

# Cuts Are 'Step Back To Dark Ages,' Brown Says

AP, UPI Reports

1616

Gov. Brown told students in Santa Barbara Monday that President Reagan's proposed cuts in college student aid are "a step back towards the Dark Ages" that could cost California students \$400 million in two years.

Reagan's plan to cut scholarship, loan and work-study programs was also criticized in Sacramento by student and minority groups, who said it would drive thousands of

minorities and other students out of college.

The plan is "a reversal of 25 years of federal commitment to higher education," Sen. Diane Watson, D-Los Angeles, said at a Capitol news conference.

In a lecture at the University of California at Santa Barbara, Brown linked the Reagan proposal with a favorite theme of his own, the so-called technology gap facing the United States.

"Why is it that I have a Japanese watch that cost me only \$29, keeps

perfect time, has a stopwatch and a battery I only have to replace once a year?" the Democratic governor asked about 2,000 students.

"The fact is that Japanese workers are trained better, more money is going into non-defense research and they've got an economic game plan.

"I can promise you Honda drivers, Casio watch wearers, Sony TV watchers, Betamax recorders and Pac-Man players that you won't even know what an American product is if Ronald Reagan gets away with these

educational research cuts. American products will be a faint memory."

Brown said the proposal would reduce funding for various aid programs in California from \$277 million in 1981-82 to \$129 million in 1983-84, while cutting the number of grants from 453,000 to 183,000.

In addition, elimination of graduate students from the Guaranteed Student Loan program would cut off about \$250 million in loans to 60,000 California students, Brown said.

(Sacramento Co.)

Bee

(Cir. D. 192,987)

(Cir. S. 216,650)

MAR 2 - 1982

---

*Allen's* P. C. B Est. 1888

Cuts Are 'S

AP, UPI Reports

1616