Brown Urges UC Board
to Create Peace Center

Wants Regents to Fund Project With Money
Received for Running U.S. A-Weapons Labs

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Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. proposed to the Board of Regents Thursday that the University of California set up a peace institute with part of the money it receives for running the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories.

Brown, who has been thwarted in his efforts to alter the university's ties with the weapons labs, urged the regents to "make a tangible commitment to investigate ways to reduce the absolute numbers of nuclear weapons in the world and to decrease the risk of nuclear war."

In a letter to David Saxon, president of the university, and in a five-page proposal that accompanied it, Brown called for the university to create a center for global security and cooperation, starting with 15 professionals and 10 staff members and eventually growing to between 50 and 100 staff members.

No Recommendation

The initial cost, he said, would range from $1.5 million to $2 million, which he said, could be paid for by the $4 million that the university receives as its management fee from the U.S. Department of Energy for running the Lawrence Livermore, Lawrence Berkeley and Los Alamos laboratories and the Laboratory for Biomedical and Environmental Sciences.

U.S. nuclear weapons are designed at Lawrence Livermore and at Los Alamos under an arrangement that dates back to the Manhattan Project of World War II, which developed the first atomic bombs.

Brown's proposal did not include a recommendation on which campus should have the new think tank. He said that appropriate areas for its research would include nuclear arms agreements and treaties, proliferation and the implications of particular weapon systems' development and deployment.

AFL-CIO to Demonstrate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The AFL-CIO announced Thursday that it will conduct a Solidarity Day demonstration in Washington Sept. 19 to protest Reagan Administration economic and social programs.

Panel Approves Semester System for UC Berkeley

A committee of the University of California Board of Regents voted Thursday to put the Berkeley campus back on the semester system starting in the 1983-84 academic year. Approval by the full board is expected today.

The remaining eight campuses of the university will remain on the quarter system.

Berkeley went from semesters to quarters a dozen years ago as a means of making year-round use of the campus. Now its faculty and administration have decided that 10-week quarters are too rushed and they prefer the more leisurely 15-week semesters.

David Saxon, president of the university, told the regents that there is no pedagogical imperative for one system or the other. Harvard uses semesters, he said, while Stanford uses quarters. MIT uses semesters; Caltech uses quarters.