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Groups to rally against U.S. military involvement

By Patti Gallagher

The United States military involvement in El Salvador is a misdirected signal to the Soviet Union that the United States will not tolerate Soviet interference in South America, according to a member of Nebraskans for Peace, one of the groups planning a rally on the issues.

But instead the signal has become to the Soviets and other European countries, that the U.S. will tolerate violations of human rights, said Ann Stillman, a member of the board of directors for Nebraskans for Peace.

The U.S. military presence in El Salvador is also a signal to the USSR that "It in turn, is free to pursue military involvement in Poland to protect its own interests," Stillman said.

Nebraskans for Peace, with 12 other groups, is sponsoring a Sunday rally to oppose U.S. military presence in El Salvador. The rally begins at 2 p.m. on the north steps of the State Capitol.

. Stillman said the majority of her group opposes the increase of federal dollars to military. She said the 1981 budget bill in the House of Representatives calls for \$26 million for aid to El Salvador.

Should mediate

"It is our feeling that the United States should be encouraging dialogue and mediation with all parties of the conflict," Stillman said.

But, she said, the U.S. instead encourages military solutions.

Involvement in El Salvador is "another example of the United States' attempt to maintain its economic interests the world over," said Teresa Holder, a member of UNL's Progressive Student Union.

She said it also is keeping in trend with the United States' swing to the right and away from moderation in military affairs, as well as an attempt to give the declining economy support and utilize the country's unemployed. Jan Deeds, an ASUN senator representing the Feminist-Socialist Party of ASUN, and the Feminist Action Alliance, said the U.S. involvement in El Salvador is indirect violence to women.

Because the Reagan administration is funneling so many dollars into military, social programs are being cut, Deeds said. The result is less funding for programs to help single women who have children, she said.

50-year struggle

A struggle for justice and an end of oppression has existed for 50 years in El Salvador, according to Tom Kozeny, a priest at Lincoln's Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The current violence, Kozeny said, is the result of people speaking up about continued poverty and denial of human rights.

Kozeny will speak at the rally, representing the El Salvadoran Solidarity Task Force of the Catholic Hispanic Community.

Ron Kurtenbach, radio director of KZUM, said U.S. citizens must transform the country into a democratic process. If they don't, the United States could follow the pattern of El Salvador and Vietnam, Kurtenbach said.

"If Reagan can do this in El Salvador, then what would be necessary to turn those guns on people in this country?" he said.

Also sponsoring the rally will be the Lincoln New American Labor Movement and the Open Harvest board of directors and staff. UNL sponsors include the United Chicanos and Chicanas of Aztlan, the Iranian Student Association, the Student Y, the Afrikan People's Union, the Mexican American Student Association and the Chicano Graduate Student association.

Besides Kozeny, Joe Swanson of the United Transportation Union, and Merle Hansen and Suzy Prenger of the Nebraskans for Peace will speak at the rally.

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East Campus oil explosion destroys unit

An East Campus explosion caused \$850 damage to an oil-digesting unit Wednesday morning. UNL police reported.

Officer Mark Murphy said the explosion was contained to the unit in Room 21 of Filley Hall. The explosion destroyed the unit, he said.

The unit digested oil samples and the explosion occurred when percholic acid overreacted with corn oil, Murphy said. The corn oil was a new sample, and the acid reacted more than the testers expected, he said.

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