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Haig tells vets: 'History is on our side'

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It was a statement guaranteed to draw applause.

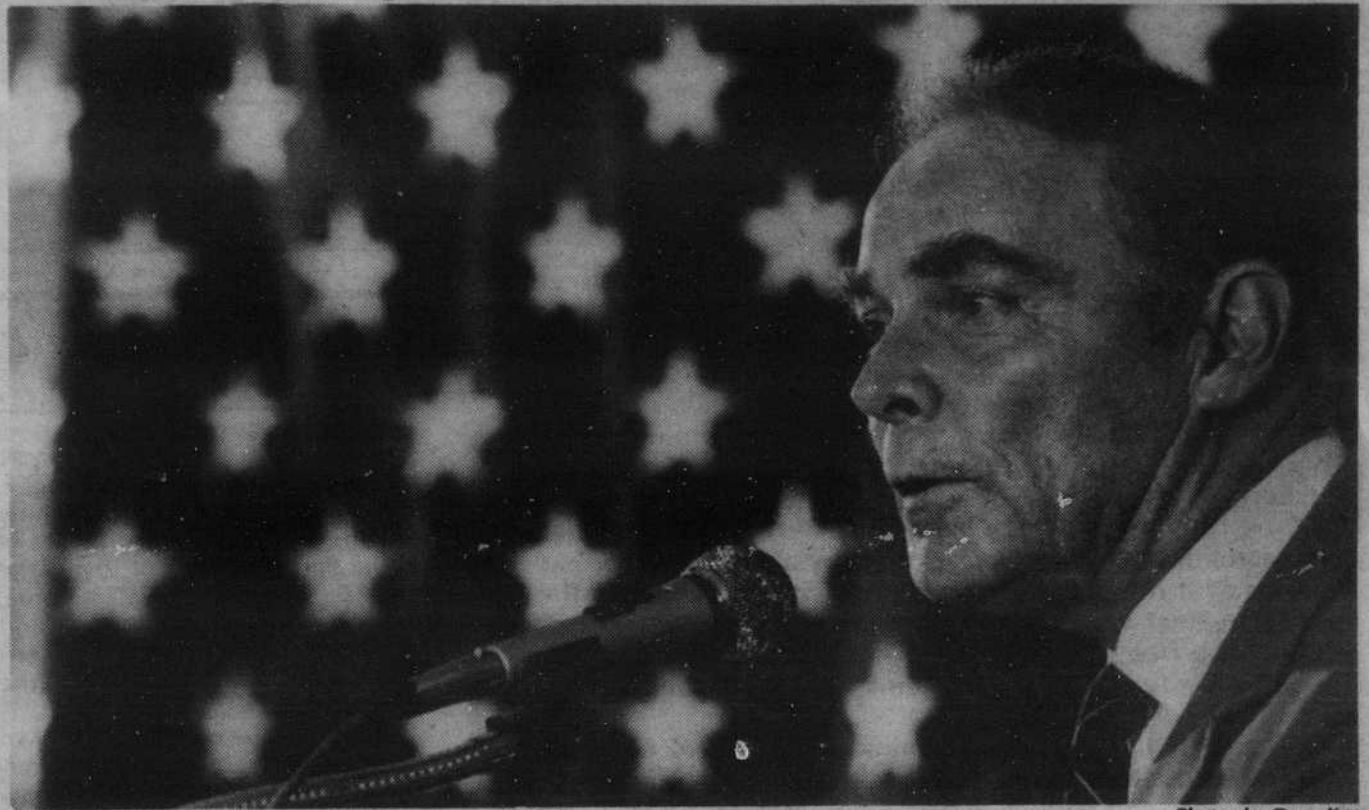
"I support the president. He is my Republican president. I am a Republican. I hope he runs again. If he does I'll vote for him," said Alexander Haig, former Secretary of State and a retired U.S. Army General.

At an banquet where the red, white and blue decorations overshadowed the food and many au-

dience members were veterans, Haig embodied the patriotic spirit of the Linn County Veterans Awards Banquet at Linn Benton Community College in Albany Thursday night.

However, Haig did not express universal support for Pres. Ronald Reagan — especially his Middle East policy, which was a major contributor to Haig's departure as secretary of state.

What can the United States do about the Marines in Lebanon?



Photos by Dave Kao

Alexander Haig, former Secretary of State, told an audience of veterans in Albany: "I go to bed every night thanking God I do not live in Moscow."

Haig outlined three options in response to a question from the audience.

"We could cut and run — withdraw the Marines — but the consequences of that would be tragic," said Haig. It would be like "labeling ourselves" as losers, he said.

"We could continue muddling along," said Haig. Or we can try to force Israel, with help from the United States, to apply additional pressure on Syria and let them know "we will not sit by and let Syria annex Lebanon."

Not all of Haig's speech was on a serious note. Laughter heralded the beginning of his talk as he thanked Gov. Vic Atiyeh for the fine introduction because "nice things have been said about me recently only in the confines of our own family."

His theme soon turned to patriotism, something well known to many of the 600 people attending the banquet in honor of Veteran's Day today.

"Patriotism is the term best used to encompass the dedication of a person's talent and

energies...to truly democratic values," said Haig.

But in the past patriotism seemed to lose its "veracity" and "virility" for many Americans, he said. People began to look at patriotism as a "dirty word."

"We have no reason as Americans to be self-conscious or pessimistic about our ability to deal with the threats that face us," said Haig. "History is moving in our direction."

And the strong action of Reagan in Grenada has only strengthened the United States' position in the world — "reaffirming American values."

The U. S. invasion of Grenada shows that "at long last" the United States is not going to let the Soviet Union, through Cuba, set up proxy governments in this hemisphere, said Haig.

While some people say the United States should not move so aggressively, strong action may be needed, said Haig. Otherwise, Third World countries may assume that Marxist expansionism is acceptable. Lack of U.S. action

will "invariably work against the United States."

In addition, Haig said the United States cannot hope to develop peaceful relations with the Soviet Union if the United States ignores "blatant" violations of international law and violations of human rights.

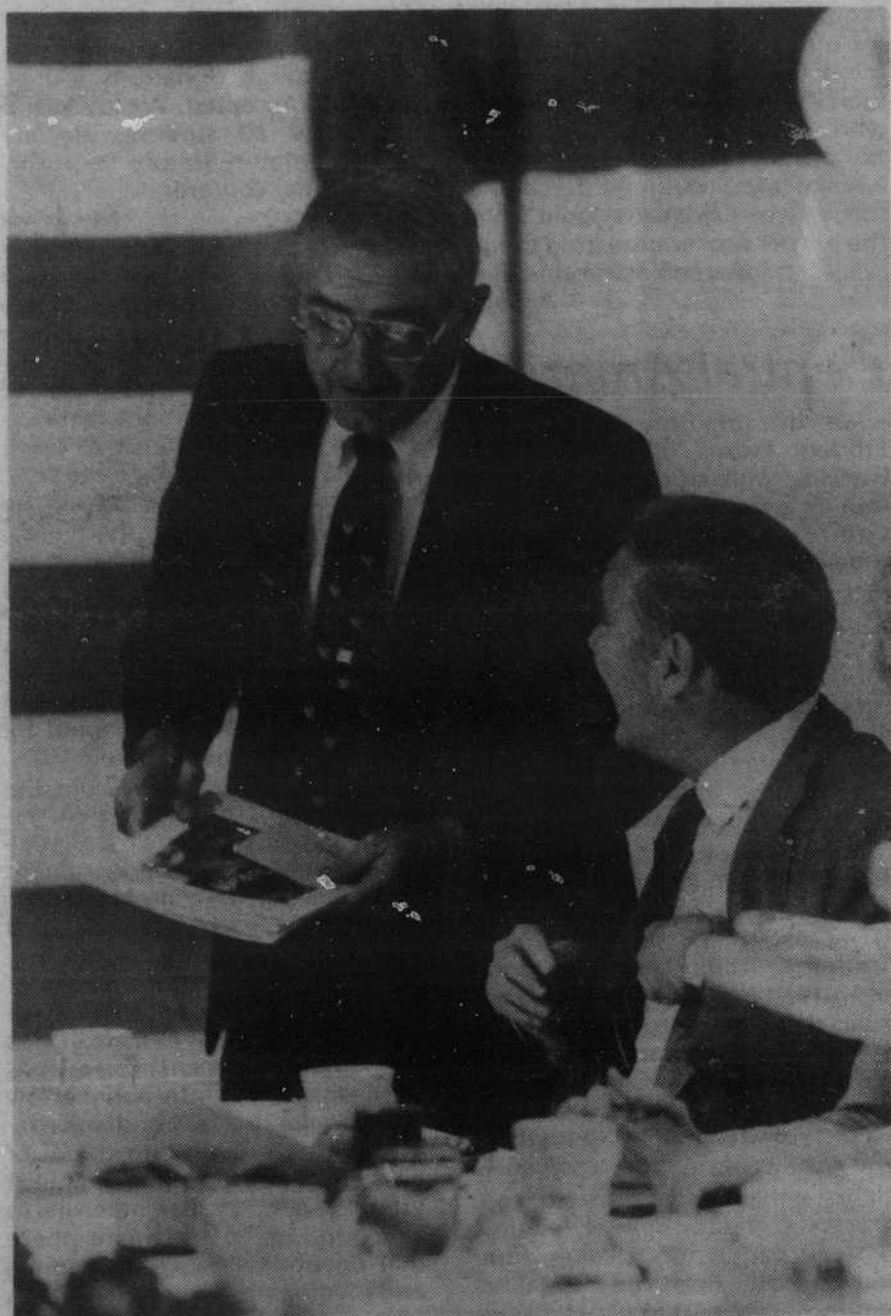
While serving six presidents, Haig said he has found U.S. foreign policy has not changed a great deal. The United States wants to make the international community open to the ideas of democracy and human rights for which the United States stands, he said.

But people perceive changes in foreign policy because of the changes of the "threat" of the Soviet Union. In the 1970s, the USSR perverted the threat by trying to convince developing countries that social justice is best served by totalitarian regimes, he said.

And the threat will be intensified in the 1980s.

"We cannot adopt a position of total passivity," he said.

"I go to bed every night thanking God I do not live in Moscow."



Gov. Vic Atiyeh was among those on the dais with Alexander Haig.

University seeks input on rules

The University administration is asking interested persons to comment on three proposed administrative rules made public this week.

There will be a public hearing next Wednesday on a rule that prohibits bringing certain items — including fireworks, weapons, several types of con-

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tainers and alcohol — into University athletic facilities.

The rule, which went into effect on a temporary basis Aug. 15 and remains in force for 180 days, expands on an existing 1977 rule that forbids glass containers in athletic facilities. If the plan is adopted, University employees or agents may examine the contents of backpacks, large purses and other bulky items to ensure prohibited articles are not concealed.

The hearing will be at 2 p.m. in Room 101, EMU. Persons wishing to submit statements may send them to Muriel Jackson, assistant to the vice president for administration, Room 110, Johnson Hall; the ASUO executive office, Suite 4 EMU; or the main library.

The University also plans to adopt a rule covering the procedures for a sorority tribunal and appeals board. The proposed Panhellenic Council Tribunal would have the authority to enforce rules and regulations under the authority of the University Code of Student Conduct and the Panhellenic Council Constitution. The Panhellenic Appeals Board would review tribunal decisions.

The two panels, which would be similar to existing fraternity judicial bodies, would handle alleged violations by a sorority as a group, not by sorority members acting individually.

In addition, a proposed rule on the sale of data processing services states that the University Computing Center may provide the use of data processing resources to all institutions under control of the State Board of Higher Education. Computer use may also be provided to federal, state and local governments and to individuals, firms and organizations within the community.

Avoid formal language, Ginsberg instructs poets

Poet Allen Ginsberg instructed a packed EMU Forum audience Thursday to shun the airs of formal language and "cut to the bone" of writing's true poetic meaning.

"Trust your own funny words and awkward mouth as a basis for being poetic," said Ginsberg, who will be appearing tonight at Eugene's WOW hall.

Poets, would-be poets and professors hung on the words of Ginsberg, whose writings in the vernacular exemplified the thought and language of the 1950s beatnik subculture.

"The magic is in the pure poetry of the mind," Ginsberg said. "It's not in the strained attempt to sound like poetry which is called poetry."

American poetry of his era differs from that of the last century, he said, because "19th century poets thought they had to synthesize something beyond their own wisdom."

That kind of writing, he said, "tries to synthesize or invent a meaning that is not there to begin with. It's a post-graduate effort to write poetry that can only result in vain."

Ginsberg read aloud new and little-known examples of, as he put it, meaningful poems that are "still in common language and understandable."

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