Laird predicts war end

WASHINGTON UPI—Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird said today the United States will maintain naval and air forces in Southeast Asia, indefinitely but there will be no fresh commitments of "massive manpower" there.

Laird also said the American combat role in Vietnam will end this summer, but that U.S. forces will be involved in some forms of defensive combat beyond that point.

He refused to say when the American presence in Vietnam might completely end.

In a Pentagon news conference, the Defense Secretary said the Vietnamization program is succeeding and that the new thrust of Defense Department planning is aimed for when the war is ended.

In this respect, he said, the United States should give financial and arms assistance to the nations of Southeast Asia that would enable them to make the best possible use of their own manpower and resources.

"We should not make the mistake of committing massive manpower to that part of the world," Laird said. "Military assistance—yes; American ground troops, manpower—no."

Without making any prediction of a specific date, Laird said combat responsibility in Vietnam will be turned over to the Vietnamese armed forces "in the summer period." He denied that the rising of the South Vietnamese army during the invasion of Laos had slowed down the process.

In a Pentagon briefing yesterday, the secretary said: "To say that we would not have a presence in Asia after Vietnam would mean that the idea of realistic deterrence . . . would certainly be misleading.

I would envision that U.S. presence in Asia as far as naval forces are concerned, as far as air power is concerned, that this would be part of the realistic deterrent we would maintain in Asia.

Declaring that President Nixon is "in a position to say . . . that the U.S. will maintain an Indefinite naval and air presence in Southeast Asia, but that the American combat role will end by summer.

Budget is campus' future—Kennedy

"Cal Poly...is something of a marvel in the state college system," stated President Robert Kennedy.

Kennedy sought in testimony Monday, before a legislative subcommittee in Sacramento, to point out the results of budget cuts that could result in a "poor campus" this year.

He justified special attention to our college's needs by reminding the committee that the campus is a vocational technical school rather than a teacher training center, a necessity in today's technology-oriented society.

The speech enumerated five major cuts that could result from budget cuts: faculty cutbacks, equipment reduction, maintenance, non-implementation of Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), and withdrawals of foreign students. Kennedy said the laboratory and non-lecture classes that maintain this campus "learn by doing" concept, are fixed-station instruction units.

Instead of expansion, classes will have to be dropped from the curriculum, making degree requirements that much harder for the average Poly student to get.

Kennedy said accreditation for such programs as the English curriculum will be endangered, according to Kennedy, if modern equipment is not secured.

This campus' reputation for reason and constructive change rather than rhetoric and destructive change was attributed by Kennedy to the positive working relationship between faculty and students. He warned that this may be impaired by lack of morale at present faculty and poor quality of newly recruited faculty.

EOP will perhaps be hardest hit by the budget cuts. The program raises only $3,500 in the new budget in comparison to $29,585 for the current year. The new figure would provide the average student with $311, not enough to cover fees for a year.

Foreign students are in as much trouble as EOP students. They face increased tuition which they have not budgeted for in their original college plans. Unless the "grandfather clause," allowing currently enrolled students to freeze their tuition at $600, is accepted many foreign students will be forced to leave college.

Vowing to better inform students, faculty and members of the San Luis Obispo community about issues of campus concern, the first "Open Forum" meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the College Union.

The first meeting, according to Asl President Paul Banks, will deal with "Encounter: the Community."

Kennedy will be present for the meeting.

Laying it on the line

San Luis Obispo Mayor Kenneth Schwarts will lay it all on the line Thursday in Mission Plaza. On stake will be the honor of San Luis Obispo, Poly Royal and the respect of his councilmen.

Thursday will see Schwarts lay blow 1 on the starting line against Councilman Emmone Blake's Slow 3, Councilman Myron Graham's Slow 3, Councilman Donald Q. Miller's Slow 4, and Countmacn Art Springer's Slow 5.

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‘Birds, bees, flowers, trees’  
What’s happening to campus circulation? It seems to be a question leaving Mr. Maurer (Moutag Daily April 14) confused, as confused, in fact, that his imagination cannot even function properly.

In answer to his question, on-campus circulation is being done on foot and by bicycle. Cars are no longer used, so why do we need a massive street of asphalt between the library and the Engineering East building? True, it is a means of transportation, but what if we made this “street” adaptable to its new function? Let’s make it an enjoyable space to pass through and separate the function of transportation and relaxation. The library lawn and the “street.” What better solution can there be than the use of naturally colorful planters defining two separate outdoor spaces? The existing trees will provide plenty afternoon shade to ensure “healthy” year-around plants. The library lawn will not be an open come-and-go transportation.
Catholic talk praises young

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—The president of Notre Dame University says Catholic educators should learn from the young and promote the traditional Catholic values of peace, nonviolence and equal rights.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh made the remarks Monday in a keynote address to the 68th annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Hesburgh said the youth revolution stemmed from "a new perception of human dignity, a new concern to achieve more dignity and sanctity for human life, more meaning and more rights for all human beings.

In this, the young were discovering anew, and often without help, exactly what Catholic education had been organized originally to inspire, to educate, to promote, to create a university, there were over 30 Peace Corps volunteers started work at Notre Dame yesterday. "The event will take place at the Standard gas station opposite the Taco Bell drive-in on Santa Rose Street from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The cost will be 90 cents per car with the proceeds going toward the veteran's Peace Corps fund.

Travel and experience free verse

A free, dramatic program of bilingual poetry will be performed this week by the Teatro de Camara.

According to Dr. Verian Stahl, the program of eloquent blends of Spanish and English verse will be presented on Thursday, April 30 at 8 p.m. at Cal State Fullerton.

Students from this campus who desire to attend but lack transportation can reserve a $1 round trip bus ticket by calling 546-2636. A charter party bus will leave campus at 3:30 p.m. and return at 11 p.m.

Reservations must be made in advance.

Teatro de Camara is a cultural non-profit organization of several well known bilingual actors and actresses that performs classic and contemporary drama. The poetry dramatization will feature new poets of Mexico and Chile.

Dr. Verian Stahl, chairman of foreign languages at Fullerton, will narrate the program.

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The Mustang track and field team, after its one-meet home season, takes to the road again this weekend, battling archrival Fresno State in Ratcliffe Stadium Saturday.

The must be one to watch, according to Steve Bismark, head coach of the local. He anticipates excellent races in the quarter mile, steeplechase, mile relay and the mile run. The Bulldogs appear to have a one-man team in Rudy Morris, who was selected Fresno's Player of the Week earlier this season. Morris calls Fresno's Player of the Week the national record with a leap of 7 feet.

The Mui tang track and field meet should be one to remember, according to the Mustang mentor. The Mustangs opened and closed their home season on Saturday, picking up their first victory along the way. They amassed 113 points to defeat the Poly Pomona Broncos (SO), 100- and 20.9 in the longer race. High Jumper Reynaldo Brown stands at 9-1 for the year.

Both times were wind-aided. The squad while breaking the school record with a leap of 7 feet. The Mustang mentor has been a member of the NCAA for 34 years, four more than the minimum required for consideration as a "Distinguished Coach." He has directed the aquatic phase of this school's Workshop and conducted the championship meet are other criteria considered by the committee in bestowing the honor on Anderson. Anderson joined the faculty here in September, 1947, and has served as water polo and swimming coach ever since. He was a three-year regular in both sports at Southern California prior to his graduation in 1942. While working toward his master's degree at USC in 1940-41, he served the university as assistant coach in both sports.

**Spikers on top in recent meet**

**Distinguished award for Anderson**

Dick Anderson, who recently completed his 26th year as water polo and swimming coach for the Mustangs, has been recognized by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America as a "Distinguished Coach." Anderson served the CSCS as its president in 1968-70 and was immediate past president last season. He served six years as the organization's executive council and for eight years chaired the special awards committee.

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