

Dube explains ANC goals, policies Says group will negotiate

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Fred Dube maintains the African National Congress policy of non-violence in South Africa hasn't changed — nor has its willingness to negotiate for an end to apartheid — even though members have taken up arms.

Fred Dube, a member of the ANC since 1953 and a professor at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., was asked to speak to University students because of his direct involvement in South Africa, said John Lunsford, a member of Students Against Apartheid.

Dube was jailed in 1963 because he was a leader in the ANC. He was released in 1967 and forced to flee from South Africa to the United Kingdom. He is still involved with the ANC and gives speeches against apartheid nationwide.

Dube began his speech with a description of the ANC and its policies and goals.

The ANC was established after the British divided South Africa into two groups, shifting the responsibility of colonization from the British to the South Africans in power.

This "divide and rule" strat-

egy pitted each group against the other, while Britain continued its manipulation, Dube said.

Three Zulu lawyers formed the African National Congress to help unify the group of oppressed people, Dube said.

The non-violent "fiscal resistance" policy of the ANC continued throughout the 1960s until the Pass Law became effective, Dube said.

The law, established in 1960 by the government, made it mandatory for all South African blacks to carry a pass at all times.

More than 50,000 women responded to this law by protesting for an extensive period. Jails quickly became full, creating a squeeze on the governments tactics and forcing them to dissolve the law, Dube said.

Other peaceful movements by the ANC and other groups were met with brutal killings and murders, leaving the ANC with no choice but to arm themselves, Dube said.

"We are not prepared to put ourselves in a situation like this without an army," Dube said. "But the fact that we have an army doesn't mean that we don't want to sit down and talk."

The congress is ready to ne-



Fred Dube

gotiate on certain conditions, Dube said.

"We are prepared to call a hold on violence if they (the South African government) show good faith and lift the state of emergency on South Africa, take all soldiers out of the black ghettos, release all political prisoners and stop the execution of prisoners," Dube said.

The ANC is prepared to guarantee individual rights, but will not compromise on group representation and group rights, Dube said.

About 100 students attended the speech, sponsored by Students Against Apartheid and the Black Student Union.

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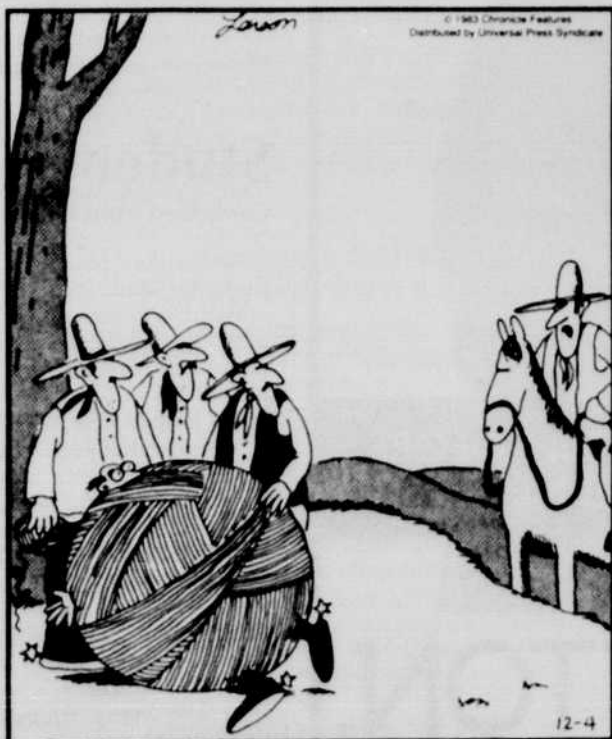
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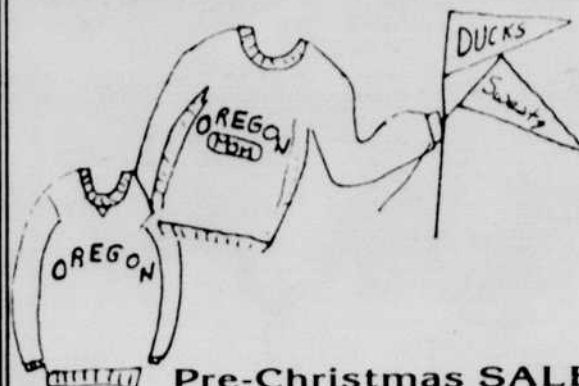
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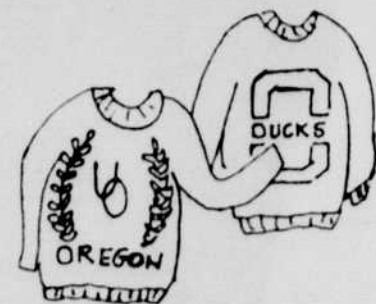


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