

Professor says U.S. wastes money on arms

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Americans are not only citizens of the United States but members of a "global village" — the world, a Georgetown University law professor told a Lincoln audience. Robert Drinan, who also is a Jesuit priest, said world population will increase by about 2 billion in the next 15 years, yet no one is planning for these people.

Drinan, who spoke at Wesleyan University last week, served as a

congressman from Massachusetts' 4th District from 1971 to 1981. He also wrote several publications about international human rights, international law and nuclear arms and law.

Although the people of the United States make up only 5 percent of the world's population, they consume 40 percent of its resources, Drinan said. At the same time, drought, famine and lack of health care take thousands of lives in Third World countries each day. Fifteen of every 100 children born in the

Third World die before the age of 5. Drinan told about visiting with a Latin American priest who said he buried 15 to 20 children every week.

"Yes, we are our brother's keeper because we are our brother's brother," Drinan said, "and we all have a moral obligation to help those in other parts of the world."

Drinan said he senses "a wave of neo-isolation" in the United States — an attitude that as long as we aren't suffering or directly affected, we should let others take care of their own problems.

We probably will look back on 1974 to 1980 as the golden age of human rights, he said, because of the Carter administration's progressive human rights legislation.

Under Carter, Congress passed legislation denying aid to countries that deny its citizens internationally recognized human rights, which are determined by the United Nations. This action resulted in the termination of aid to about six or seven Latin American countries, Drinan said.

"The Reagan administration's policy toward human rights had a bad impact on the situation," Drinan said. The United States ranks 15th of 17 countries in the amount of aid it gives the Third World.

Most of the dollars that could feed our "fellow villagers" are spent on armaments, he said, noting that \$660 billion are spent on arms in the world every year.

"We're wasting our resources on arms spending," he said.

The nuclear issue was not highlighted during the '84 campaign because Reagan exploited the public's fear of the communists and their "evil empire." The administration tried to show proponents of the nuclear freeze as soft against communists and made the Democrats appear unwilling to defend their country, he said.

He said Reagan always has gone on-record as opposing bans on arms such as the nuclear test ban treaty and Salt II.

"He had a terrible record and has one now," Drinan said. "If he goes the same way for another four years, history will judge him a failure and a big obstacle to arms negotiations."

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Labeledz thinks the power of the speaker may be a bit overblown. "The speaker can't become so all powerful that it will hurt the process," Labeledz said. "It's a touchy job only when an amendment to a bill comes to the floor."

Although Labeledz said she can't change procedures that already are established, she thinks that she can set up an effective agenda, direct positive discussion on the floor and move the Legislature to speedy, yet thoughtful, decisions.

"People respect me," Labeledz said. "They know what my political positions are and they trust me."

Nichol expects the Legislature to spend its time on a variety of bills this session. He said some bills, especially those concerning Christian schools and the governor's budget, will invoke a lot of conversation. The Legislature will need an experienced speaker to lead the discussion, Nichol said.

"It takes finesse in handling these things," he said. "It would be nice for her to be the first lady speaker, but I think we've been so successful that it would be hard to change."

Labeledz thinks she can bring about that change.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 12:06 a.m. and 10:46 p.m. Sunday.

12:06 a.m. — Food items reported stolen from Harper Hall.

12:28 a.m. — Person arrested on a warrant after being stopped for a traffic violation at 18th and R streets.

3:44 a.m. — Allegedly intoxicated person reported sleeping in the hallway at 3303 Starr St. Officers contacted the person.

8:19 a.m. — Mirror reported broken on a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 17th and R streets.

8:21 a.m. — Mirror reported broken on a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 17th and R streets.

9:20 a.m. — Person reported attempting to steal gasoline from a vehicle in Parking Area 3 on New Hampshire Street.

10:21 a.m. — Three incidents of alleged vandalism reported to vehicles on S Street between 15th and 16th streets. Antennas were reported broken.

12:26 p.m. — Clothes reported stolen from the laundry room in Nelhardt Residence Center.

1:02 p.m. — UNL police assisted Lincoln police with a car and bicycle accident at 12th and Q streets. No injuries were reported.

1:52 p.m. — Scratches reported on a vehicle in Parking Area 1 near 17th and R streets.

4:35 p.m. — Burglary reported at Nelhardt Residence Center.

5:28 p.m. — Attempted burglary reported at Schulte Fieldhouse.

7:13 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from Ferguson Hall.

7:58 p.m. — Clothes reported stolen from the laundry room in Nelhardt Residence Center.

9:50 p.m. — Alleged vandalism reported to a vehicle on 15th Street between S and U streets. Person allegedly had walked on the vehicle.

10:46 p.m. — Burglary reported at Nelhardt Residence Center.