

Weaver blasts U.S. foreign policy

Calling Pres. Ronald Reagan a "hawk," U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver told a University crowd Tuesday that military spending and jingoism are the issues that will deter Reagan's plans for re-election in November.

"I don't often speak on foreign policy," said the Eugene Democrat, who sits on the Agriculture and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees. "I generally work on local issues — timber, energy. But foreign policy is affecting us in southern Oregon."

He said the Reagan administration's \$300 billion in military expenditures, which amount to about 45 percent of the federal budget, add exorbitantly to the federal deficit, escalate interest rates and hurt housing and construction — in-

dustries on which Northwest timber is dependent.

"The military buildup... endangers not only our security, but our economy," he said.

Weaver, a guest of the ASUO and the University Democrats, spoke to about 100 people in the EMU courtyard. He was in the area while on a Memorial Day break.

Referring to the 262 Marines killed in Lebanon last year, Weaver said U.S. military responses to conflicts in Central America and the Middle East have only served to escalate the violence and to inflate death counts.

"We only compound violence by taking part. More arms, more death," he said. "I oppose America giving arms to anyone, anywhere, anytime."

Weaver criticized covert aid to Nicaraguan contras, which was cut off by Congress last week, as well as the most recent military action of the Reagan administration.

On Monday, without Congressional approval, the United States sent 400 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Saudi Arabia in response to recent Iranian aerial attacks on neutral shipping near Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

"Reagan continues to use extra-legal means to finance his wars," Weaver said. "He is subverting the Constitution."

Weaver said no amount of U.S. aid could keep Persian Gulf oil flowing if fighting escalated in that region. In that event, "the oil will be cut off, no matter what," he said.

Today's eclipse could hurt eyes

Early morning sunbathers and outdoor bookworms are cautioned to keep their eyes on their books and not skyward, as a solar eclipse is expected to occur today.

At about 11 a.m., the moon's shadow will travel northeastward at 1,400 miles per hour beginning in Louisiana and reaching the Maryland shore less than one hour later, according to a report by the Astronomical League.

The eclipse will cross directly through the southeastern states, and will be in partial view throughout the rest of the continental United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, the report states.

A Willamette Institute of Science and Technology spokesperson says the eclipse will be minimally visible in the Eugene area between 8:26 and 9:45 a.m. and will only last for about 30 seconds.

Unlike the total eclipse of 1979, today's eclipse will be partial or "annular," and even though the moon will cross over the sun, a bright outer ring will be visible at all times.

According to the National Society to Prevent Blindness, the safest way to watch the eclipse is through indirect viewing, on television or at a professionally sponsored eclipse watch.

Supreme Court to hear military-draft case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to judge the validity of the government's former policy of prosecuting only those young men who publicized their resistance to military draft registration.

The justices said they will study the case of a 23-year-old former Yale philosophy student who contends that his free-speech rights were violated by the government's "selective prosecution."

The court's decision sometime next year in the case of David Alan Wayne of Pasadena, Calif., probably will affect fewer than 20 draft registration resisters.

The government's passive enforcement policy of the registration law in effect since 1980 has been scrapped, and now "persistent non-registrants" are being sought out for prosecution.

Wayne convinced a federal trial judge to throw out his 1982 indictment, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San

Francisco reinstated the indictment last July.

The appeals court said the government's passive enforcement did not violate Wayne's constitutional rights.

But another federal appeals court — the 6th Circuit Court based in Cincinnati — subsequently ruled in a similar case that the enforcement policy "clearly violates the First Amendment (protection of free speech)."

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