

U.S. foreign policy goals revealed

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U. S. foreign policy pursues a goal known to only a few Americans, State Department foreign service officials revealed here Tuesday.

"A more stable world" is the way Edward Peck and David Morrison described it in a Political Forum presentation at Texas A&M University.

They indicated certain current situations, such as Arab control of oil, can contribute to the goal. Other countries will buy the oil. The Arabs, like most holders of capital, will want to see the money working for them, Morrison and Peck said.

"Don't overlook the value of Arab investments in the U. S.," Peck suggested. He cited Ashland Industries as an example. "Such investments can be expropriated if they don't behave. Investments will make them interdependent."

He noted that the U. S. seized German and Japanese property here "and we still hold Communist Chinese property."

In the double-barrel lecture, Peck discussed the role of the State Department in world affairs. Morrison covered world trade.

Peck, a career diplomat, indicated foreign policy problems fall into one of three categories. "The U. S. can make unilateral decisions, in which we are the only ones making decisions and have 100 per cent control."

"There are bilateral decisions, in which two sides are involved and we have, at best, 50 per cent control," Peck added. "The third class I call non-lateral, for want of a better term, in which we have no vote at all."

He said the majority of the world's problems are Class 3 in nature.

The Pakistan-Indian war and Grecian military takeover were cited as examples. They severely

limit foreign policy procedures that may be employed, he indicated.

"A lot of things we do are totally vacuous in terms of seeing an effect," Peck said. "In most situations, only historians will tell it."

He said the Vietnam War falls into this category, with the end result yet to be determined. "Nobody can yet say whether it will be good or bad."

The speaker said U. S. foreign policy goal is not to conquer nor subjugate countries but to work "for a more stable world through free trade, opportunity to travel, freedom—a 'good luck out there' approach to things."

Morrison said the U. S. approach to trade interests can take a global, idealistic route or one of specialized parts of the world or individual countries.

"Some people believe we should

seek favored trade treatment from selected countries in return for it," he said, "and thus reduce trade barriers. We haven't seen any such effect."

The energy crisis, Morrison evaluated, has not changed the world trade situation that much, though some think it will make obsolete the favored nation approach. "The energy situation is different from others only in its magnitude," he said.

Peck said most problems of nationalization of American investments abroad deal "with the extractive industries, such as oil, tin and copper. The U. S. can only recognize that other countries may wish to take steps to protect its resources, and we can't argue with that."

But through policy procedures, he said, the U. S. can attempt to show a country the value of buying controlling interest.

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STUDENT SENATE will meet in Room 701 of the Rudder Tower at 7:30 p.m.
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet at 7:15 p.m. in Room 701 of the Rudder Tower.
FOOD TECHNOLOGY will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 501 of the Rudder Conference Room to hear Dr. Carl M. Cater speak on "Organic Foods."
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING will feature Howard Brenner on "Rheology of Flowing Suspensions—A Theoretical Overview" in Room 103 of the Zachry Center at 3 p.m.
AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION will meet from 12 - 4 p.m. in Room 301 of the Rudder Center.
FREE UNIVERSITY will present a mini-course in Macrame at 7:30 p.m. in Accounting Building Room 123.
ACCOUNTING SOCIETY will meet at Dr. Phillip Ranch at 5:00 p.m. for Spring B-B-Q.
RIO GRANDE VALLEY HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in Room 510 of the Rudder Tower at 7:30 p.m. to discuss plans for the party.
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HOST & FASHION COMMITTEE will meet at 7 p.m. in Room A of the Student Programs Office.

THURSDAY
MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 701 of the Rudder Tower to hear Dr. Jose A. Cardenas on "Minorities and the Educational System."
RADIO COMMITTEE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Programs Office.
CEPHEID VARIABLE will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 607 of the Rudder Tower.
CWENS will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Programs Office Rooms L & M.
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