

Prof protests Grenada invasion

The United States should respect the sovereignty of other countries and allow them to determine the political and social systems that are best for them, says a Reed College anthropology professor.

In a lecture at the Wesley Center Friday, Jamaican native Trevor Purcell disputed some of the official reasons given for the recent invasion of Grenada. The main purpose of the invasion was to stop the spread of socialism in the Western Hemisphere, Purcell said.

Purcell said he doubted that Grenada posed a threat to other nations in the area or that American students there were in any real danger, and said the real threat was to "U.S. economic interests."

"If socialism is successful in (Caribbean) countries, as it appears to be in Cuba and promised to be in Grenada, then these countries will not be so receptive to U.S. investment," he said.

The United States is guilty of "cultural chauvinism," Purcell said, adding that it has been a tradition since the 15th century for powerful nations to regard the Caribbean only in terms of their own interests while ignoring the interests of the people who live there.

Part of the problem with U.S. policy in the Caribbean stems from ignorance of the area on the part of the government and the American people, Purcell said.

The Bishop government made major strides in improving social conditions in Grenada, Purcell

said. Unemployment and illiteracy dropped, and improvements were made in public health and transportation.

The recent coup that overthrew Bishop and preceded the U.S. invasion was an internal struggle that could have been worked out without U.S. intervention, he said.

"There is no political or social system that does not have an establishment for resolving internal conflicts," Purcell said.

Though there are signs of widespread support for the invasion from Grenadians, Purcell warned that this support may not last long.

"When the French first came (to Grenada), the Indians welcomed them. But they stayed too long," he said.

Physicist decries arms race

The Reagan Administration is the main obstacle to obtaining a mutual and verified test-ban treaty that would end the nuclear arms race, an internationally known nuclear weapons physicist said Friday at Oregon State University.

Hugh DeWitt, a senior research scientist at the Livermore, Calif. nuclear arms development center, added that weapons establishments such as the Los Alamos and Livermore labs also play an influential role in blocking a treaty. A ban on nuclear testing would "have a major effect" on their livelihood, DeWitt said.

DeWitt said that a treaty limiting

test explosions to a mere three kilotons, instead of the present 150 kiloton level, is entirely possible as seismologists have been successful in detecting effects at the lower kiloton level.

Reagan, however, is opposed to any bans, DeWitt said, and he "may be preparing for nuclear war." In addition, Reagan's support of funding for further nuclear developments in satellite and laser technology poses an "extreme danger" and must be "immediately stopped before it's too late," DeWitt said.

"We're in the middle of a runaway nuclear arms race that's,

in my opinion, being led by the United States," DeWitt said.

DeWitt emphasized that "security is not obtained through further nuclear development." He said the U.S. and the Soviet Union, now "bloated with explosive power," could wipe each other out with a fraction of the available warheads.

And although the Soviet Union has followed closely with the United States in stockpile size, their bombs are between three and five years behind in technology, DeWitt said.

"Nuclear weapons will never go away," he said. The best hope, he said, is for an agreement to stop further production and use present stockpiles as deterrents, rebuilding the bombs every 10 to 20 years when they begin to chemically degrade.

But Reagan, who believes "the Soviets are likely to cheat on any agreement," would never concede to such an idea, DeWitt said.

An agreement must be reached, he said, because the present situation between the two superpowers is like "two scorpions in a bottle."

"If one stings another, both will die."

Attempted rape reported

A young female student who was pulled into some bushes near 13th Avenue and Columbia Street Saturday night struggled and freed herself, said officer Bill Jennings of the Eugene Police Department. The attack occurred between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The assailant, described as a tall, white male wearing dark clothing is being sought by police, Jennings said.

Jennings said the student was alone at the time of the attack.

Students who need to travel at night should call campus security and ask for a student patrol escort, he said. The campus security phone number is 686-5444.

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