

# West must watch out for USSR

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Winston S. Churchill, in his lecture, "Could the West Fall Without a Shot?" at Steinhaus Hall last Wednesday night, spoke out for promotion of US arms buildup, lower government spending, and more nuclear power plants to a generally receptive audience.

Between applause and camera flashes, Churchill repeated over and over again his concern about "the 500 percent Soviet arms buildup" over the past decade. "It's possible that World War III will come about because of the critical imbalance between European and Soviet weaponry. The odds are no longer stacked our way and the weakness in Europe is the weakness of the entire Western world," he said. "In the face of the Soviet buildup, it's beyond my understanding why the US has a policy of restraint in its cruise missile development."

The famous World War II leader's grandson added that he hoped Americans won't continue "contemplating their strategic navels while the Soviets continue to build." European frontiers are currently in danger of direct attack due to a lag in Western arms buildup as compared to USSR development, he said, and "with the simple threat of Soviet missiles, our freedom could be snatched from us without them having to fire one shot."

Churchill, a Conservative Party member of parliament in Britain, said he is in favor of Carter's SALT II proposals, but claimed they are "too weak" and that they do not place enough restraint on continued Soviet buildup. "We must seek to regain superiority in our defense," he said.

With the new Conservative Party majority in the United Kingdom, Churchill said government spending will be cut in most places, except the national defense. The one-time journalist covered the 1967 Six Day War in the Middle East, as well as the Vietnam War and the 1968 Demo-

cratic Convention in Chicago (where he was injured by city police), said the continued development of arms in Europe was imperative to reduce its "vulnerability" to Soviet advance in the future.

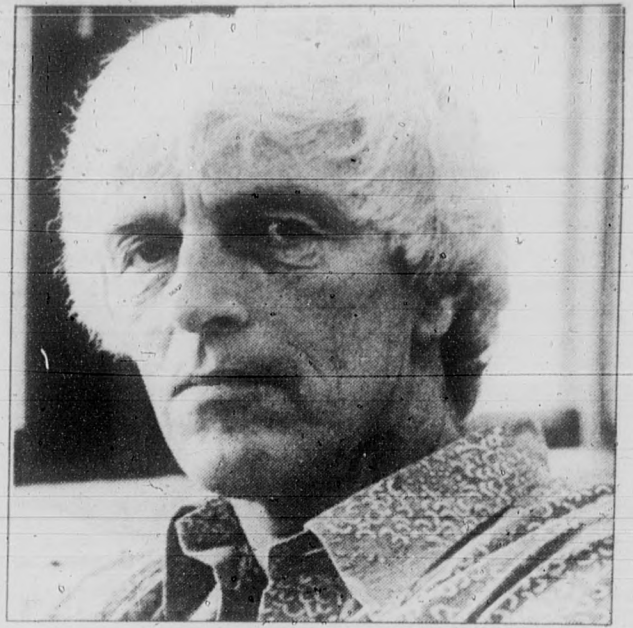
"There is no way we can call this the 'decade of detente' when there are twice as many nuclear arms in the world as there were in 1969."

Churchill also supported continued growth in nuclear energy in Britain as well as the US. "I admire the sincerity of your young demonstrators, but I cannot share in their misgivings about nuclear energy," he said. "There is more radioactivity released by coal power plants than by nuclear power stations every day. We must consider the energy crunch that will surely come in the decade ahead."

A member of the audience pointed out that it was not the day to day operation of a nuclear power plant that concerned protesters, but rather the possibility of an accident within its operations. "One problem could cause the deaths of as many people as a bomb," the listener said. Churchill, however, maintained his supportive position.

Before the lecture, Churchill told reporters he was "shocked" at the Irish Republican Army (IRA) assassination of Lord Mountbatten last month. However, he was not concerned about his own personal security, having driven from Los Angeles airport unescorted for the lecture.

"They've (the IRA) become a Marxist-Leninist organization," Churchill said. "It's no longer the group involved in the Easter uprisings of 50 to 60 years ago. They want to get rid of the current government and set up an alliance with the Soviet Union. I think that's clear from what their guru, Gerry Adams has said in several speeches. The misfortune is that Irish-Americans may not know their new intent, although I'm happy to see the US has greatly reduced its flow of cash and arms in recent years."



LINTON FREEMAN

## New dean named

Appointment of Dr. Linton C. Freeman as dean of the School of Social Sciences has been announced by Chancellor Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Freeman succeeds Dr. Christian Werner who resigned to return to full-time teaching.

The School of Social Sciences at UCI encompasses the disciplines of anthropology, comparative culture, economics, geography, political science, psychology, social science and sociology.

Freeman, an expert in the study of social networks, comes to UCI from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., where he was the Lucy G. Moses Distinguished Professor of Sociology since 1973.

He earned the bachelor of arts degree in psychology and sociology at Roosevelt University in Chicago, Ill.; the master of arts degree in sociology at the University of Hawaii and the doctor of philosophy degree in sociology at Northwestern University.

He began his teaching career at Syracuse University where he was assistant professor of sociology from 1956 to 1961 and associate professor from 1961 to 1967. He then served as professor of sociology and computer science at the University of Pittsburgh from 1967 to 1969 and later as professor of sociology and information science at the University of Hawaii from 1969 to 1972. He was named Killman Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology at Dalhousi University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for 1972-1973.

He has authored or coauthored numerous articles and five books on the subjects of anthropology, sociology, statistics, electronic communications and social networks.

Freeman is a resident of Laguna Beach. □

## SRFP to come under review

by C. Sharp

The Student Recommended Faculty Program (SRFP) will be reviewed by the Academic Senate at a meeting Thursday, October 11 at 3 pm in the University Club. The Senate's representative assembly will meet to consider continuing SRFP.

Triannually a review of the program and its effectiveness is conducted to ascertain that the standards set for the program are being met.

SRFP provides for students the opportunity to nominate and select faculty members. "If students are truly concerned about the quality of education on this campus,"

pointed out Bob Gomez, SRFP student commissioner, "then here is the opportunity for them to play an active part in selecting some of their instructors. We've got to keep the program going."

Gomez explained that the SRFP considers prospective instructors as teachers, as well as experts. "We are just as concerned about a person's knowledge of his subject as is the faculty. However, we place just as much emphasis on the actual teaching methods employed by the prospective instructor."

SRFP selects two percent of the total faculty at UCI each year, which is roughly eight positions.

Thursday's meeting is open to all interested students. □



## Safety at night with UCI escorts

by Deborah L. Slosberg

In recent years, the crime rate on UC campuses has been on the rise. A leisurely walk from a night class to the dorms, or only to the parking lot, is no longer one of enjoyment. Instead, students may be subject to assault, theft, maybe even rape.

Within the past year, at UC Irvine alone, there have been at least six reported incidences of rape and rape attempts, according to police reports. With statistics such as these, measures have been taken to protect the student body. Protection, at UCI, comes in the form of the CSO—Community Student Organization. This all-student group provides an on-call Escort service, located at the campus police station on Bridge road.

The Escort service, consisting of four men and four women, are available for assistance from dusk until 1 am. According to Mark Ralston, a CSO member in charge of

scheduling, they "welcome any and all calls." Ralston, a student at Cal State Fullerton, stresses, "We are here to serve the students. If you don't feel safe—anywhere within the vicinity of Verano Place to the dorms—don't hesitate. Give us a call."

The Escort service, now going into its third year at UCI, is still in its infancy stages. In hopes of becoming bigger and more effective, they now have use of several police force motor vehicles in order to cut response time down to a minimum. It used to take from twenty minutes to a half hour to respond to a call; it now takes only minutes. During the rainy season, the escort service will have access to covered vehicles.

The CSO is providing UCI with what one might call "preventive medicine." In other words, catch the crime before it catches you. The escort service staff guarantees "personable, enthusiastic service with a smile." For further information, call 833-5223, Campus Escort Service. □