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CISCAP speaks out against embargo

■ **PROTEST:** Local group calls for end to U.S. sanctions of Cuba

By Samantha Martin
 Community Reporter

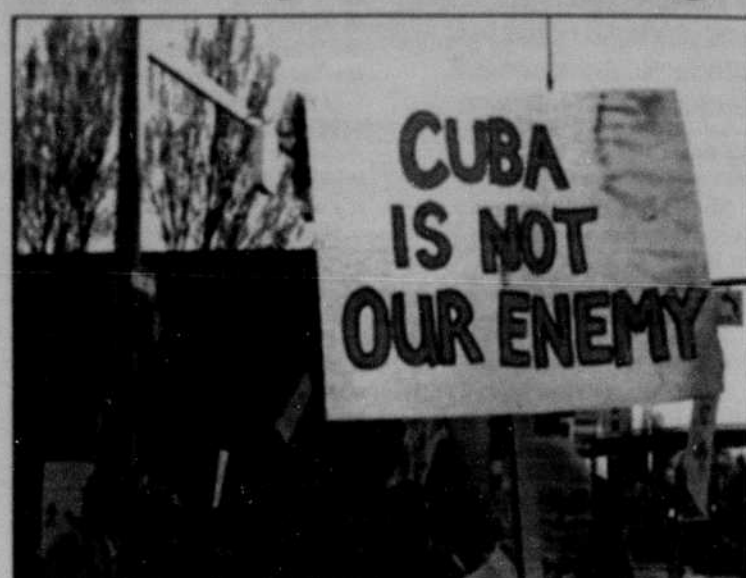
According to statistics from UNICEF, the infant mortality rate in Cuba is the lowest out of all Latin American countries — 10.2 per 1,000 live births. And CISCAP wants it to stay that way.

The Citizens in Solidarity with Central American People, a local organization, staged a protest about the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba in front of the Federal Building yesterday afternoon. Approximately 20 people showed up at the rally to show their support and hand out flyers to passing motorists.

CISCAP has been involved with attempting to bring medical and medical-related supplies into Cuba, although there has been a trade embargo against the country for the last 35 years.

Featured speaker, Herb Everett, recently returned from a trip to Cuba where he and 65 other people attempted to bring approximately 350 donated IBM computers to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Havana. The computers were intended to be used in the INFOMED computer network, which links together rural health clinics, urban hospitals and research centers in Cuba.

Because the organizations had not applied for a license to bring the merchandise into Cuba, the



Protesters wave signs at on-coming cars outside the Federal Building.

U.S. Customs Police and the U.S. Attorney's Office seized all of the computers at the border.

Had the caravan gone through the U.S. Attorney's office, there was a strong possibility they would have been allowed to carry their goods legally into Cuba. However, they opted not to as a form of protest.

"There's a debate within our group whether we should have dealt with the red tape in order to get the computers into Cuba," Everett said. "But doing so would have acknowledged the embargo."

Robert Bolman, a CISCAP member, agreed with Everett.

"Getting a license to bring the stuff over would be legitimizing the trade embargo," Bolman said.

When asked whether it was more important that the Cubans get the supplies or to protest the embargo and risk not having the supplies get through, Bolman said in the past, caravans have been able to get through without licenses with having only a few items confiscated.

"They got through, but it was sticky," Bolman said. "They lost a few items."

Bolman is leaving today for another trip to Cuba and will attempt to pass medical supplies through.

Valentine dinner to provide assistance for needy

■ **CHARITY:** The community felt that more than the Thanksgiving event was necessary to help the unfortunate

By Melissa Lebahn
 Community Reporter

The Whiteaker community is providing the needy with food, warm clothing and survival necessities at a Valentine dinner on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Approximately 17 years ago, a group of neighbors got together and decided to host a Thanksgiving dinner for their neighbors who weren't as fortunate as themselves. The dinner was held at Whiteaker Elementary School and has continued there ever since.

"Neighbors helping neighbors" became the theme of the event.

Over the last year the poverty level has increased in the community, so the Whiteaker neighborhood decided that more than one event

would be needed this year. Because winter is the most difficult time of year, the community decided to host a Valentine dinner.

Fund raisers, like a cabaret-style benefit concert and a "blanket-raiser," were held earlier this month to help bring in donations for the Valentine dinner.

Necessities such as blankets, tarps, tents, sleeping bags, food and money were donated. They will be dispersed at the dinner.

Venus Tobin, head organizer, said the turnout at these fund raisers was great, but the community will still have to go out and purchase many necessities for the dinner.

"[We came] pretty shy on donations," Tobin said.

The community is still looking for donations, she said. Any and all donations can be made at the Whiteaker Elementary School anytime after 4 p.m. on Friday. For more information or to have donations picked up, call 954-7517.

Forum to give first-hand look into Japanese internment

■ **HISTORY:** The event focuses around the anniversary of the country's historical internment decision

By Cindy Long
 Higher Education Editor

For many students at the University, stories about Japanese relocation are just that — stories.

But today students can learn about it from someone who experienced it first hand.

The second half of a two-part series on the anniversary of World War II Japanese Relocation will happen today at 11:45 p.m. at the Pacifica Forum in the Wesley Center. The presentation will include both official and unofficial videos of Manzanar, a Japanese relocation camp in California.

Florence Date Smith will present a video on the camp and will answer questions about her own experience at Topaz, another

Japanese relocation camp. Smith was a student at a California college before she was forced to go to the relocation camp.

"We were moved under bayoneted guards," she said.

Smith said she spent two years in the camp, which was surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards and had inadequate medical facilities.

"Our family was never together [again] after we were interned," she said.

After her family left the camp, Smith moved to Chicago where she finished her education at the University of Chicago. Her mother also moved to Chicago to be treated for an illness, Smith said.

The Pacifica Forum decided to dedicate two of its weekly meetings to the Japanese relocation topic because it is the anniversary of the decisions, said event organizer Orval Etter from the Fellowship of Recon-

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— Florence Date Smith
 Internment Survivor

ciliation.

"A series of them were made beginning on Feb. 10, 1942," he said. "Two weeks [later], the evacuation had been ordered."

The Pacifica Forum has its weekly meetings at the Wesley Center on various topics. All the events are free to the public. The Wesley Center is located at 1236 Kincaid St.

The forum recently focused some of its meetings on Martin Luther King Jr. in honor of his birthday last month and will be revisiting the topic in April in memory of his assassination on April 4, 1968, Etter said.