

Former Air Force officer says arms' race is based on fear

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
Reporter

Soviet and U.S. nuclear freeze agreements are hampered by the arms' race, retired Air Force Col. Don Clark said Wednesday night.

Clark, who was speaking at Freeze Forum '84, is director of international education and a lecturer in international affairs at Montana State University, as well as an international relations columnist. He is a former advisor to the joint chiefs of staff on SALT 1 and 2 and a former assistant air attache in the U.S. embassy in Russia.

Clark said that because the Soviet Union and the United States are scared of each other, each

feels it must increase its nuclear weapon supply to keep up with the other.

"We obviously have no hope of reaching an agreement because we are frozen in fear and misunderstanding," Clark said. "We're scared to death of them and they're scared to death of us."

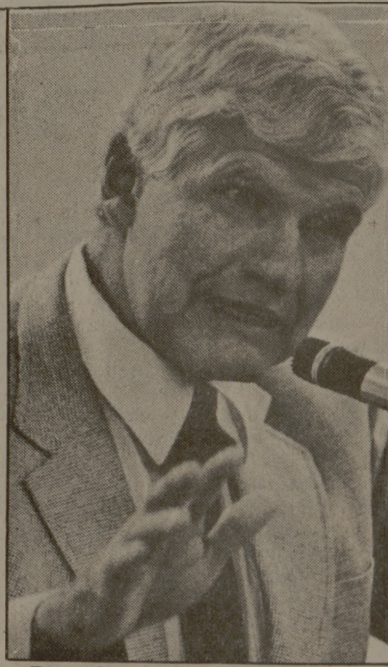
He said in the last several years Soviet leaders have indicated they are ready to reach a mutual, verifiable nuclear freeze agreement. Polls indicate 88 percent of the American people are also ready for this agreement, he said.

After reaching a nuclear freeze, Clark suggests forming

SAVE US, a commission composed of people from both countries. The commission would take the money saved from a nuclear freeze to improve conditions in Third World countries.

Clark also said the public is a victim of misinformation by the government. Facts can be deleted or twisted by the government to influence the people and convince them the government should spend more on nuclear defense, he said.

Clark's speech was sponsored by Aggie Peace Action in cooperation with Brazos Valley Peace Action and Peace Links.



Ret. Air Force Col. Don Clark

Barton

Politician: No tax increase

By JULIA HARDY
Reporter

Joe Barton, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, said Wednesday at a press conference that "the Republican party is set to do tremendously well because people want conservative government."

Barton said one reason the Republicans are doing well is because the Democratic platform has endorsed more taxes.

"The Democrats want a minimal corporate income tax which will hurt business owners," Barton said. "The Republicans do not want a tax increase."

The Republicans also are doing well because they want a strong defense, Barton said.

The defense budget is \$230 billion, Barton said. The Democrats want to cut this budget.

"The Republicans don't think the defense should be cut," Barton said. "We need to have a strong defense in order to protect our shores."

Barton said he is for an anti-missile defense system.

The Republican convention in Dallas committed Barton to this job. Barton said at the last reception of the convention a man approached him and argued about everything.

"He told me that the convention was boring and Reagan's speech was horrible," Barton said. "We did not agree on anything."

Barton learned later the man was

an ambassador from the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and one of the top five leaders of his country.

"The United States teaches people to think and act for themselves and to talk openly," Barton said. "Those who don't like government have the opportunity to change it in the United States, but people in East Germany have no choice."

Barton, a 1972 Texas A&M graduate, will succeed Phil Gramm in the sixth congressional district if he is elected.

Dan Kubiak is Barton's opponent in the Nov. 6 election.

Jim Collins, former state representative, was scheduled to appear for Barton, but was unable to appear.

Paroled attorney will seek help

United Press International

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Attorney Mary Evans, apologizing for the first time for engineering the escape of her convict lover, was granted a Feb. 4 parole from prison Wednesday on condition she receive psychiatric help.

The 3-2 vote by the Tennessee Parole Board means Evans will serve less than 11 months of her three-year sentence for aiding the escape of William Timothy Kirk, 37, whose crimes include the execution-style killing of two convicts at Brushy Mountain State Prison.

Pictured by the defense during her trial as a schizophrenic who saw "demons" and looked on the muscular, bearded Kirk as her savior,

Woman says she regrets her part in escape scheme

Evans told the board she smuggled a gun to Evans and helped him escape from a psychologist's office because she was convinced he would not receive a fair trial.

"I felt tremendous pressure to do something and legally there was nothing I could do," she said. "Rather than commit a crime, I should have done everything I could do legally and then my conscience would be clear."

"At the time I felt I knew how the case would turn out and it wouldn't

have been the right result." "I participated in the plan but I didn't make any suggestions what to do because I didn't know what to do."

Parole Board Chairman Nevin Trammell, who cast the deciding vote after the board's two women members voted for parole, said he agreed because of Evans' psychological problems at the time she committed the crime.

"I'm going to recommend parole with the provision that you go to a

bona fide mental health specialist," Trammell told Evans. "This one is terribly difficult for me."

Evans told the board she regretted the "embarrassment" her actions had caused her family and friends and agreed to have no further contact with Kirk.

Evans was Kirk's court-appointed attorney March 31, 1983, when she arranged for him to undergo a psychiatric examination in the Oak Ridge office of Dr. Gary Salk.

The lawyer slipped her client a gun at the psychologist's office and helped him tie up two Brushy Mountain Prison guards. The pair then fled in her red Toyota.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Wednesday.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• Two students reported separate thefts in Fowler Hall. \$16 in cash was stolen from one student's room and \$10 in cash was stolen from another.

HARASSMENT:
• A student in Married Student Housing reported receiving several harassing phone calls.

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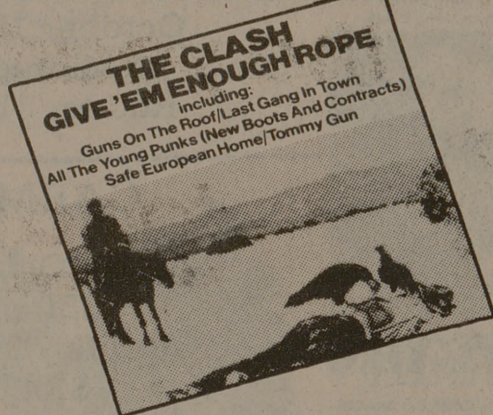
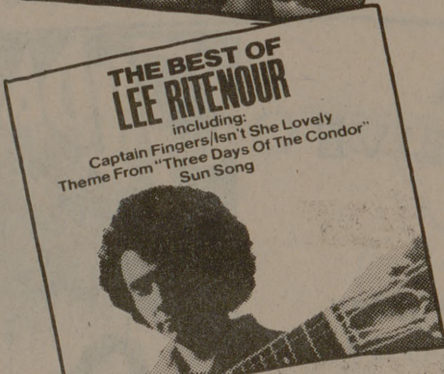
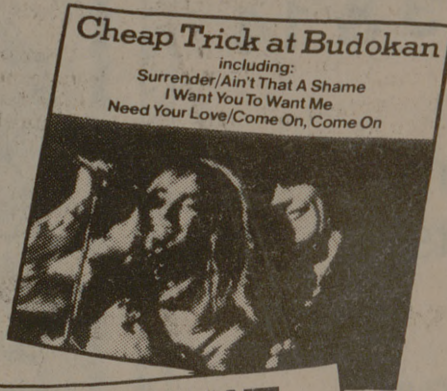
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