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U.S. foreign involvement protested

By Jonathan Taylor

Starting an anti-war movement before a war starts was one objective of the "March on Washington" demonstration against U.S. foreign policy said Marcus Holder, a member of the Latin American Solidarity Committee. Holder spoke at a press conference on the west side of the Federal Building, 15th and O streets, Monday.

Holder, an undeclared freshman, was one of 30 Nebraskans who participated in a protest on Saturday in Washington D.C.

More than 20,000 demonstrators from all over the world protested United States intervention in Central American and Caribbean countries, Holder said, and they wanted to take "no part of another rich man's war."

A demand for jobs, peace and justice and reduction in nuclear arms was also stressed by the 100-plus organizations that demonstrated at the capitol.

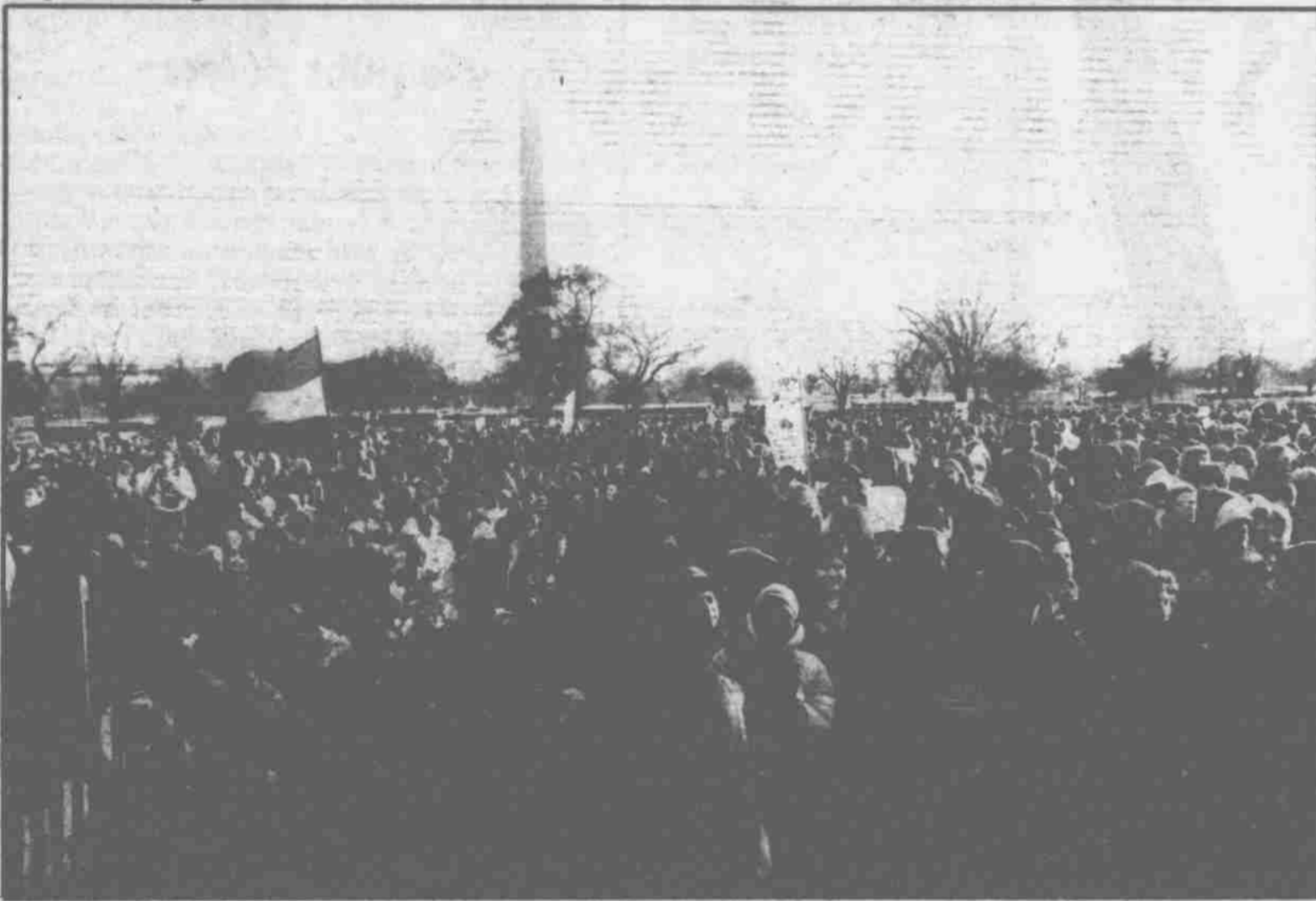
The demonstrators gathered at three separate rally sites and converged on the White House where they continued to the ellipse to listen to speakers and watch performers give a short program.

"Circles of Sanctuary and Solidarity" was the theme for the protest that began at the headquarters of the Immigration and Naturalization Department. At the Department of Health and Human Services, black, latin, community women and labor groups gathered for a "community speak out." A protest against American foreign policy took place at the State Department.

At the Ellipse, folk musicians Peter, Paul and Mary conducted a sing-along. The Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rep. Ted Weiss, D-New York, spoke after the sing-along. Jackson condemned the invasion of Grenada and urged the U.S. to pull out of Lebanon. Weiss introduced a bill to impeach Reagan.

The U.S. invasion of Grenada increased CIA activity in Nicaragua has been looked at as a "softening-up point," to a full scale invasion of Nicaragua, Holder said.

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A crowd of about 20,000 protesters filled the Ellipse between the Washington Monument and the White House Saturday during a rally opposing U.S. intervention in Central America and the Caribbean.

Staff photo by Dan Kuhns

Gay student group sponsors forum

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association is sponsoring three presentations this week in the Nebraska Union.

A panel discussion on the connections between the gay liberation and feminist movement is scheduled for today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Panelists include Bruce Kochis, associate professor of modern languages; Scott Stebelman, associate professor

of libraries; Jan Deeds, an educational psychology graduate student; and Trittonis Island. The purpose of this forum, Stebelman said, is to inform people about common issues in each movement.

A panel will discuss homosexuality and religion Thursday. Stebelman said this session is an attempt to help gay persons better understand how religion can fit into their sexuality and how churches are dealing with homosexuality. Members of this panel are The Rev. Ben Roe of the Ministry of Human Sexuality, Rev. Larry Doerr of Commonplace, and Rev. Jan Kross of the Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha.

UNL English professor Louis Crompton will give a slide presentation on the treatment of homosexuality in the arts from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday.

Stebelman said the goal of this series of discussions is to provide information to gay men about what it means to be gay, and the types of social issues that could be addressed so they can deal intelligently with their sexuality. The programs are also intended to generate information for heterosexuals, providing a sense of community and understanding.

In conjunction with the presentation, the GLSA is sponsoring informational exhibits on homosexuality. The exhibits will be displayed in Love Library display cases.

Stebelman said the purpose of the display is to provide informational resources to those who might be doing research on gay studies. These areas include gay history and political and social science issues.

GLSA secretary Eric Peterson said one of the functions of the displays is to point out the roles that gay men and lesbians play in society. Only in the recent past has the information become accessible, he added.

"The goal of this is to let gay and lesbian students know we're trying to create a new atmosphere," Peterson said. The Gay/Lesbian Student Association meets in Andrews 228 at 8 p.m. Thursdays.

Adversary system fair, Lind says

By Lauri Hopple

If a society's primary judicial goal is fairness, it is difficult to use any system but the adversary system, Dr. E. Allan Lind said Monday at the UNL Law College at a Law-Psychology Colloquium.

Lind, a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, spoke on the psychology of public perceptions of different court proceedings.

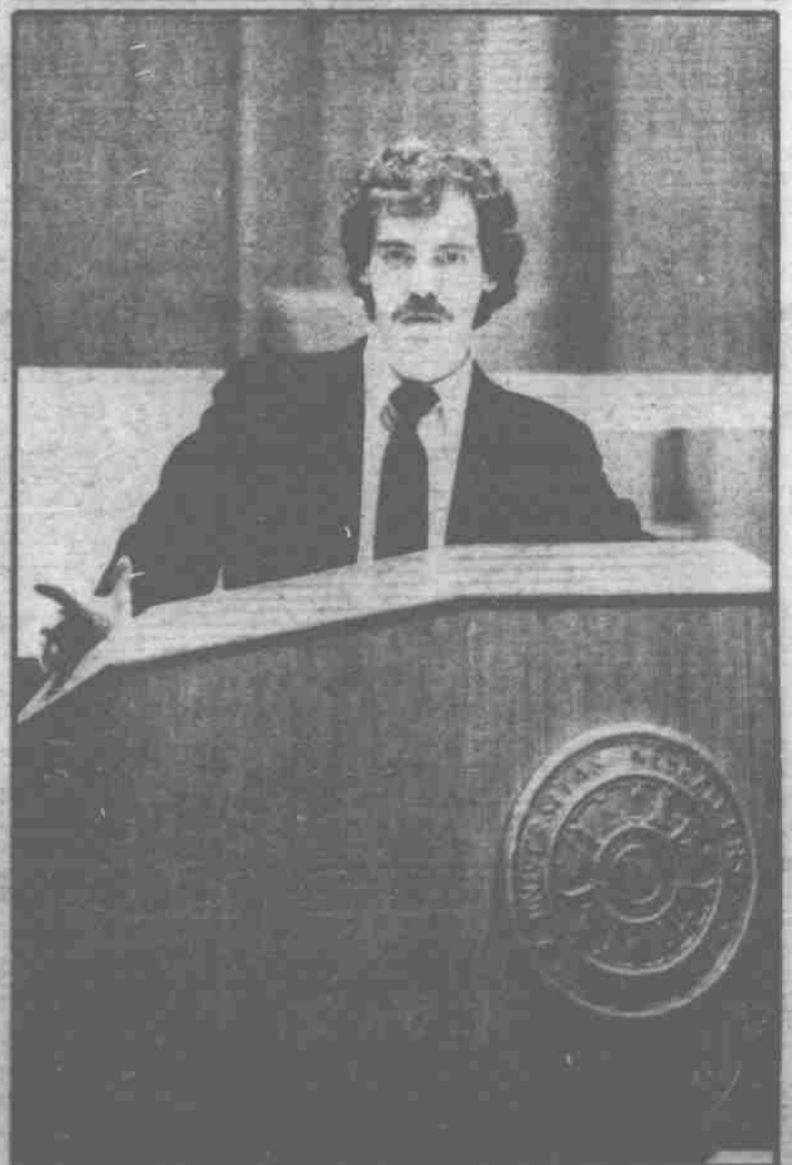
The adversary system, used in the United States and in other western countries, allows attorneys to control the questioning and presentation of evidence to the court for their clients, Lind said.

The non-adversary system, used primarily in eastern countries, allows the judge to do the questioning after a court-appointed delegate gives the judge the evidence, he said.

His studies, which began 10 years ago, were not to prove whether judicial procedures are actually fair, he said, but whether they are perceived as being fair.

His first study on these perceptions involved a courtroom simulation: two teams were led to believe that one had cheated the other and they set up a "bare-bones" court hearings, Lind said. One hearing was adversary, the other non-adversary.

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E. Allan Lind

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