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Series looks at 'Path to Peace'

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A different culture will be explored in the upcoming fall lecture series, "Understanding the Soviets: A Path to Peace," featuring noted regional experts on the Soviet Union.

The series, to be held in Clackamas Community College's McLoughlin Theater, will investigate Soviet society--from the country's political and military establishment to ethnic and everyday lifestyles, as well as from an American viewpoint.

The lectures were to be opened with a one-night presentation on Sept. 25 by a group of 20 Soviet representatives. The visitation was cancelled due to the interruption of all Soviet flights to the West after the downing of Korean Airlines flight 007 on Sept. 1 (see related story this page). However, the series has not been cancelled despite such rumors, says Margaret Charters, library department chairperson at the College and program organizer.

A total of eight speakers will come to the College during October and November. The series will be opened Oct. 5 with its title lecture by Dr. Donald W. Treadgold, history department chairperson and professor of East European studies at the University of Washington.

The following week Dr. Basil Dmytryshyn, history professor at Portland State University and native Ukrainian, will discuss the Soviet military establishment. Other lectures will cover Soviet politics, human rights in the U.S.S.R., and Siberia.

The lecture series is the brainchild of Charters, who after visiting the U.S.S.R. and attending the College's nuclear arms freeze convocation last year felt compelled to take some sort of action.

"I kept thinking, 'I've got to do something (about the nuclear threat). What can I do

as an individual?'" Charters said. She applied for and received a grant from the Oregon Commission for the Humanities to sponsor the series. Matching funds were provided by the College. And promotion and assistance were provided by Clackamas County libraries and the Oregon Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"The purpose (of the series)," Charters said, "is represented in the title (Understanding The Soviets: A Path to Peace), and is to attempt to promote an understanding of the Soviets, their culture, language literature, and history and their military establishment." Promoting this understanding of each other's culture, Charters believes, "is one way to bring about peace.

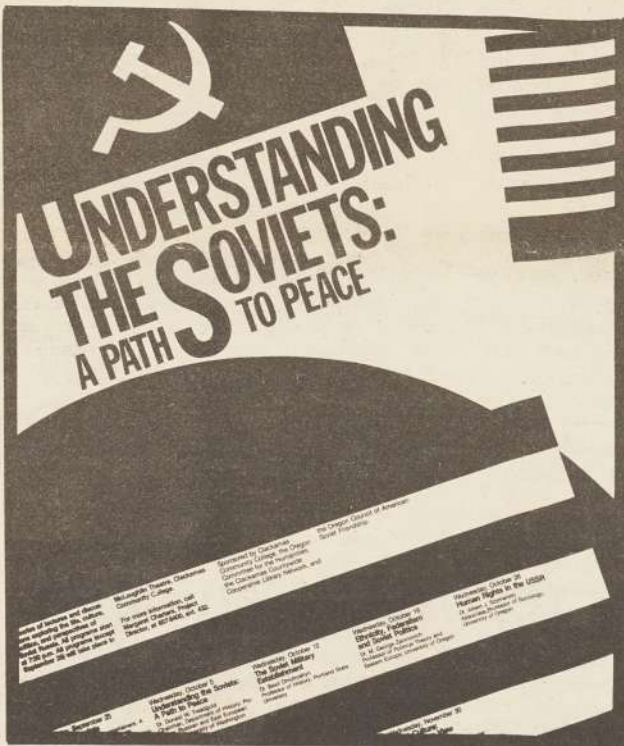
"The emphasis of this series is not on the nuclear

freeze," Charters said. "It is on the understanding of a people from a different cultural, ethnical, political and economic background from ours. It is necessary for us to make every effort within our power to make peace with ourselves and the world," Charters said.

Charters believes the series will be well received and said she has had many positive calls along with a few negative comments about the upcoming event. Her only fear stems from the rumor that the series has been cancelled.

"I've been horrified by the number of instructors who have come to me believing the series to be cancelled," she said.

The lecture series will begin Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and a different speaker will appear each Wednesday through Nov. 30 (excluding Nov. 23).



Scheduled visitors cancel due to Aeroflot banning

A lecture presentation on Soviet culture that was to be given Sept. 5 by a group of 20 visiting Soviet representatives was cancelled after the downing of Korean Airlines 007 on Sept. 1.

The group included workers, educators, scientists, doctors, regional government officials, two opera singers and a pianist from the Stanislavsky Theater in Moscow. The group planned to discuss Soviet culture, including its art, literature, history technology, education system and government. The presentation was scheduled as

a prelude to the Clackamas Community College lecture series, "Understanding the Soviets: A Path to Peace."

The presentation was to be the group's only stop in the United States and was sponsored in part by the Oregon Council of American-Soviet friendship.

The cancellation, though related to the Korean Airlines incident, was not a political result, but rather it was because of the stoppage of all flights of the Soviet airlines Aeroflot to America, according to Margaret Charters, library department chairperson at the College.

Calendar of events

- Wednesday, Oct. 5..... Soccer vs. Lewis and Clark, here 4 p.m.
"Understanding the Soviets: A Path to Peace," McLoughlin Theater, 7:30 p.m., Free.
- Thursday, Oct. 6 "Being Single Again," Community Center, 7-10 p.m., \$3.
"Weaving, Drawing and Pottery," Bagby Lobby Pauling Center, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7 Movie: "First Blood," 7:30 p.m., Community Center Mall.
- Saturday, Oct. 8 Men's and Women's Cross Country at Willamette Invitational, Bush Park.
- Tuesday, Oct. 11..... Movie: "Chinatown," part of fall film series, "The World of Crime," McLoughlin Theater, 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Free.

