

Hatfield denounces 'Orwellian logic'

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The United States should seek world peace by working to eliminate the basic causes of war — hunger and poverty — Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., said in his speech Saturday night at the Eugene Convention Center.

Hatfield, who announced last Friday he will seek re-election, presented his speech to a sell-out crowd at the inaugural dinner of the Willamette World Affairs Council.

Hatfield used the opportunity to strongly denounce the nuclear arms build-up, calling it an exercise in "Orwellian logic" which has placed the future of the human race "in great jeopardy."

He proposed the United States seek world peace by exporting food and agricultural technology, rather than "the cold steel of weaponry."

"What the world spends on armaments in 12 hours could eradicate malaria from the face of the earth," Hatfield said. "The money spent for one modern tank could translate into classroom facilities for 30,000 children."

The senator criticized the United States' dependence on military technology, citing a recent failure of a 40-cent computer chip. The failure resulted in a false alarm on the "early warning" computers, and brought the United States' nuclear forces within 10 minutes of attacking the Soviet Union.

"In a recent 18-month period, 4,000 false alarms have been signaled on our advance warning system, 147 of them deemed serious by the Pentagon," Hatfield said.

Hatfield also expressed concern about the large number of U.S. nuclear weapons personnel who are removed from duty due to negligence or drug use. More than 250 people are removed each year for using heroin or LSD while on duty, he said.

"War is no longer an option of foreign policy," Hatfield said, claiming "virtually every facet of our conventional weapon system is nuclearized."

He said President Dwight Eisenhower was the only U.S. President to truly understand the idea of national security in the nuclear age.

"Every other president has fallen prey to the

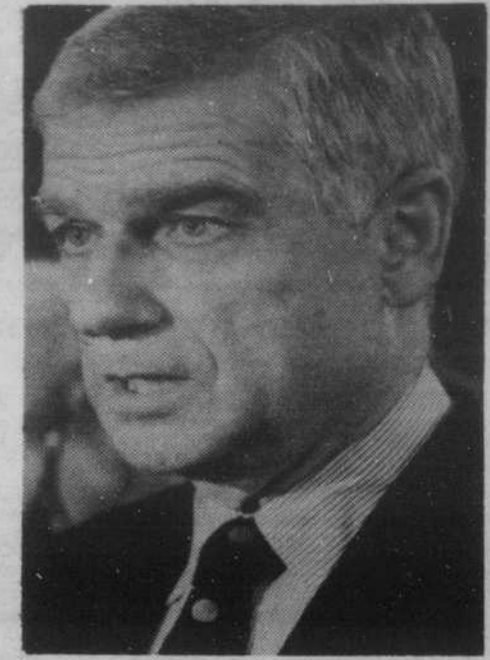
influence of the Pentagon and what Eisenhower so rightly labeled the military-industrial complex," Hatfield said.

Eisenhower realized long ago that any "conventional" war between nuclear powers will inevitably escalate to a full scale nuclear war in which "winning is analogous to suicide," he said.

Hatfield expressed little hope that the Reagan administration will deal adequately with the nuclear arms problem and called on the American people to mobilize and "let your government know that it is time to wage peace and address the causes of war."

He announced that he and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., will introduce a nuclear freeze resolution on Monday as an amendment to the national debt ceiling bill which is now before the Senate.

Other speakers at the dinner included Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore., Ji Chaozhu, the Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, and Murray Feshbach, an expert on domestic affairs of the Soviet Union.



Sen. Mark Hatfield

Handicapped parking laws kick into high gear

By Leslie Knight
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A driver circles a crowded parking lot finding only one spot at the outer edge of the lot. He considers this one but then eases into a spot closer to the store. The spot is marked "handicapped."

The Eugene Commission on the Rights of the Disabled hopes to discourage such people during "Eugene disabled parking awareness week," taking place today through Sunday.

Kent Gorham, human rights specialist, says the week was planned to heighten awareness in the community in two areas: illegal use of disabled parking, and information on how disabled persons can acquire the proper identification for use of the spaces.

Public education activities planned for the week include visits to local schools, a 30-second public service announcement that will air on all networks and a poster display by District 4-J school students, depicting problems of disabled persons.

People who are disabled must have a disabled license plate, a decal or a window permit to use handicapped parking. The license plate is available through the Motor Vehicles Department, and

the permit — temporary or permanent — can be acquired through the Eugene public works department.

Unauthorized use of the spaces is a big problem now, Gorham says.

"You have new students coming in who may not be aware of the parking regulations, and we're approaching the holiday season so lots of people are out parking," he says.

Deborah Killian, a commission member, says people need to be informed of the ramifications of using these spaces.

"They may be insensitive and they may be irresponsible, but they may not realize they're doing something illegal," Killian says.

She says the maximum fine for unauthorized use recently was raised to \$250 from \$100. According to the Eugene City code the maximum fine still is \$100, "but the judge has the discretion to up it to \$250," which is the state level.

The commission is offering citizen tickets, available at the city manager's office. The tickets explain illegal use of the spaces and inform drivers how to acquire proper identification if they qualify.

Killian urges people to place these tickets on windshields of

cars that do not belong in disabled spaces.

Often, if handicapped spaces are not available, the disabled person will simply leave. If they do stay they probably will have to park at the end of the lot.

Killian explains that disabled parking is a few feet wider than or-

dinary parking to accommodate wheelchairs.

"The person may have to go 150 to 200 feet away to avoid hitting another car with their wheelchair. Depending on the disability, that can be a long, long way," she says.

Commission members hope the

week's activities will encourage businesses to achieve greater accessibility and create more parking.

Killian says the commission is the "watch dog of the city in certain areas" and promotes rights for disabled people through lobbying and legislation.

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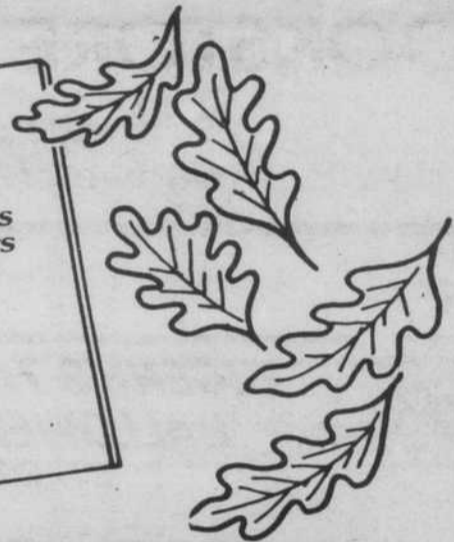
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