

# Green Party calls for different approach to crisis

■ Party leaders believe attacks should be called a crime against humanity, not war

By Marty Toohey  
for the Emerald

The United States should have waited for an international investigation into the Sept. 11 attacks instead of attacking Afghanistan, National Green Party leaders said in a statement Wednesday.

"We believe the Sept. 11 attacks should ... be characterized as an international crime against humanity, not a war," the statement said. "A full investigation, undertaken with international cooperation, must take place. ... American declarations of war inhibit rather than promote this international cooperation."

The statement called for careful scrutiny of all U.S. policies in the

Middle East, as well as lifting of economic sanctions against Iraq, which the Green Party said have caused more than 500,000 Iraqi civilian deaths. The statement was also critical of President George W. Bush's ordering military action without congressional approval.

The president, as commander-in-chief, can legally order military action for 60 days before congressional approval is required.

Several Republicans disagree with the statement. Speaking on behalf of the Republican party, Daryl Howard, executive director for the Republican Party of Oregon, said the Green Party's understanding of the situation "is wrong," and that "the approach they have presented is not supported by Americans."

Howard said the sanctions should not be lifted until Iraq allows inspectors access to facilities

suspected of housing chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

"If they will let us have access, then maybe we would take a look at the whole situation," he said.

Stan Pulliam, the chairman of the University's College Republicans, said that lifting the sanctions would be a "step back as far as punishment" of Iraq, which Pulliam said may be implicated in the attacks.

Both Pulliam and Howard said a world court will not be an effective means of bringing Osama bin Laden to justice.

"Osama bin Laden is not someone who would react favorably to walking into a court and letting them settle things," Howard said.

Pulliam said he is "not too concerned about a world court, which would have Taliban members."

"We did not take the offensive,"

Pulliam said. "I find it insulting (that) they want us to take a step back when we were the country that was attacked. We have waited, gathered evidence and built a world alliance for more than a month before our first attack."

Local and international Greens support the national party's statement. Blair Bobier, a founder of the Pacific Green Party, said the terrorists need to be brought to justice, but the United States is reacting too quickly and too violently, and the government's actions "sadden me almost as much as the events on Sept. 11."

"Is killing innocent civilians any different? It appears the U.S. is doing the same thing," Bobier said.

He also said civilian casualties will be unavoidable if military action is taken, regardless of whether the United States is accompanied

by international forces.

"Military action certainly didn't work when the U.S. went (into Panama) to get Noriega," he said.

Pekka Haavisto, spokesman for the European Federation of Green Parties, said explosions at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998 and the October 2000 suicide attack on the USS Cole were indicators of the Middle East's feelings toward the United States. He also said the creation of a United Nations world police force is necessary.

"An eye for eye, and soon the whole world will be blind," Haavisto said. "We are not heading to the old-style Wild West — dead or alive — but to a world with justice and strong international laws."

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## City officials address local residents' anthrax fears

■ FBI says Eugene is an unlikely target, but residents shouldn't open unidentifiable mail

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The Eugene Police Department held an emergency press conference Friday to dispel the fears of Eugene citizens who are worried about contracting the infectious disease anthrax.

Eugene Police Chief Jim Hill said the department received an increase in calls Friday from people concerned about coming in contact with anthrax.

"People have been noticing powdery substances and wondering if it could be anthrax," Hill said. "We're here to dispel some of their fears."

With Hill was Dr. Geoff Simmons, a representative of 700 doctors in Lane County, and FBI Agent Mike Morrow, who is in charge of the Eugene office of the FBI.

Simmons said that an anthrax infection resembles the flu, with symptoms appearing anywhere from one to 45 days after contact has been made. He said if a person is experiencing flu symptoms at this time, they should see their doctor for a nose culture to determine if anthrax is the cause for the symptoms.

"There is no room for panic," Simmons said. "If there is a probability that anthrax is in Eugene, the federal government will become involved."

Simmons also said there are at least four antibiotics — in addition

to a vaccine — available to treat the disease. It is also the most treatable of all biological weapons.

Oregon has a low threat level for anthrax to begin with, said Morrow.

"There is no information to suggest that there are any targets in Oregon," Morrow said. "People should not be in panic mode."

Morrow said the best thing for people to do is be aware. If you can't identify a piece of mail, don't open it, he said.

EPD spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said the EPD communication center has been overwhelmed with calls, and that people need to keep the threat in perspective when calling.

None of the reports so far have turned out to be an anthrax case, she said.

The EPD and FBI will both continue to be available for reports of suspicious articles or occurrences, Hill said.

"We want to reassure the community that we're working with the FBI and local health officials when dealing with this threat," Hill said. "We want people to be paying attention, but is unlikely that Eugene is a target."

Simmons suggests that since the flu has not yet hit Eugene this season, residents experiencing muscle aches, fever, headaches or fatigue should visit their doctor or the urgent care unit of Sacred Heart Medical Center.

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### University Events

#### Tuesday, Oct. 16

Workshops: Academic Learning Services presents "Get Savvy," a week of events focused on student success. The events begin Tuesday with workshops throughout the day, including "Succeeding at the UO: Lessons from Harry Potter" at noon in the EMU's Metolius Room and "Essay Exams: Beyond the BS" at 1 p.m. in the EMU's Owyhee Room. Free. Events continue through Friday. For a complete schedule and more information, call 346-3226 or visit <http://als.uoregon.edu/>.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 17

Wednesdays at Noon: S. Marie Harvey, associate director of the Center for the Study of Women in Society, presents "CSWS Grants Workshop." Noon. 330 Hendricks. Free.

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summer, said FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela.

Alshehhi was aboard the second jet to strike the World Trade Center. Alghamdi was on the flight that crashed 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

But Orihuela said the FBI wasn't drawing immediate conclusions.

"Right now it looks like a coincidence," Orihuela said from outside the tabloid's Boca Raton headquarters. "We are not searching the apartment at this time. We are focusing on this building."

In other developments Sunday, three more anthrax exposures were reported from a letter received at

NBC in New York, and four Microsoft workers who came in contact with a contaminated letter in Nevada tested negative for infection. The exposures in New York were to a police officer who handled the letter, and two lab technicians.

In South Florida, the apartment connection marks the most direct link to date between the terrorist hijackers and the AMI anthrax cases.

The Delray apartment in question is central to a massive federal investigation into the terrorist attacks. Two terrorists, Alshehhi and Alghamdi, rented the apartment in Delray Beach just north of Boca Raton, the FBI said. The other seven, including suspected ringleader Mohamed Atta, are connected because they visited the apartment or other-

wise had a direct tie to the inhabitants, said a federal official familiar with the investigation.

It is clear that the apartment was a meeting ground for terrorists, authorities say. Now they must determine whether unit 1504 was also a hatching ground for the anthrax attacks.

In addition to Stevens and the two other workers who were exposed to the bacteria, AMI general counsel Michael Kahane said, five people tested positive for anthrax antibodies, which indicates that at some point in their lives they were exposed. But officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the findings are preliminary and that more tests are necessary. Authori-

ties said that none displayed symptoms, and all were being treated with antibiotics.

As a search for clues continues in South Florida and the number of anthrax exposures grows across the country, investigators and experts are grappling with whether the cases are the work of the Sept. 11 terrorists.

One of the nation's leading biological warfare researchers said Sunday that the appearance of multiple anthrax infections suggests the possibility of a bioterrorist attack.

"The level of suspicion is high for me, though it's still open for me whether it's a bioterrorist attack," said C.J. Peters, former chief of special pathogens at the CDC in Atlanta. Peters, now a professor of microbiology and coauthor of the 1997

book "Virus Hunter," said his suspicion may turn to certainty if strains of the bacteria found in Florida, New York and Nevada are the same.

A federal official familiar with the investigation into the attacks said that prior to the New York exposures, investigators were treating the Boca Raton incident as an "isolated criminal case."

But with the New York and Nevada cases, the same official shifted gears: "Maybe there is a concerted conspiracy connected to the Sept. 11 attacks."

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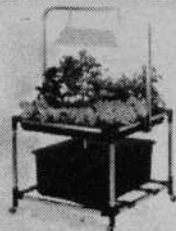
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