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# Hansen glorifies Martin Luther King in tribute to blacks

By MARY MCWHORTER  
Reporter

Martin Luther King, Jr. had natural elegance in his speeches, said Texas A&M Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen in a speech Monday night for the MSC Black Awareness Committee.

The speech was part of a series of programs presented by the committee in conjunction with Black History Month.

"He (King) spoke in a biblical sense as a prophet," Hansen said. "This is what attracted me to King. His philosophy transcended the civil rights movement."

Hansen received a doctorate in mathematics from the Case Institute of Technology, a doctorate in engineering from Purdue University and a doctorate in science from Indiana University. He is also a member of

the board of directors of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering.

Hansen said he first heard King speak in Tuskegee, Alabama.

He said that he was very surprised when he first saw King.

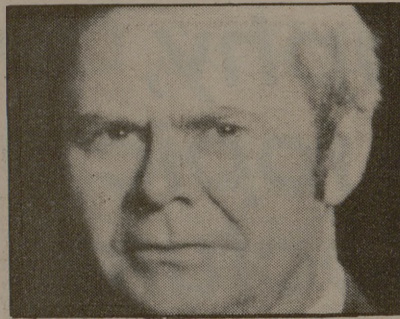
"He was a quiet man. He did not look like a leader," Hansen said. "That all changed when he began to speak."

Hansen compared King to Malcolm X, whom Hansen said was "the image of a leader."

"He looked tough," Hansen said. "He was not the elegant speaker of Dr. King but he was forceful."

"King was a scholar ... a first rate scholar."

He said King was well prepared for the challenges he faced by becoming acquainted with other peo-



Dr. Arthur G. Hansen

ples' thinking, particularly Mahatma Gandhi's.

"He certainly followed in Gandhi's footsteps," Hansen said.

Like Gandhi, King knew "that violence ultimately leads to its own destruction," Hansen said.

He said King planned the civil rights demonstrations for the confrontations he knew would take place and for the impact the violence would have on the nation.

"No sense in going off to some far corner where nobody was around to carry out a demonstration or a march," Hansen said. "What he (King) wanted was the building of a national consciousness."

"The thing that moved most of us was his courage and his concept."

# Lecture series to focus on U.S./Soviet relations

By ANN CERVENKA  
Staff Writer

The recent illness of President Konstantin U. Chernenko and the Soviet arms talks have sparked interest in the United States.

At Texas A&M, the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union will be the topic of the third annual Memorial Student Center Wiley Lecture Series scheduled for April 4.

"U.S./Soviet Relations: The Quest for International Security," will feature Arkady Shevchenko, the highest-ranking Russian diplomat ever to defect from the Soviet Union.

"We chose Soviet relations because it is a timely issue," Becky Sampson, director of public relations, said. "It is one that everyone is interested in."

Whereas the past lecture series looked back on history, U.S.-Soviet relations is a current topic.

The arms talks in Geneva, Switzerland between the two superpowers are of primary international concern, committee Chairman Matthew Kirt said.

"This is a really good chance to

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provide history as it is happening," he said.

Four speakers have been chosen for the series. The top speaker is Shevchenko, who was featured on the cover of the Feb. 11 issue of "Time" magazine.

Shevchenko is a former Soviet ambassador and was active in foreign policy decision making.

In 1978, he became the highest-ranking official and the richest citizen of the Soviet Union ever to defect to the West. The U.S. government is paying Shevchenko over \$75,000 for information on the Soviet Union.

Zbigniew Brzezinski who served as assistant to the president for na-

tional security affairs in the Carter administration will also be part of discussions.

Richard V. Allen, who was senior staff member of the National Security Council and deputy assistant to the president on international economic policy under the Nixon administration, is another scheduled speaker.

Allen was appointed national security adviser to President Reagan in 1981, but was forced to resign due to political pressure.

James Schlesinger, who has served as director of the CIA and secretary of defense also will speak.

The name of the series changed last year from the Endowed Lecture Series to the Wiley Lecture Series after A.P. and James Wiley contributed \$500,000 to the program.

The series begins on April 4 with a panel discussion among the four speakers focusing on the deteriorating relations between the two superpowers and on current nuclear arms control talks.

Ticket sales begin Feb. 28 at the MSC Box Office.

# Student body president to speak at Sully's Symposium this week

David Alders, Texas A&M's student body president, will be the featured speaker at Sully's Symposium, Wednesday at 11:50 a.m. in front of the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

The weekly symposiums are sponsored by Lambda Sigma, the sopho-

more honor society.

Alders said that during the symposium he will make a few brief comments about student government and how it works.

Alders will then answer questions from the audience.

Cindy Gay, Lambda Sigma president said Alders will discuss the accomplishments of student government over the past year.

Gay also said Alders' discussion might include issues such as gay students and women in the band.

## History today

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Today is Shrove Tuesday.

On February 19th, 1945, during World War Two, U.S. Marines landed on the Japanese-held island of Iwo Jima in the western Pacific.

In 1803, Congress voted to ac-









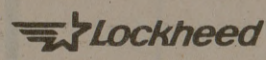






cept Ohio's borders and constitution. (However, Congress did not get around to formally ratifying Ohio's admission to the Union until—believe it or not—1953.)

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order that made the wartime deten-

tion of Japanese-Americans possible.

In 1963, the Soviet Union informed President John F. Kennedy that it would withdraw "several thousand" of an estimated 17-thousand Soviet troops in Cuba.

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