

# 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 sever the university's ties with the weapons lab, 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.

"The center may also help to eliminate the pressures of Third World development and their potential linkage with increased nuclear risk," the governor's proposal said.

Brown, who is a regent, did not attend Thursday's session at the Los Angeles Convention Center, but he was expected to attend today's full board meeting, when the regents will officially approve a five-year extension of the university's management of the laboratories.

His peace institute proposal is not on the agenda for today's meeting, although Brown could bring it up. A spokesman for Saxon, the university president, said noncommittally that the governor's proposal would be taken under study.

Brown's letter was released on the same day that the regents Committee on Oversight held an hour-long public hearing in which it heard from opponents of the university's relationship with the weapons labs.

Although many security guards were present in the event of disturbances, only a few dozen protesters showed up, and the hearing was mild-mannered. Speakers were applauded for their remarks, but audience members were less than fervent, as if they recognized the futility of their effort to change the regents' minds.

## Prepared to Protest

"UC can only be viewed as part of the worldwide partnership in the militarization of the earth," Diane Thomas-Glass of San Francisco charged. "The facts are all against you," she said, "and we are fully prepared to protest our outrage for another five years."

At the conclusion of the hearing, during which 12 speakers urged rejection of the contract, the Oversight Committee voted 7 to 0, with one absence, in favor of approving the new laboratory contracts.

Voting in favor were regents Glenn Campbell, John F. Henning, DeWitt A. Higgs, Joseph A. Moore, John W. Rosston, Saxon and Dean A. Watkins. Stanley K. Sheinbaum abstained.

## 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.

## 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.