

Halting the arms race

Arms talks at impasse, says Warnke

By Mike Cross
Of the Emerald

Claiming he had "never known any prominent military official who wanted war," a former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said the responsibility for causing or avoiding a military conflict between the East and West lies on the shoulders of politicians.

Paul Warnke, chief U.S. negotiator at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks from March 1977 to November 1978, was generally pessimistic that anything meaningful will result from the Geneva talks in his Thursday speech titled "Prospects for Disarmament."

Warnke said both sides are wondering if the other is serious about arms control. Neither side, he said, is putting forth ideas acceptable to the other.

Neither side will accept any proposals they perceive as "against their interests," which insures not only continuation of the present situation but a future escalation of arms, Warnke said.

The alternative to more and deadlier weapons is an aggressive approach to arms control with a commitment toward eventual reductions, he said.

More weapons bring less security, and Warnke said he prefers a continuation of the East-West stalemate but one which "continues at the lowest possible risk." That means equitable reductions of

arsenals for both sides, he said.

Warnke pointed out the Soviets have responded to the United States' planned deployment of new missile systems by developing the SSX-24 and modernizing their intercontinental ballistic missiles. The Soviets are also experimenting with their own cruise missiles, he said.

When asked about the planned deployment of Cruise and Pershing II systems in Europe and its effect on arms control talks, Warnke said that if the United States doesn't deploy those missiles, and the USSR deploys their SS-20 missiles, they will no longer take the United States seriously.

But if the United States begins deploying its missiles — the original catalyst to the USSR desiring arms control talks — the Soviets won't have any reason to continue the talks, Warnke said.

Warnke expressed doubt about Pres. Ronald Reagan's build-down proposal, saying we're "better off with more inaccurate weapons" than fewer, more accurate systems.

Reagan's proposal would involve destroying two missiles for each new one built. According to Warnke the proposal has gained bipartisan support — even among many nuclear freeze supporters in Congress.

The Soviets, however, "have difficulty in absorbing new ideas," he said.

Neither side is presenting ideas acceptable to the other.

EMU limits 'mike' usage

By John Heldt
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Citing problems from the past and a fear of future problems, the EMU Board voted unanimously Wednesday to limit University-recognized groups to one hour a month of use of the EMU courtyard's "open mike."

In addition, the board put a two-hour limit on the time any amplified speaking could occur in the courtyard area each day.

Board chair Dan Cohen said one reason for the decision was because of a problem that occurred last year when the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade used its own amplification system to speak to students passing by.

He said he wrote a letter to the group explaining that they should have registered with the board before using an amplification set-up. That incident pointed out the need for more detailed regulations concerning the use of open microphones, Cohen said.

Another concern was that if the amount of amplified speaking

wasn't at least partially controlled, then long-term problems with microphone usage would result.

"If it wasn't regulated, then it would just get out of hand," said board member Maria Neese.

Cohen agreed, and added that the board was also worried about a precedent that might have been set had the ASUO been granted an earlier request to use an open microphone weekly throughout the year.

He also said that the rights of students using the courtyard area during speeches should be considered.

"They (ASUO groups) should always have a right to speak out, but when it interferes with the rights of other students the EMU Board needs to strike a balance."

Another board member, Marc Spence, said the ruling should be looked at objectively.

"The intention of the vote wasn't to limit the right to speak," Spence said, pointing out that groups will still have the option of approaching the board for addi-

tional speaking time if it is needed.

"The board is attempting to balance the needs of both those students who have to use amplification and those who would rather not hear anything at all," he added, in support of Cohen's belief that the proposal is meant to address the concerns of all students.

Neese agreed. "I think that the students will benefit more from the regulation than if it was left as is," she said.

Spence added the change will eliminate many of the conflicts that have occurred in the past and still allow more than 50 different opportunities a month for groups to schedule use of the microphone.

Neese said the new ruling will allow equal distribution among organizations for speaking time, giving some groups opportunities that they may not have had in the past.

The EMU Board House Committee will meet at 2 p.m. today in Room 337 EMU.

police beat

Campus crimes recently reported to the Eugene Police include:

A University of California medical bag was stolen from Autzen Stadium during Saturday's football game, according to Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene Police Department. The bag, valued at several hundred dollars, was taken before the start of the game. It was discovered missing when a Cal football player was injured on the first play of the game and the team doctor was unable to help. The name "Bob Orr" was printed on the bag.

A \$400 Kenwood stereo system was taken from a car in the stadium parking lot during the game as well.

Assault and Battery charges may be lodged against two Bean East-Willcox residents because of an incident there, according to the district attorney's office. No serious injuries were reported.

Telephone equipment valued at \$150 was taken from Chapman Hall on Oct. 5.

Vending machines at Douglass Hall were broken into on Oct. 7. Allison is calling it criminal mischief.

Another case of criminal mischief Oregon Daily Emerald

was reported at McArthur Court, where someone emptied 12 fire extinguishers and unrolled fire hoses.

More than \$665 in property was removed from a Watson Hall room. A typewriter, cassette player, cash and clothing were taken on Oct. 4.

The Alpha Omicron Pi

housemother deterred an attempted burglary at the house on Oct. 4. The prowlers tried to enter through an open window, saw the housemother and fled.

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