

Issues: Soviet Union, military

U.S. world position urgent

by Kim Schmidt
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The next 12 to 18 months are going to be critical — perhaps as critical as any period in post World War II — in determining the position of the United States in the world, says former CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner.

“There are four particular issues that we’re going to have to deal with in the next year or so that are going to determine the basic relationships between the United States and some of the major powers of the world,” Turner said Tuesday night in a speech, sponsored by MSC National Forum.

The first of these issues deals with the relationship between the U.S. and the Soviet Union since the addition of new leadership on both sides, he said.

“I believe we should try to open channels of communication as best we can,” Turner said, explaining that since the Soviet Union’s invasion of Afghanistan relations and communications with the Soviet Union have been cooled.

Turner also suggested that the United States explore whether the Soviets are sincere in any offers they make and said it should not assume their talk is all propaganda.

Another issue is how the United States will strengthen and build its military position.

Turner suggested that the United States, to deter nuclear attacks and increase its military power, should not support a



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Adm. Stansfield Turner, right, talks engineering freshman from Houston, to John Hickson, an industrial before his speech Tuesday night.

nuclear freeze but should be willing to move on the higher levels of nuclear development.

With investment in nuclear cruise missiles, small but slow nuclear weapons, Turner said the United States could discourage nuclear attack on themselves while not appearing to pose an immediate threat to other countries. He said that with large, fast nuclear weapons other coun-

tries feel threatened and thus are more likely to rush into a nuclear confrontation.

The third issue involves resolving differences between Israel and the Palestinians in the Middle East. The fourth issue concerns ways in which the United States can build policies and institutions to help keep free world economies strong.

Turner said 25 developing

countries, which have been operating under large debts, now are unable to get bank loans and look to the United States and International Monetary Fund for assistance. The un-sound world economic condition burdens the United States, U.S. taxpayers and banks, he said, and the United States should determine plans to relieve the economic condition.

Thursday talks to consider airport development needs

The Texas Aeronautical Commission will meet in the Brazos Center at 10 a.m. Thursday to discuss airport development needs of seven local counties.

The meeting will consider airport facility developments in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties.

Items scheduled for discussion are the availability of state

and federal funds for airport development, information on area economic development, community goals and objectives and preservation of airport facilities.

Participating in the meeting will be city and county officials, airport board members, airport managers and representatives from the Brazos Valley Development Council.

Developments at Easterwood Airport are not scheduled to be a major discussion topic for the meeting. However, the meeting will be an open discussion of all inquiries into area airport developments.

Citizens with an interest in air transportation and airport development are invited to attend in 102 Brazos Center, located at 3232 Briarcrest Drive in Bryan.

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Dorm degrees stir gripes

by Patrice Koranek
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Students returning from spring break not only found old temperatures outside, but also in their dorm rooms. For the past three or four years the heat in the dorms has been turned off during spring break, and central area coordinator Tom Murray.

“It’s a hassle every year,”

Murray said. “Once we convert to heat in the fall or air conditioning in the spring it’s an irreversible process.”

Area coordinators contact head residents of the dorms, who check with hall residents about turning off the heat, Murray said. This year residents were ready to have the heat turned off because warm weather had arrived before spring break, he

said.

Corps-type halls on the north and south sides of campus are heated by high-temperature water passing through units in each room. The balcony-style dorms and the modular dorms have their own regulators so heat turns on when it’s cold and air conditioning turns on when it’s hot.

Murray said the staffs of the

affected halls contacted their residents before the switch was made and residents said they would rather wear a sweater than be too warm.

Fiona McCracken, Briggs Hall head resident, said she had received complaints from residents before spring break because it was warm in the rooms. Now people are complaining because the rooms are cold.

Joan Jett singing at A&M

Rock performers Joan Jett and the Blackhearts are coming to Aggieland.

Jett will perform such hits as “I Love Rock and Roll” and “Crimson and Clover” in her concert at 8 p.m., April 28 in G. J. White Coliseum.

Option period begins Monday, and tickets will go on sale to the general public April 6. Town hall adviser Suzanne M. Becker said. Prices are \$9 and \$8.50 for reserve seats, and \$7.50 for general admission.

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