gains" this year, but will not emerge victorious, predicted regional expert Roger Burbach in a lecture Saturday.

Burbach returned from a study tour of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras in December and has made earlier trips to the area. He is an associate of the North American Congress on Latin America and director of the Center for the Studies of the Americas.

Burbach's talk was part of a Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America workshop.

"1983 will be a very decisive year," and U.S. policy changes may result, he said.

"Little more than a stalemate," was reached last year, even though 1982 was a

"high point" in United States military aid to the area, he said.

That aid included \$100 million sent to El Salvador and two battalions trained in the United States to fight there, he said.

CIA-instigated border attacks on the Nicaraguan government has hurt the economy there, Burbach said.

Although the United States gave no direct military aid to the Guatemalan government in 1982, "major gains" were made there because the government knows the "most brutal... measures."

No aid was given because the government already had a lot of military hardware and training, and the United States wanted them to do "massive clean-up operations" before getting involved, he said.

Progress in guerrilla operations was demonstrated when a guerrilla offensive in El Salvador

last October lasted through December, even though it was expected to halt after a few days, he said.

A new offensive has started recently, and "there are prospects it will be fairly successful," Burbach said.

In the end, Burbach predicted, the situation in Central America will become another Vietnam for the United States.

Similarities include the United States' reliance on arms while the guerrillas rely on popular support.

As the situation worsens, the United States will neither be able to abandon the governments, nor send in troops, he said.

Burbach favors a withdrawal of both U.S. military and economic aid because such assistance does not allow "self-determination," and supports "repressive governments."

King's birthday speaker warns leaders to learn King's tactics

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America faces an "eruption of the volcanic lava of frustration" on city streets unless tomorrow's leaders learn the non-violent, protest teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, said Tyrone Tillery, University associate professor of history, in a speech sponsored by the Black Student Union.

Tillery's speech was the centerpiece of the union's celebration of King's birthday Saturday.

"If an Old Testament prophecy is correct, America will reap the harvest of hatred planted in the last five generations of the poor and oppressed," Tillery said. The latest riots in Miami show that violence will continue as long as economic disparity, inadequate education, and frustration are

concentrated in America's cities, he said.

King began his efforts to achieve civil rights for blacks in the South, but expanded his efforts nationwide, according to Tillery. Later King sought "an economic bill of rights" to guarantee all Americans food, housing, and a job, Tillery said.

King's stand against the Vietnam War, along with his commitment to non-violent protest, made him unpopular with more militant blacks in his final years, even though King won a Nobel Peace Prize, he said.

King, who earned a doctorate degree in divinity at Boston University, started organizing at the grass roots level. He organized a successful yearlong boycott of the segregationist Montgomery bus system.

King's non-violent activism

peaked with the march on Washington of 200,000 Americans, acting as a "human petition," demanding the passage of the Civil Rights Act, he said.

After the speech Tillery said universities and colleges need to produce similar leaders who will rise to the challenge of leading the nation through a time of many changes.

"The leaders of tomorrow must come from the universities, but the student leaders of today have a myopic obsession with money," he said. "America's change from an industrial society — to a highly technological one — is having a terrible impact on the social structure. People left behind by the change will become desperate unless tomorrow's leaders integrate them into the new society," Tillery said.

Novelist Marquez topic of talk

Jean Franco, a Columbia University Spanish professor, will speak on Nobel prize-winning novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez at 4:30 p.m. today in Gerlinger Lounge.

Franco's speech, entitled "Gabriel Garcia Marquez: The Writer and the State," is sponsored by the arts and humanities committee of the arts and

sciences college.

Marquez received the 1982 Nobel Prize for literature for his novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude."

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