

Nicaragua, 'Homegrown' trouble

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Even if the Soviet Union and Cuba did not exist, the United States would be facing the same threat in Central America as it does today, a former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador and Paraguay told an audience of about 300 people Monday night in Gerrard Hall.

Robert E. White said Central American revolutions grew out of desperate poverty, barbarism and a variety of other factors.

"Neither the Soviet Union or Cuba play any appreciable role in Nicaragua," he added. "The revolution there was an authentic, homegrown revolution."

White delivered the annual Hanes-Willis lecture, which is part of a lecture series made possible by the Hanes-Willis funding to the Arts and Science Foundation. The fund is rotated annually throughout the College of Arts and

Sciences to sponsor visiting professorships and other programs.

White said he questioned President Ronald Reagan's attempts to restrain Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista regime by giving aid to the Contras.

"Although there is a legitimate security objective in Nicaragua, there's also a way for the U.S. to achieve national security without military action," White said.

"All foreign forces should be excluded from the country. That would include the U.S. but also the Soviet Union and Cuba."

White said the United States thought it could provide aid to Contras to put down the Sandinistas and the problem would be solved. However, the actual problem is the origin of the Sandinistas, he said.

"The problem with the Sandinistas

is that they are soldiers," he said. "When they're attacked, they organize society along military lines. The Contras also can never overcome their military origin."

The Reagan administration was not really apprehensive of a possible Communist takeover in Central America, he said.

"The Reagan administration fears an independent revolution because if they (the Central American nations) . . . are not taken over by Communists, the U.S. won't have an excuse for much of its involvement in other countries, such as the Honduras," White said.

White compared the Nicaraguan crisis to the Vietnam War, citing the divisions in U.S. foreign policy over both issues.

"The U.S. seems to have an obsession with winning Nicaragua," he said. "It's

as though they (foreign policy leaders) want to demonstrate in Nicaragua what they could have done in Vietnam had they been in control."

White criticized the Reagan administration and attributed its inefficient foreign policy to the polarity of ignorance and intelligence in the government.

"Those people with power insist on ignorance while those who have knowledge are powerless and have no direct lines to any power," White said.

He added that the U.S. misconception of its foreign success further hindered any chances of resolving Central American conflict.

"The U.S. bills El Salvador a success despite the rising cost of living as well as the rising discontent," he said.

White said the El Salvadoran military remained above the law despite what he called "unspeakable atrocities."

Israeli planes bomb Palestinian guerrilla strongholds, refugees

From Associated Press reports

SIDON, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes Monday bombed Palestinian guerrilla strongholds and refugee camps around the southern Lebanese port city for the second time in two weeks.

State-run radio reported two people were killed and 22 were wounded. Police and hospitals in Sidon, however, said six civilians were injured. No immediate explanation was given for the conflicting reports.

A guerrilla spokesman, who identified himself only by his nom de guerre, Abu Ghaleb, said there were no casualties among Palestinian fighters, because they left most of the military centers after an Israeli air strike eleven days ago.

Martin might change policy

RALEIGH — Whether Gov. Jim Martin pushes for a tax increase or asks the Legislature for a bond issue to breathe new life into state revenues, economic realities will be shaping a policy he might never have considered on the campaign trail.

In 1984, Martin became North

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Carolina's second Republican governor after campaigning on a tax-cut platform. Now, Martin, faced with a dwindling state highway fund and imminent cuts in federal funding for state and local government, is scheduled to unveil his highway proposal in about two weeks. C.C. Cameron, Martin's chief budget officer predicts that it will contain a gasoline tax increase.

No agreement made on oil prices

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Vice President George Bush said Monday during his three days of talks with leaders of this oil-rich desert kingdom that no solution had been reached on ways to stabilize plunging oil prices.

Bush also said the United States and Saudi Arabia disagreed on desired oil price levels, "because I think in their view, the stronger the price for international oil the better . . . That does not coincide with the best interest of the United States."

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run must be placed in the box outside the Daily Tar Heel office, Room 104 of the Student Union, by noon one day before the event — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. Only announcements from University-recognized and campus organizations will be printed.

Tuesday

3:00 p.m. UNC School of Business hosts Samuel Schwartz, Executive Vice President of Conoco, Inc., to speak on "American Business

Responds to International Trends in Energy Industries," 02 Carroll.

7:00 p.m. Carolina Comic Book Club meeting to show "Dragonlayer," Union. All comic book fans welcome.

North Carolina Student Legislature elections meeting, 226 Union.

UNC Pre-Law Club meeting, 224 Union. Everyone invited.

8:00 p.m. Carolina Symposium hosting speaker Dr. James Childress, one of America's foremost medical ethicists, to speak on "Ethics and Biomedical Technology: The Case of Organ Transplantation," Hanes Art

Center

Campus Care AA meeting in library of Wesley Foundation, Pittsboro Street, behind the Carolina Inn.

Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association hosting "Common Woman Chorus" in concert, Gerrard. Tickets in advance or at door - \$3; \$2 students and senior citizens.

Items of Interest

Preregistration for Student Parking Permits for 1986-87 will be held at the Traffic Office in the basement of the

Campus Y building, through May 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students living within 1/2 miles from the Bell Tower will not be eligible. No applications accepted by mail.

1986 Yackety Yack holding a sales drive through Friday, April 11, 106 Union or stop by the table in the Pit.

1986-87 Glee Club auditions: through April 10. See class schedule for rehearsal times. Call Director Michael Tamte-Horan at 962-5695 or 962-1039 for more information.

VITA offers free Income Tax help, 213 Union, on Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. UNC Young Democrats meeting tonight, 224 Union.

For the Record

Monday's story on Republican congressional candidate Jo Ann Austell incorrectly quoted Austell as saying she was a "single issue candidate." Although

she said her main concern was tax reform, she did not say she was running solely on the issue. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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