

U.S. has the cheapest welfare state in the western world, author says

By FRANK BRUNI
Editorial Writer

In the world according to Michael Harrington, there exists an economic crisis "the likes of which the world has not seen in 100 years." The welfare state in the United States is ignorant of the toll this crisis has taken on the nation's poor, Harrington said Thursday afternoon in a speech before 225 people in Gerrard Hall.

"The crisis of the economy is causing a crisis of welfare," Harrington said. "The United States has the cheapest welfare state in the western world and is the least taxed country."

Harrington, the author of *The Other America, The Twilight of Capitalism* and the forthcoming *The Politics at God's Funeral*, is the chairman of the Democratic Socialists of America.

"We are the cheapest of advanced countries," Harrington said of the United States and its welfare state. He called social security and medicare "a terrific deal for the rich aged." Harrington said that through tax expenditures and capital gains deductions the government helps the rich more than the poor.

Harrington said that while government policies for the poor may have sufficed in the past, the new "crisis of the economy" has rendered them inadequate. He said that among the sources of the current economic crisis were changes in the international division of labor and the lack of national loyalty of U.S. corporations and western world capitalists who "export industrial revolutions... to Third World countries."

Harrington also pointed out the effects the technical revolution has had on manpower. "There is now the potential for computers replacing middle-management positions," he said.

Harrington said this crisis, along with President Reagan's

spending cuts, has created an expansion and diversity of poverty in America. He said there exists a new working class poverty, a "feminization of poverty," and competition between immigrant workers and poor people already living in the country.

Of Ronald Reagan and the policies of his administration, Harrington said he had "one kind word. Reagan is a radical who realizes that the old liberalism doesn't work anymore." Harrington said that Reagan is right in looking for alternatives to the old liberalism but his supply side economic theories were not working.

He said the biggest problem in planning future U.S. policy is determining "who's going to do it, how, and for what purpose." "The (American) people cannot participate directly in the planning," he said, "because the planning is very technical."

In light of this, Harrington said the government should "socialize information... give the people at the bottom the money to hire their own experts to challenge the government's experts."

Harrington said that "the world is moving inexorably toward collectivism" and that the United States cannot solve its own poverty problems without paying attention to poverty and the need for modernization in the Third World countries.

"The process of opening up the international economy... of politicizing economic issues... is what I call democratic socialism," Harrington said. "That ideal is not only practical in the far future; it should guide us in what we do tomorrow morning."

Harrington's speech, titled, "The Great Society: Where do we go from here?" was sponsored by the UNC-CH Democratic Socialists of America, the Campus Y Hunger Responsibility Committee and Critical Perspectives.

Cities' industry to drop, professor says

By TOM CONLON
Staff Writer

While American cities will offer greater opportunities for professional white-collar occupations in the future, manufacturing and industrial growth will continue to decline drastically, Professor John Kasarda, chairman of UNC's sociology department, said last week.

Kasarda spoke to sociology and other interested students at a departmental potluck dinner. The speech, titled "The Future of Cities," covered the industrial revolution to current lifestyles of the cities.

"Cities once served as magnets for lesser skilled people by providing springboards for social mobility," Kasarda said. "Workers were restrained to pedestrian mobility. In 1899, the average commuting distance from home to work in New York City was two blocks."

The past 25 years have brought a steady decline of manufacturing in central cities due to modern technology, commuting patterns, union wages and space requirements, Kasarda said.

"Manufacturing cannot afford to exist with high union wage scales and land costs in central business districts," he said. "Most industries were located in central business districts, but today they can only expand vertically there. And downtown has no room for a long spread-out manufacturing building any more. You can't manufacture in a 30-story building, but you can use such a building for professional offices and high technology."

Despite rising unemployment in blue-collar and unskilled labor in the central cities, Kasarda said, minority and poor people continue to migrate to the large cities. "What attracts these people to the city when there's no traditional job economy?"

Kasarda said traditional economies have been replaced by the welfare and underground economies, which consist of barter, black markets and organized crime.

"When the government realized jobs were leaving the cities, it provided food stamps, public housing and welfare subsidies," he said. "It gave people fewer options and made them dependent on government assistance."

"Instead of building public housing and holding the poor to ghettos, the money for those projects should go to the poor who can pick out a place to live in the city of their own choosing. Vouchers should be used to ensure that the Fair Housing Act (anti-discrimination legislation preventing owners from not renting to minority groups) is enforced and that these people can select a place that's best for them."

The back-to-the-city movement is misleading because more middle-class families leave for every rich family moving back to the city, Kasarda said. "As cities continue to grow in white-collar industries, we will have a bi-modal distribution of people. Only the very rich and very poor will live in the city — the middle-class people will have left for the suburbs," he said.

State and Nation

The Associated Press

RANGOON, Burma — A terrorist bomb apparently meant for South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan ripped through a memorial site Sunday, killing four of his Cabinet ministers, the ambassador to Burma and several top aides minutes before he arrived.

The governments of Burma and South Korea said 16 South Koreans and three Burmese journalists were killed by the explosion at the Martyr's Mausoleum in Rangoon. They said at least 48 people were wounded, including two Burmese Cabinet ministers and 15 high-ranking South Koreans.

South Korean officials accused North Korea of engineering the explosion, which devastated the senior leadership of Chun's government. It came on the first day of a scheduled 18-day presidential goodwill tour.

CATACAMAS, Honduras — Honduran soldiers patrolling the road to the El Aguacate base outside this mountain town say American troops frequently join them on their search for leftist guerrillas. U.S. military officials deny involvement in the operations.

Joining anti-rebel sweeps would go beyond the announced scope of joint U.S.-Honduran military exercises that started in August and are scheduled to last at least four more months.

The Honduran troops told an Associated Press reporter here that a dozen armed U.S. soldiers were present when 100 government troops trapped the leader of a rebel band and killed him and seven companions. The Hondurans said the Americans did not take part in the firefight.

A U.S. military officer, who spoke on condition he not be identified, denied any knowledge of American troops participating in anti-guerrilla operations. The officer was interviewed in the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa.

LONDON — Hundreds of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators are expected on the streets of Western Europe in the next few weeks as NATO moves toward stationing new American missiles in Europe.

Two U.S. Marines slightly wounded

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two U.S. Marines were slightly wounded and a U.S. helicopter was hit by small arms fire Sunday at the Marine encampment near Beirut International Airport.

Some of the American units were put on alert as sporadic exchanges of fire between Shiite Muslim militiamen and the Lebanese army continued in nearby neighborhoods despite the cease-fire in Lebanon's civil war.

U.S. Middle East envoy Robert C. McFarlane met in Damascus with Syria's foreign minister in an effort to strengthen the cease-fire.

Maj. Robert Jordan, a Marine spokesman, said one soldier was hit in the heel Saturday night by a stray round near the main entrance to the Marines' airport encampment.

The other Marine was shot in the shoulder Sunday morning at the Marine

position near the Lebanese Scientific University east of the airport, he said.

The two Marines, who were not immediately identified, were treated at the Marine base and released.

Jordan described the shooting as a possible effort to "goad the Marines into action." He said the Marines did not shoot back in either incident.

Also Sunday morning, a U.S. helicopter parked near the Marine camp was struck by small-arms fire, but there were no injuries, Jordan said.

Warrant Officer Charles Rowe said several Marine units remained on alert as "some random shots" were fired throughout the day near the U.S. position at the university.

McFarlane's meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam came one day after he briefed Lebanese President Amin Gemayel on efforts to create an international observation force to police the two-week-old cease-fire.

McFarlane returned to Beirut on Sunday evening without meeting Syrian President Hafez Assad as some reports in Damascus had said he would.

In addition to seeking agreement on the cease-fire observation force, McFarlane has been discussing plans for a reconciliation conference to debate the distribution of power in Lebanon. The conference has been delayed by disagreement on a site.

Observers from Syria and Saudi Arabia are to attend.

In Paris, Saudi mediator Rafic Hariri met with Raymond Ede, a Maronite Christian liberal who has been living in self-imposed exile in France since surviving three assassination attempts in Beirut in 1977.

Ede, one of nine Lebanese leaders invited to the reconciliation congress, said he told Hariri he would take no position and make no public declaration yet.

deaths

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sophomore, lived in 328 Avery. Fields, a freshman, lives in 338 Morrison.

"It shocked the dorm," said Phillip Timmons, a third floor resident assistant in Hinton James. "I can't think of any incident that touched so many people at one time." He said he spent most of Friday night and Saturday evening with friends of the women in the residence hall.

The women often attended St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church on Merritt Mill Road, said the church's pastor, the Rev. B.

Willis Wilson II. "They were college girls who were fun-loving, polite and courteous," he said. "They were very supportive in terms of attendance. It was obvious they came from Christian homes and were highly respected."

Wilson said the deaths of the girls were announced Sunday morning in the church, which is attended by many UNC students. "When I announced it there was great remorse, loss, sorrow and sadness," he said. "It took the congregation by shock and surprise. It set several people back."

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DOES SCOTT P. Fold GIRL'S panties at Soap's for the pay, or for the experience? He turned 21 last Saturday. Happy Birthday Boy. Your Brothers.