



Group Study

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Sitting in the shade of Rudder Tower, senior biochemistry students Anne Smith from Carrizo Springs and Karen

Davenport from Altus, Oklahoma compare notes for an upcoming test.

McGovern to discuss presidential platform

by Rhonda Snider

Battalion Reporter

Former Senator George McGovern, in the midst of his second race for president, tonight will discuss his presidential platform in Rudder Auditorium.

McGovern, a Democrat from South Dakota, will be the first in a series of presidential candidate speakers sponsored by MSC Political Forum.

He will discuss his platform as well as work as chairman of Americans for Common Sense, John Hickson, national program coordinator for MSC Political Forum, said.

McGovern was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956,

where he served until 1960. In 1962, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and re-elected in 1968 and 1974. He was defeated in his bid for a fourth term in the 1980 elections.

Hickson said McGovern is on his way to California from Washington, D.C. He agreed to speak here, but like most political candidates only recently gave Political Forum official confirmation that he would speak. MSC Political Forum generally receives confirmation of a candidate two or three weeks prior to the program.

To increase its chances of having presidential candidates speak at Texas A&M, MSC Political Forum confers

with other universities to arrange several speaking engagements for the candidate to make it worth their while to come, Hickson said. McGovern spoke at the University of Texas Tuesday night.

Other speakers scheduled for MSC Political Forum are George Strake and Bob Slagle in a debate tentatively set for Nov. 21. Longin Pastusiak on Nov. 22 and Ambassador William Sullivan on Nov. 29.

Hickson said Political Forum currently is working with the other presidential candidates to arrange to have them speak here. There is no charge for the program, which begins at 7 p.m.

Jamaica expels Cuban, Soviets

United Press International
KINGSTON, Jamaica — Prime Minister Edward Seaga Tuesday ordered the expulsion of four Soviet diplomats and a representative of Cuba's official news agency for their alleged role in a murder plot.

Sources close to the prime minister said Seaga's action was designed to link Soviet and Cuban activities in Jamaica to the situation in Grenada, where U.S. troops landed last week after a bloody coup that killed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

"I warn saboteurs that in these dangerous times when the future of our country is at stake, we will respond to any act of sabotage with a shattering offensive that will once and for all resolve any dilemma that may exist in the minds of some as to whether saboteurs and traitors will be allowed to destroy our country," Seaga told parliament in a nationally broadcast speech.

There was no immediate response from the Soviet Union or Cuba.

Seaga told the parliament that Foreign Minister Hugh Shearer called in Soviet Ambassador Dmitri Petrovich

and ordered him to reduce his current embassy staff to a size "consistent with bonafide activities between the two countries."

Seaga, an ally of President Reagan who contributed 150 soldiers to the U.S.-Caribbean task force that invaded Grenada, told parliament he was giving the four Soviet diplomats 72 hours to leave Jamaica and Cuba's Prensa Latina news agency bureau chief Dario Ibanez was told to leave within 48 hours.

No more work permits will be issued for the Cuban news agency, Seaga said.

The prime minister identified the four Russians as Viktor Ivanovich Andrianov, senior first secretary, First Secretary Oleg Ivanovich Malov, embassy staffer Vladimir Bondarev and interpreter Andrei Nikiforov.

The total size of the embassy staff was not immediately known.

Seaga said security officials discovered the five men were involved in a plot to murder a woman at the Jamaica foreign ministry's protocol section. The

woman, who was not identified, allegedly had learned that the Soviets were obtaining information from Joseph Burie, a ministry employee who was fired Tuesday.

Seaga also named 25 prominent Jamaican leftists who he said were increasingly involved with Cuba, the Soviet Union and the former Marxist government of Grenada.

Seaga said the leftists had stepped up visits to Cuba, the Soviet Union and Grenada. He said Cuba had asked Trevor Munroe of the Marxist Workers Party of Jamaica to recruit volunteers to defend Grenada's Marxist government against last Tuesday's U.S. invasion.

Among the leftists he named were Dudley Thompson, a former foreign minister and a member of the pro-Cuban Peoples National Party and party secretary general Paul Roberts.

Carlyle Dunkley, a former utilities minister and member of the Peoples National Party also was on the list read by Seaga.

Seaga's Jamaica Labor Party won an election victory against the leftist Peoples National Party, led by Michael Manley, Oct. 30, 1980.

There was no immediate response from the party to Seaga's accusations.

Facts about nukes not faced by public

by Steve Thomas

Battalion Staff

"Let us never disarm out of fear, but let us never fear to disarm," Paul F. Walker said, ending his lecture on nuclear war Tuesday in Rudder Theater.

The former U.S. Army Russian intelligence specialist told the sparse Aggie crowd that the atomic superpowers are in danger of running amuck with nuclear armament build-up unless some boundaries are set.

And it is up to the people to help set those boundaries, he said.

In a program sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee, Walker said the public suffers from "psychic denial," a social phenomenon where people ignore great tragedy and deny its possibility of happening to them.

The public must first realize the severity of this problem, he said, then pursue its solution as intensely as issues such as minority rights have been pursued, issues which he feels are much less important than his topic.

"Everything pales in significance when compared with nuclear war," he said.

Walker lectured for about an hour using slides and films to emphasize how extensive and powerful nuclear weapons have become since Hiroshima and how dangerous the world situation really is.

Speaking hypothetically, Walker said if 100 percent of the U.S. population was warned of a Russian first strike, and Russia only hit U.S. military bases, and have nuclear weapons on them, leaving urban areas alone, the United States still would lose 25 to 50 million people instantly, not counting deaths afterward from radiation sickness.

And he said a limited attack of this kind is unlikely.

To illustrate the immense power of each weapon, Walker said a one megaton bomb creates a fireball 7,000 feet in diameter, and everything inside it is vaporized.

The wind from this explosion could push a 2-ton boulder 5 miles high, and would inject 2,000 pounds of rock and soil into the atmosphere.

And Walker added that even the smaller weapons are usually three to five megatons.

Walker said the answer with this issue depended upon the public's involvement.

"I think we've got to come up with new ideas," he said, "we" being the public. However, he did have some suggestions of his own.

Walker supports the nuclear freeze and said he thinks it is the simplest and most effective solution. He said the United States should continue negotiations, including the SALT talks, until a compromise is reached.

The United States and Russia, he said, should sign a comprehensive test ban treaty to stop nuclear testing, including a flight test ban on ballistic missile testing. Walker said restrictions of this type would dampen both sides' confidence in accuracy.

He said the superpowers need to totally ban anti-satellite weapons before we enter a nuclear space race. And both sides need better command control communication, he said.

"We have seven false alerts a day," he said. "And if we have seven imagine what the Russians have."

Group demands Grenada answers

by Kay D. Mallett

Battalion Reporter

The Brazos Valley Peace Action wants answers.

"We want the people to be able to make their own decisions as to the rightness or wrongness of the U.S. government actions in Grenada," Kris Parsons, BVPA member, said Tuesday.

The BVPA has sent a list of 17 questions dealing with the U.S. invasion of Grenada to President Ronald Reagan, Rep. Phil Gramm, Sen. John Tower, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and other congressmen and senators.

Parsons said the BVPA wants to know why the United States violated articles 18 and 20 of the Organization of American States as well as the United Nations charter by interfering in the internal affairs of Grenada.

"We have serious concerns about the violations," Lamar Hankins of the BVPA said.

The group says other countries might

use the U.S. invasion of Grenada as a precedent for future action of their own governments. The BVPA also fears the reputation of the United States has been damaged.

"Does this (the invasion of Grenada) mean that we can't be trusted?" Parsons said. "Are we special or something?"

The BVPA's second main concern is the secrecy the Reagan administration has kept on the invasion of Grenada. The group wants to know why the press wasn't allowed to observe the U.S. operations in Grenada like it did in Vietnam, Korea and World War II.

"We had to take the word of the government as to what was happening," Parsons said.

She said the BVPA wonders what Reagan has to hide and said others should be concerned too.

"There is a great deal of secrecy in the present administration," Parsons said.

She said the BVPA will release to the public all the information it receives.

Mauro says veterans' program will stimulate Texas economy

by Karen Wallace

Battalion Staff

Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro said Tuesday the proposed Veterans Housing Assistance Program would stimulate the Texas economy and would be one way we can thank veterans for sacrifices they have made.

The proposed program would allow veterans to borrow up to \$20,000 at a low interest rate for the purchase of a home, Mauro said during a public hearing at the Brazos Center. The proposal, as a constitutional amendment, will be up for voter approval Nov. 8.

The program would enable veterans — who at one time could not buy homes because they were serving the country — to purchase now at a lower interest rate, Mauro said.

The program will stimulate the Texas economy because 25,000 new homes will be constructed and 45,000 new jobs will be created, he said.

"This is a model program which will benefit both veterans and private business without costing the taxpayer one penny," said Mauro, chairman of the Veterans Land Board. "No new government bureaucracy will be created as private lending institutions will handle the loan transactions and paperwork."

Mauro said the program will be funded by the sale of general obligation bonds.

"A total of \$500 million in general

obligation bonds will be sold for the housing program and another \$300 million in general obligation bonds will be offered for the land program if the measures are approved," he said.

Veterans would repay the loans through the house payments they would make, he said.

The current Veterans Land Program allows only the purchase of rural land whereas the proposed Veterans Housing Assistance Program will enable veterans to choose between rural and urban purchases.

"We will be adding a dimension to a very successful program," Mauro said.

If the program is approved, the Veterans Land Board will choose lending institutions to participate in the program.

Texas veterans choose lending institutions that have been approved, and the institutions determine veteran qualification for a mortgage with the same standards used for all loan applicants.

The Veterans Affairs' Commission of Texas will determine veteran eligibility in terms of service in the Armed Forces and residency in Texas.

If the veteran is eligible, the board will arrange payment of up to \$20,000 to the lending institution toward the purchase of a home for the veteran.

"I am hoping that more people in the Brazos County will become aware of the program," Mauro said. "Remember, we don't need to do the veterans a favor, we just need to repay one."



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forecast

High in the upper seventies with a 30 percent chance of rain.

Freshmen officers announced

Results of runoff elections for freshman class officers:

President: Van Leftwich
Vice President: Dodie Rodger
Social Secretary: Cindy Webb
Treasurer: Joe Lessard