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# Harvard prof says China opening up to western ideas

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Reporter

The principle of self-reliance largely has been abandoned by the Chinese as they have become more receptive to western ideas, a Harvard professor said Thursday.

Dr. Ross Terrill discussed "China's Domestic Policies" during the Memorial Student Center's Student Conference on National Affairs.

"China is holding out its hand for a period of give and take," Terrill said.

The cultural sphere in China almost has a cosmopolitan touch — with more modern music and clothing, Terrill said. The attitudes of the Chinese people have become more pro-western, he said, and China is now willing to listen to other ideas

concerning government and economic policy.

"The role of ideology has declined as more and more realms of Chinese life proceed without evidence of Marxism and Leninism," Terrill said. Billboards which used to display ideological messages now show truer forms of advertising, he said.

Higher priority has been given to economic development and reduced control of economic policy, he said. This has created a mood of great materialism among the people which has increased the numbers of people studying practical subjects in an attempt to improve their economic positions.

The new watchwords in China are competition, accountability and initiative, Terrill said. This approach



Dr. Ross Terrill

has helped raise the standard of living as competition increases.

Terrill said China is doing better, but it still has a long way to go in its economic development. He said the lack of motivation, the poor management and the weaknesses in scientific innovation are contributing factors to China's fundamental problems.

"China's effort to reform economically will not fail, but it will not be successful enough to satisfy the long-suffering Chinese people," Terrill said.

# Peace is important to China

By KIRSTEN DIETZ  
Staff Writer

Upholding peace has been and will remain a fundamental part of China's foreign policy, Ling Qing, China's United Nations ambassador, said Thursday.

Ling was at Texas A&M as part of the Memorial Student Center's Student Conference on National Affairs, "The Emerging China." Ling has been ambassador for 4 1/2 years.

Ling said China has emphasized peaceful coexistence for 30 years, since it initiated five principles of coexistence with India and Burma.

"These principles have stood the test of time and have been widely accepted by the international community as they are in full conformity with the practices and principles of the United Nations charter," Ling said.

Because his country emphasizes peace and peaceful negotiations, he said China is disturbed by foreign aggression. For example, he pointed to the foreign troops refusing to withdraw from Cambodia and Afghanistan.

Ling also said the nuclear arms race is reaching alarming proportions. He said if peace is to be preserved, countries must check the trend of nuclear development. China has pledged not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons from the time it exploded its first atomic bomb, he said.

In relations between the United States and China, Ling said great progress had been made in scientific, technological, cultural, political and economic fields since formal diplomatic relations were established in 1979. However, he said the single stumbling block in the countries' relationship has been the U.S. position on Taiwan.

Ling said the Taiwan problem falls within the domestic affairs of China, and the Chinese people "long for the early end to the national division so as to realize family reunions and national reunification."

# White calls flat tax trouble for Texas, U.S. security threat

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Challenging the Reagan administration's flat tax plan as "nearsighted," Gov. Mark White said Thursday that eliminating tax breaks for oilmen would harm national security and wreak havoc on the Texas economy.

"It's not just a question of comfort," White said. "It's not just a question of convenience. It's a question of national security."

"World War II was won on a sea of Texas oil. A president who has devoted so much of the nation's resources to protection of national security cannot turn his back blindly on the obvious need to protect our oil and gas resources."

Three months after then-Treasury Secretary Donald Regan proposed the flat tax, White sent a letter to the White House asking the president to meet with him and Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh to talk over oil-related tax exemptions.

White said the exemptions are legitimate and underwrite many of the risks associated with energy exploration.

Without the oil depletion allowance that allows independent producers to recover capital expenses and deductions for intangible drilling costs, many investors would choose safer places for their money, White said.

"There's no sense in running off the cliff committing national suicide in an effort to be simple," White said, although he supports the idea of simplifying federal income taxes.

The flat tax constitutes a near-sighted attempt to eliminate these incentives at a time when the administration should be taking a leadership role to achieve more national energy independence and to encourage domestic energy production, he said.

White noted that 12 years ago, in the depths of the Arab oil embargo, the nation was reminded of the dangers of depending on foreign oil.

"It is a lesson we cannot afford to ignore today," he said.

The flat tax plan's effect on Texas, White said, would be disastrous.

# Austin makes another offer to settle lawsuit over STNP

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Mayor Ron Mullen says he is optimistic that Austin's three partners will agree to the city's new proposal to settle a lawsuit over the South Texas Nuclear Project.

As part of the settlement, Austin is trying to get out of the project that is under construction near Bay City. Details of the latest proposal are being kept secret. But Mullen acknowledged Austin had offered the proposal after another partner, San Antonio, blocked an earlier one.

"San Antonio's decision forced us to start all over again, but we went back with a new idea and are waiting to see what happens," Mullen said. "I'm still very optimistic."

Mullen said he spent eight hours in negotiations last week and expected further discussions this week. Austin now has \$570 million invested in the project, not counting the interest paid. Total cost of the project, not including interest, is estimated at \$5.5 billion — more than five times the first estimate made 12 years ago.

Under the first proposal, Brown & Root Inc., the former engineer and builder of the project, reportedly would have paid Austin about \$150 million for its 16 percent share and divided it among the other partners — San Antonio, the Central Power & Light Co. of Corpus Christi, and Houston Lighting & Power Co. In

turn, the lawsuit by the partners against Brown & Root and its parent firm, the Halliburton Co., would have been dropped.

But a majority of the San Antonio City Council opposed the deal, saying that they would rather take cash.

In a statement reporting its 1984 earnings this week, Halliburton acknowledged the negotiations, but said it could not predict whether a settlement would be reached.

The partners sued Brown & Root and Halliburton in late 1981 after Brown & Root quit as builder. They are seeking more than \$6 billion in damages under a state deceptive trade practices law.

Meanwhile, one opponent of the project said Austin is being "strung along" by promises of a settlement that is not going to materialize.

"When this 'deal' falls through like the previous ones, Austin should act immediately to negotiate cancellation of STNP," said Dan Harrison of the South Texas Cancellation Campaign.

Another critic, Michael Twombly, urged Austin to press on with the lawsuit.

"Only by sustaining our legal efforts will we be able to recoup our losses and bring to light the fraud and mismanagement which we believe to be the cause of the tremendous overruns and delays at STNP," said Twombly, the Texas director of Public Citizen, a Ralph Nader organization.

# English mini-courses focus on writing skills

By ELIZABETH MICKEY  
Reporter

The Department of English this semester is sponsoring mini-courses designed to offer assistance to students wishing to improve their writing skills.

"Writing Outreach" is open to students, faculty and staff at no charge. Students do not have to be enrolled in writing classes to participate.

The program is composed of independent sessions focusing on topics such as punctuating correctly, writing resumes, using quoted material, persuading effectively and writing a critical review.

The courses are taught by English professors and graduate assistants at several campus locations.

David Stewart, head of the English department, said the main reason the courses were organized was because the community needs some instruction and some detail in communication.

Half of the people who attend the courses are non-students, Stewart said. Since the courses are specialized, they also are profitable for teachers.

"Writing Outreach" is not a one-to-one tutoring service and is not a course for credit.

No registration is necessary. For more information call the English department at 845-3452, or go to 227 Blocker.

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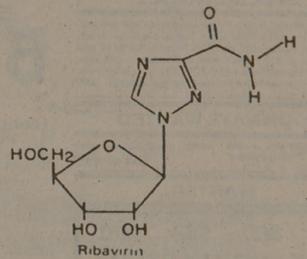
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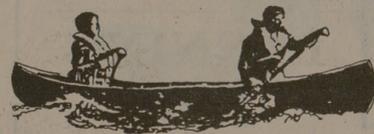


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