# Western defense topic of forum

by Gary Barker

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When the former heads of ate of the world's three most owerful Western nations meet ight, it is unlikely they will cuss old friends or old days. ther, they will discuss some of e most serious issues currently ced by the West — specifically, proposed deployment of nedium-ranged nuclear mis-les and the currently staleated talks related to their de-

In tonight's lecture, Former lest German Chancellor Helnut Schmidt, Former British rime Minister Edward Heath nd Former President Gerald ord will discuss the current onomic state of the West and e military and defensive capaty of Western Europe, said arrick Woods, public relations sultant for the lecture series. The forum, "The Future of he Western Alliance," is being ponsored by the MSC Endowed ecture Series and will be modrated by NBC newsman Mar-

Any discussion of the defense f Western Europe involves the inited States through its link in the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-

The original treaty, signed in 949, united Britain, France, elgium, the Netherlands, Italy, ortugal, Denmark, Iceland, orway, Canada and the United tates in a pledge to assist each her in the case of aggression against any of the members. Greece and Turkey became embers in 1951.

In 1955 — only a few days forethe Soviet Union and sevral Eastern European nations gned the Warsaw Pact, the ATO - West Germany be-

The underlying agreement NATO is that the United ates promised to use nuclear eapons to deter a Russian tack. However, in the last dede Western Europeans have ome worried about the merican deterrence, citing a wing number of Soviet landased, intermediate-range misles aimed at Western Europe.
Currently the United States s no medium-range missiles pased in Europe. France and ritain have 162 medium-range udear missiles, but they are not

under NATO jurisdiction. The Soviet Union now has 333 triple-warhead SS-20 missiles, with a range of 3,000 miles, and 280 older SS-4s and SS-5s,

also medium-range. West Germany and several other NATO members, concerned about the growing Soviet intermediate arsenal, asked the United States in 1977 for U.S. weapons to counter the imbalance. As a result, the Carter administration agreed in 1979 to deploy missiles in Europe by December 1983 while promising to conduct arms reductions talks at the same time

Specifically, the United States. promised to place 572 intermediate-range missiles on Euro-pean soil. Of the 572 missiles, 108 are Pershing IIs bound for West Germany to replace the shorter-range Pershing Is that have been around since 1969; the other 464 missiles are Tomahawk ground-launched cruise missiles that are scheduled to be placed in Britain, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands and West

But the proposed missile deployment has had its problems. Among them are technical difficulties, budget problems in Congress and political opposition in Western Europe, where a growing number of people favor a step in the direction of an agreenuclear freeze.

Many political analysts see West Germany as the key to deployment, partly because it is closer to the Soviet Union and Soviet Union would propose because other countries in West-counter-measures if any of the ern Europe may be looking to missiles are deployed. West Germany to see if they agree to the full deployment.

Some analysts in the Reagan administration cited the reelection of West German Chanmunist military counter to cellor Helmut Kohl in March as a reason to believe that the West ame a formal member of German people may be willing to accept the missiles. However, even with the outcome of that election, deployment will be a politically volatile issue.

But the United States and Western Europe are hoping they will never have to deploy the missiles — or all of them, anyway. In Geneva, Switzer-land, the Intermediate-range Union recently adjourned in a to Kalb for screening.

States would cancel the planned NATO missile deployment if the Soviets would agree to dismantle the missiles they already have in place.

But last week, just before the talks adjourned for a two-month recess, Reagan backed down from the extreme zero-option due to pressure from NATO leaders. Instead, he proposed an interim approach, suggesting that the two superpowers limit the number of medium-ranged

In a United Press International report last week, one U.S. official said that while the new proposal would not mention specific numbers, it would seek a verifiable plan to include equal numbers of U.S. and Soviet missiles. Under the plan, French and British missiles would not be counted, and the Soviets would not be allowed to move missiles from Europe to Asia.

United Press International reported that Reagan said Tueasday that if there is no agreement with the Kremlin eaders, the United States will go forward with plans to deploy the missiles in five European coun-

tries beginning in December. Many NATO leaders applauded the interim proposal, saying that it was at least a small ment. But on Saturday, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said the proposal was unnacceptable and that the Soviet Union would propose

In addition to defense problems, the lecture tonight also will focus on Western economic problems, including high unemployment in West Germany, as well as in the United States and

Heath told an audience at Rice University last week that the United States is too obsessed with the Soviet Union and should focus on European economic problems instead.

Tonight's program will start with an opening statement, lasting 10 to 15 minutes, from each of the three men. After the introduction questions will be presented. Members of the audi-Nuclear Forces talks between ence can submit questions bethe United States and the Soviet fore the program and give them

The lecture will begin at 8 Reagan outlined for NATO a p.m. in Rudder Auditorium, program called the "zero- and tickets are still available at option," in which the United the MSC Box Office.

### Forum speakers

Gerald R. Ford

Gerald R. Ford, the 38th cies of the major western president of the United states. States, served 25 years in the U.S. House of Representa-

presidency following the resignation of Richard M. Nixon and served from Aug. 3, 1974, to Jan. 20, 1977. He was defeated by Jimmy Carter in 1976.

**Helmut Schmidt** Formerly chancellor of West 1971. Germany, Helmut Schmidt served eight years before he was ousted in 1982 when the Free Democrat Party gave its support to Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats.

An economist, he served as ter and as defense minister.

1975 to coordinate the poli-

**Edward Heath** 

Edward Heath became Britain's prime minister June 18, He was nominated vice president Oct. 12, 1973, to succeed Spiro T. Agnew, who 1970 and served as prime resigned. He succeeded to the northern Ireland and the first

national coal miners strikes. Heath was the driving force behind a larger British role in European affairs and counts among his greatest triumphs Britain's entry into the European Community in

Marvin Kalb

Marvin Kalb is the chief diplomatic correspondent for NBC News in Washington, D.C. In addition to covering Embassy Row as NBC's chief joint minister of economics diplomatic correspondent, he and finance, as finance minister is also the regular panelist on Meet the Press and anchor-Schmidt was one of the man for NBC White Paper founders of the Economic documentaries on foreign Summits, which began in policy.

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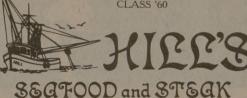
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# Aston residents' food drive helps community

by Angel Stokes

eir second canned food drive them to the mission. the year on Friday and plan deliver the proceeds to Twin

y Mission in Bryan. Aston Vice President Paul ummings said Sunday that the anned food drive, held March I through April 1, netted two procery sacks of canned goods, e OSH dothes and \$187 to buy more

"The credit for the success of his project goes to the wing repesentatives and residents of ston," Cummings said. Wing epresentatives went door-toor asking residents for caned goods or money

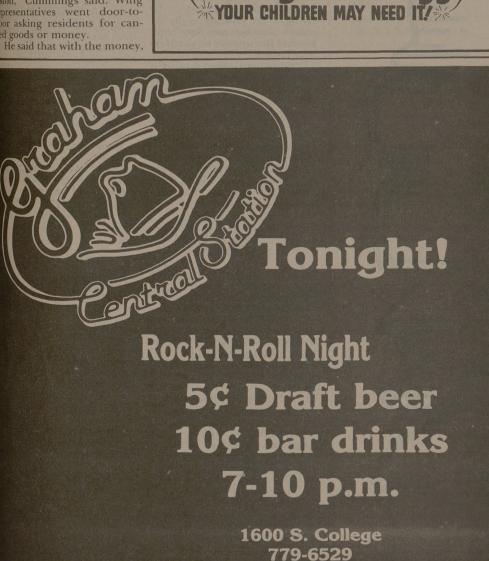
he and one of the residence hall Aston is involved in this semes-Aston Hall residents ended advisers would buy more canned goods and then deliver will take approximately 20 chil-

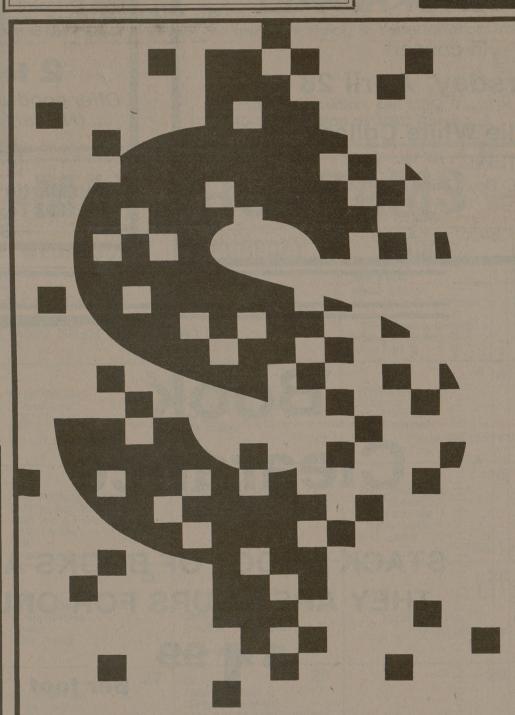
The dorm decided to sponsor the canned food drive again be-

cause the drive held in the fall was successful, Cummings said. The canned food drive is one of several service projects that ment center in College Station.

dren from the local Headstart Program rogram for underprivileged children — to a local park to cook hot dogs. After the cook-out, the group will visit Pooh's Park — an amuse-







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