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## Caldicott scorns apathy; supports Mondale

By Paul Ertelt  
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Americans suffer from a "national psychic numbing" when it comes to the nuclear arms race, Dr. Helen Caldicott told an overflow crowd in the EMU Ballroom Thursday night.

"I'm out here to mobilize you. So if you do nothing after I speak, the world will probably die," she said.

Although 80 percent of Americans say they back a verifiable, bilateral nuclear freeze, we don't have one because people aren't committed to it, she said.

Caldicott, a native of Melbourne, Australia, began her fight against nuclear weapons in 1971 with a letter to a newspaper protesting French nuclear tests in the Pacific, eventually starting a movement that resulted in the halting of the tests.

She is the author two books on the subject, "Nuclear Madness: What You Can Do!" and "Missile Envy." She now devotes her time to lecturing on the effects of a nuclear attack.

But Caldicott denied being a radical. "I'm a conservative," she said. "I'm for conserving life on the planet."

Caldicott told the audience to close their eyes as she poured BBs into a metal garbage can to illustrate the relative firepower of the bombs dropped in World War II; the number of nuclear weapons needed to destroy life on earth and the number of nuclear weapons in the combined arsenals of the United States and the Soviet Union.

But Americans live in a "true democracy," she said, and have an opportunity to change the world in the upcoming election.

"This election is a referendum on the fate of the world," she said. Caldicott insisted that the nuclear arms race is a nonpartisan issue, and urged the audience to work for Walter Mondale's election and vote against Pres. Ronald Reagan.

"We have a president who says we can fight and win a nuclear war," she said, censuring Reagan for his nuclear buildup.

At an earlier press conference, Caldicott stressed the role of the U.S. Congress in setting nuclear policy. She said she endorsed the re-election of Rep. Jim Weaver, but would take no position on the Senate race between incumbent Sen. Mark Hatfield and his Democratic challenger, state Sen. Margie Hendriksen.

Drawing from Pentagon reports and Hiroshima accounts, Caldicott described the physical effects of a nuclear holocaust. Although a nuclear exchange by the super powers would cause one billion deaths in the first 30 minutes, she said that even a limited nuclear war could cause a "nuclear winter."

According to the theory postulated by Dr. Carl Sagan and others, nuclear blasts would force rubble into the atmosphere, blocking off the sun's rays and causing a drastic drop in the Earth's temperature. This could mean the end of life on the planet, Caldicott said.

Caldicott censured Reagan for not sitting down with the leaders of the Soviet Union and attempting to negotiate an end to the arms race. She said that even Pres. Richard Nixon, an ardent anti-communist, was able to negotiate a treaty with Red China.

"They're all still communists... so this has nothing to do with communism," she said, adding that the Soviets have accepted the idea of on-site inspections to ensure a verifiable freeze.

"We're married to Russia for better or worse... till death do us part," she said.

The Pentagon strategy of nuclear deterrence has evolved into a first strike policy, she said, and U.S. policy calls for winning a protracted nuclear war.

"This country now has official plans for committing suicide for the planet" she said.



Photo by Steven Wall

At a press conference Thursday afternoon, Dr. Helen Caldicott, author of two books on nuclear war, stressed the U.S. Congress' role in setting nuclear policy.

## Proxmire in town to speak on Morse

Sen. William Proxmire will speak in Eugene tonight and dedicate the Wayne Morse Free Speech Terrace outside the Lane County Court House on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Proxmire, D-Wis., will speak on "The Wayne Morse Legacy and Today's Issues — Foreign and Domestic" at a dinner in the Eugene Conference Center.

Morse, often called "The Tiger of the Senate," served in the U.S. Senate for 24 years and was once the dean of the University's law school. He was defeated by Republican Bob Packwood in 1968 and died in 1974.

Outspoken and often controversial, Morse was one of two senators who voted against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which increased the United States' role in the Vietnam War.

Proxmire, who serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, is known for his "Golden Fleece Awards," which point out government waste.

The dinner is scheduled for 8 p.m. and tickets are \$15. Tickets for the speech only, which starts at 8:30 p.m., are \$2.

Tickets for the dinner are available from the ACLU, 1756 Willamette St., Democratic Headquarters, 431 W. 13th Ave., and Republican Headquarters at 747 Willamette St. in Eugene.

## Hendriksen attacks opponent

By Thomas Henderson  
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Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate Margie Hendriksen spoke to a group of supporters in the EMU Ballroom Thursday night, delivering a heated attack on the shortcomings of her opponent, incumbent Sen. Mark Hatfield.

Calling Hatfield's reputation as a liberal Republican "a joke," Hendriksen said the senator is co-chair of Pres. Ronald Reagan's re-election campaign in Oregon and has followed the White House line on nearly every vote. She cited a Congressional Quarterly report that called Hatfield "Ronald Reagan's foot soldier."

Despite Hatfield's position as chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and his vocal support of a nuclear freeze, Hendriksen said he has voted for every new weapons system proposed by the administration.

"I think we need to know why he's the president's man," Hendriksen said.

She also attacked Hatfield for his failure to meet her in debate, saying that Hatfield aides have told her the senator chooses to avoid debates as a campaign strategy, though she suspects he is unwilling to stand by his record.

"I don't think we're talking about strategy," Hendriksen said. "We're talking about the great issues that face our state and our nation. The last thing Hatfield wants to talk about is Basil Tsakos," she added, referring to the Greek businessman who paid Hatfield's wife Antoinette \$55,000 for what he claimed were real estate

fees.

At the time, Hatfield was promoting a Tsakos plan for a trans-African oil pipeline. The Senate Ethics Committee decided not to investigate charges of a possible conflict of interest in the case.

Although Hendriksen's bid for the Senate is largely considered a long-shot, she said Hatfield's use of television commercials for the first time since he became a senator is evidence of how seriously he takes her campaign.

In addition to the support of the national Democratic Party, Hendriksen said she is supported by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters and such feminist groups as the National Organization for Women.

Hendriksen said she is alarmed at the direction the Reagan administration is taking the country on the issue of abortion, citing a plank of the Republican platform making a "pro-life" stance a prerequisite in the selection of federal judges.

According to Hendriksen, a proposed Constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion would make abortion an act of first degree murder. Conceivably, she said, a rape victim getting an abortion could receive a longer sentence than her assailant. She even suggested a woman might be executed for having an abortion if the death sentence is reinstated.

Hendriksen accused Hatfield of sharing Reagan's stand on abortion, adding "I do not feel convinced as a woman that Mark Hatfield will protect my constitutional rights. I know he won't."