

Robert White, former ambassador to El Salvador, talks with members of the MSC Political Forum committee.

U.S. policy ignores real Latin problems

Battalion Reporter Since World War II, American policy in Central America has been formed by a fear of revolution. Robert White, for-mer ambassador to El Salvador, said Tuesday night in a presentation at Rudder Theater that U.S. policy in the region has centered around the use of military force to counter revolutions and has ignored the central issues of poverty and repression that are at the root of Latin American problems.

White spoke before a crowd of about 200 on the causes of Latin American problems and what could be done to solve them. White has served as a career diplomat for 25 years and has seen duty in Nicaragua, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Uruguay, Barbados and Grenada. He is presently a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International

Reagan administration's policy of backing Central American regimes with military aid and advisers is "simplistic" and said that such policies do the U.S. a great disservice in the region. White said that since World War II, every President except John F. Kennedy and Jimmy Carter has "winked" at corruption and repression in Latin American and repression in Latin America. He said that Kennedy's Alliance for Progress and Car-ter's human rights policies were effective in achieving real progress towards solving the grassroots problems of poverty, malnutrition, and human rights

violations. Change, said White, must be accomplished by supporting moderate democrats who refute the policies of revolutionaries supported by Fidel Castro, and the policies of right-wing military juntas that have ruled many Central American countries for decades.

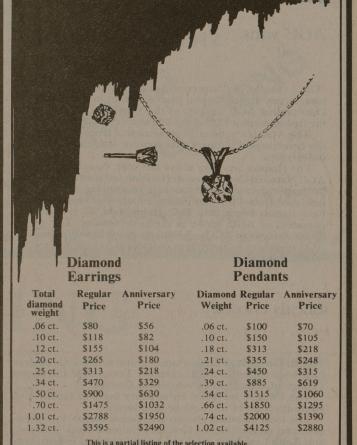
The people of Central Amer-

White charged that the ica, White said, are desparate for eagan administration's policy stability and an end to economic and social repression. White blamed economic stagnation in Central American countries on the flight of hard currency into the U.S. from the wealthy landowners who invest it in American property or keep it in American banks to save for the day, he said, when they will be forced to flee their homelands because of the wrath of the common people who have revolted against them.

> Attacks on Central American clergy and lay missionaries re-sulted from the adoption in 1968 by the Catholic Church of a doctrine of supporting the right of the poor to share in the wealth of the country and to participate

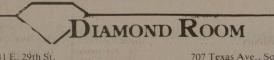
> in the government. Several priests, nuns and lay missionaries including Americans have been murdered by right-wing "death squads" over the past 2

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Emerald Forest has its problems

Board can't decide on park area

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head developer for Emerald

Beachy said Swoboda is comlecisive in a special meeting plying with the city's subdivision ordinance which requires a developer to donate one acre to every 133 dwelling units developed. Swoboda now has 236-

south of Bee Creek off Highway Board member Stephen 6 between Emerald Parkway and Raintree. There are no present facilities in this area.

This is one of the main reasons we've proposed Emerald Forest Park," Beachy said. Some of the problems with the area are that it is near flood-

lines and has limited road access. this area if road access can be Although nothing was de- obtained. The issue will be consicided at the meeting and no dered again at the Board's regu-votes were cast, there was a gen-lar meeting next week.

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Smoking tortilla sets off fire alarm in library

by Beverly Hamilton Battalion Staff Heat and smoke in a custodial he press closet on the fifth floor of Sterlpeople ing Evans Library was intense

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the University police. The smoke from the cooking set off

Charles Smith, a reference librarian who accompanied police to the fifth floor, said no-

director of security and traffic of Smith said. "It could have been a potentially big fire.

There was no damage to the closet, Smith said.

Students left the library when the alarm rang around 12:15 and could not re-enter the building until University police and library officials gave the OK about 15 minutes later.

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