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In spite of arms talks Reagan plans to deploy

WASHINGTON (AP)— Pres. Ronald Reagan said Wednesday night the United States will proceed with the scheduled deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, even if that means the Soviet Union will break off arms negotiations.

In that event, "we will just wait at the table, and I think they will come back" he said.

And he added, "I think they are going to see that the best thing for them is to negotiate with us and in good faith."

Reagan ruled out any delay in the installation late this year of the first of 572 cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Europe. "We are going to deploy and deploy on schedule," he said.

The president acknowledged that the Soviets may leave the bargaining table, but said he remains hopeful that an arms accord can be signed before his first term ends in early 1985.

Reagan also said in a nationally broadcast news conference that American forces will remain in Lebanon as long as there's a chance peace can be restored there and he intends to do everything he can "to persuade Syria to quit being a roadblock in this process."

"I don't think there's any way we should just stand by and allow Syria to destroy what so many people want, which is peace and order in that troubled country," he declared.

Reagan said great progress has been made since he dispatched 1,600 Marines as peacekeepers to the Mideast nearly a year ago. He pointed to Israel's partial withdrawal, the election of a Lebanese government, and the "successful ousting of 10,000 PLO militia."

On another sensitive Mideast point — the recent threat by Iran to

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close a crucial waterway in the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz — Reagan put Iran on notice that such an act would have severe repercussions.

"I do not believe the free world could stand by and allow anybody to close the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf," he said.

Reagan said he could not go further because he did not want to tip his hand.

"That's for them to wonder about," he said of the Iranians.

Reagan declined to comment directly on the covert use of American resources to back the guerillas who are trying to bring down the leftist government of Nicaragua, but he did not deny that such a role exists.

He said covert actions have been a legitimate responsibility of government for years and sometimes a government can't tell its own people about them.

"I'm not going to comment on what, if any, connection such activities might have had with what has been going on or with some of the specific operations down there," Reagan said, "but I do believe in the right of a country when it believes that its interests are best served to practice covert activity. And then people may have a right to know, but you can't let your people know without letting the wrong people know."

In another matter, the president said no plans have been presented to him yet for an outer space defense system, but that his proposal for such a system is being studied. He said he asked for "a defensive weapon that can make offensive weapons obsolete."

He also addressed issues closer to home.

Reagan called William Clark, whom he last week appointed Secretary of Interior, qualified for the job because he is an "able and fine administrator and manager." He said Clark, who has been his national security adviser, has personal knowledge and interest in the subjects which fall under the interior secretary's responsibilities.

Also he said he wants to sign immigration reform legislation as soon as possible. "This country has lost control of its borders," he said.

And he said he will be working toward more cuts in government spending as part of his continued economic recovery program.

He said he would announce his decision about running for re-election later, "down the road, someday before my birthday (Feb. 6)," though legally, he already is a candidate since his authorization of a campaign committee on Monday.



Photo by Brian Erb

A "team-effort" project designed to increase worker productivity, while decreasing costs, was unveiled at a press conference Wednesday by Oregon Public Employees Union members and University Physical Plant officials, including (from left to right) project consultant Jim Riggs, physical plant Director Harold Babcock, custodian Allan Brown and OPEU executive director Tom Gallagher.

'Team' unveils joint project to lower costs, avoid lay-offs

By Melissa Martin
Of the Emerald

The Oregon Public Employees Union and University physical plant representatives announced in a press conference Wednesday a joint project they are launching in response to the State System of Higher Education's decision to contract out to private businesses University custodial jobs, which state employees now hold.

Higher education officials gave Harold Babcock, University physical plant director, "a grace period" for working with the OPEU in finding ways to increase productivity and reduce custodial costs while maintaining the existing work force.

Babcock has until March 15 to tell the state he can save money working with present employees — or that he cannot — and therefore must follow the example of Portland State University, Oregon State University and Western Oregon State College and contract out the jobs.

"I don't look for any major lay-offs between now and July," Babcock said. If the state system makes the final decision to contract out the jobs, it will open up bids in March, make a choice shortly thereafter and begin the contract work in July.

OPEU representative Bentley Gilbert said the union, which includes about 800 University classified staff members, tried to represent the state schools already contracting jobs out, but was not successful.

OPEU is giving the University \$8,000 for the five-month project, which will include three planning teams of custodians, custodial supervisors, union officials and university administrators.

Tom Gallagher, OPEU executive director, call-

ed this action "team effort — employees sitting down with management." The project's official title is UO/OPEU Productivity Project. Jim Riggs, director of the Oregon Productivity Center at OSU, is the project's consultant.

The teams will concentrate on three projects: work schedules, equipment and supplies and communication. Gilbert said the project was a campaign to clean up the campus and "raise the consciousness of the students, faculty and staff."

"The union is delighted with this cooperation, arrangement and broadmindedness of the physical plant in striving to provide better services to employees."

Babcock said his goal is to show the state that in addition to previous cuts, he can save \$85,000 in custodial services from July 1984 to June 1985.

The University has 66 full-time custodians. If employees will be laid-off, they will know six months in advance to "cushion the blow," Gallagher said.

"I think the universities who have contracted out have protected their employees for six months," Babcock said.

The University didn't contract out at the same time as other state schools because Babcock said he "approached it in a different way." He feels the University can improve its efficiency in the custodial department without contracting out.

"It can be done," Babcock said, and with a cheaper price tag.

Gallagher said state employees who lost their custodial jobs when PSU, OSU and WOSC contracted the service out usually moved from the city.

"This has to be a commitment of resources," Gallagher said of the joint project.

Overly loud preacher brings passel of police

Eugene police and University security were called to the knoll in front of the EMU courtyard Wednesday afternoon to silence an overly zealous Maranatha preacher. They arrived after receiving several complaints.

Mark Finerson of Maranatha Christian Fellowship was preaching to passing students when the police arrived.

According to Finerson, officers told him they had received complaints from people in Friendly Hall and the EMU, and asked him to lower his volume. Finerson told

them he would comply because he did not believe in breaking the law.

The police were responding to the complaints due to a Eugene ordinance that states, except with a permit, it is illegal to make noise that can be heard from 50 feet away.

"The issue is that freedom of speech is still maintained," said Stan Rosenzweig. Rosenzweig was also speaking, but said he was not affiliated with Maranatha.

Finerson said he was a "regular" speaker

on the knoll in front of the EMU. "I speak there almost everyday."

Rosenzweig said this was his first time speaking in front of the EMU, but said he will speak again "if the Lord is willing."

"We deem the gospel of Christ more important than even hearing your professors," he said. "The vast majority of professors are walking in pride, arrogance and rejection of God."

The lunch-time preaching has come under criticism in the past. A recent controversy occurred when representatives

from Maranatha displayed photographs of aborted fetuses while they spoke against abortion. A number of students objected to the display.

Finerson said there has been at least one case of violent confrontation: one speaker was approached by a man who threatened to "punch his lights out" if he didn't stop.

The man then began pushing the speaker and "trying to break his arm," until onlookers convinced him to leave, says Finerson.