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undertook to create a country based on a notion of individual liberty because they were fleeing from countries in Europe where the government held too much power. "They would look at what's happening today in John Ashcroft's Justice Department and say, 'Where have we gone wrong?'"

Posner is executive director of the Lawyers Committee on Human Rights and will give a free public lecture at 7:30 pm Thursday, Sept 18 at the Knight Law Center, Room 175 at UO. The lecture is the first in a series of events this year on "Global Justice at Work" sponsored by

the UO School of Law's new Public Interest Public Service Program and the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

Posner's talk will be on "International Human Rights: The U.S. Role Post-Sept. 11." Posner has traveled to more than 50 countries and has worked on human rights issues in every region of the world. He has testified before Congress dozens of times on a wide range of issues, from refugee and workers rights to policing in Northern Ireland to the rights of torture victims worldwide.

For more information on Posner's work, visit www.lehr.org

BURNING BUSH?

Did President George W. Bush send black helicopters to start the enormous B&B forest fire as a backdrop for his initiative to fight fires with more logging?

The online magazine *Salon* devoted a 3,000 word story to the question this month. The official cause of the fire hasn't been determined, but it took tens of millions of dollars and hundreds of firefighters to control.

"I smell a rat," Joe Keating of the Oregon Wildlife Federation told *Salon*. "These fires were the *perfect* backdrop for Bush to talk about his forest plan." — AP

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