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Expert calls disarmament unrealistic

Superpower accord 'impossible'

By Olivier Uytendaele
Staff Writer

An agreement between the two superpowers to eliminate their nuclear arsenals is impossible because of the nuclear arsenals of other nations, an expert on Soviet tactics and strategy said here Tuesday.

British expert Dr. Peter Vigor said that Gorbachev's Iceland arms control proposal would, as he understands it, have led to the eventual dismantling of all nuclear weapons in the Soviet Union and the United States.

"Who then is going to be the master of the world?" Vigor asked. "India? China? We (Great Britain) have got a few and the French but they're unpredictable, God knows."

Vigor's speech was sponsored by The Military Studies Institute and The Center for Strategic Technology.

The Soviet Union has more to gain than the

West from a contraction in the size of nuclear arsenals in the world, Vigor said. This is because it would give more weight to the might of its conventional forces and the nuclear might of its allies such as India, he said.

"The Soviet Union is genuinely interested in nuclear disarmament for the very simple reason that nuclear weapons are the only weapons with which we could do damage to the U.S.S.R. itself," Vigor said.

He said that the Soviet Union's yearlong unilateral moratorium on nuclear weapons testing is an example of its propaganda efforts. He said a Soviet general recently was quoted as saying that the propaganda and diplomatic value the Soviet Union has reaped from the moratorium has far outstripped the damage it has suffered militarily.

Vigor also said arms control proposals also will

be affected by the differences between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and former Soviet leaders.

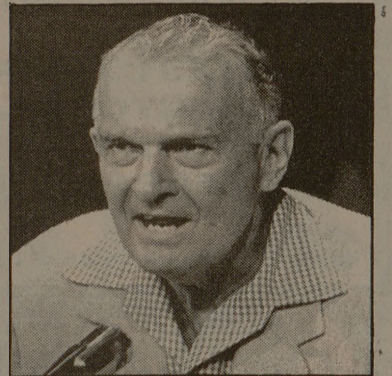
Gorbachev is the first Soviet leader since the revolution to have a University education, and Vigor says fact should make a clear difference in the way the Soviet Union handles itself diplomatically.

Gorbachev has a "greater degree of finesse at the tactical level . . ." that will allow him to avoid such blunders as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the 1962 confrontation that brought the superpowers to the brink of war, Vigor said.

The media in the United States and Great Britain make Gorbachev out to have greater control over the Soviet government than he in fact does, Vigor said.

Clements: Cutting higher education not Texas' answer

By Mike Sullivan
Reporter



Bill Clements

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Clements said Tuesday that tightening higher education's belt is no way to expand the sagging Texas economy.

Cuts in higher education are counterproductive to university research programs, Clements said at a news conference in the new Ocean Drilling Program building in Texas A&M University's Research Park.

"It is absolutely wrong to cut higher education," he said. "That is 180 degrees from what this state should be doing."

He said solid research and development programs, such as A&M's Ocean Drilling Program, will attract new businesses to Texas, creating jobs and diversifying the state economy.

Louis E. Garrison, director of the ODP, said that the National Science Foundation recently granted the ODP \$30 million in research funds, and part of that money was used to build the new ODP building.

Garrison said the 150-person ODP staff will move into the new building Nov. 10.

Funding from the National Science Foundation also will aid research and exploration conducted at sea by the ODP, he said.

The ODP's 476-foot ship travels the Atlantic, Pacific, Antarctic and Indian oceans with a crew of about 50 A&M student technicians taking samples from the ocean floor at depths of up to 1,500 meters, Garrison said.

The samples will be stored in the ODP's new building and will be used to research the history of the earth and geologic processes.

Clements said, "The kind of technology that is being used (by the ODP) in drilling in these ex-

treme water depths is absolutely at the razor's edge of ocean technology."

Clements' youth director Alan Hill said that the development of university research programs is what Texas needs to prove its commitment to higher education.

He said that 217 professors have resigned and left the state this year, and about 220 more have indicated they may leave because they don't believe Texas is committed to higher education.

Clements said Texas is the only state in the nation to cut higher education funds this year.

Hill said A&M is taking a step toward becoming a world-class university while showing Texas and the nation that it is committed to research and development with its building of the research park.

He said one of the future projects slated for development in the park is an incubation program where good ideas will have the chance to develop.

The program will lease space in a specially developed building to A&M graduates who have ideas that may be developed into new businesses.

In Advance

Student group hosts seminar examining drug trade

The International Student Association will host a seminar discussing the international drug trade from the perspective of Latin Americans at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in 404 Rudder Tower.

The seminar, entitled "Cocaine Traffic," will open with short speeches by Henry C. Smith, a Texas A&M professor of Latin American studies, and representatives for the Bolivia Student Association and the Peru Student Association.

The speeches will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Briscoe backs Clements, denies charges

AUSTIN (AP)— Defeated Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Briscoe endorsed Republican Bill Clements for governor Tuesday, denying he once offered to support Gov. Mark White if the Democrats would pay his campaign debts.

"There have been no offers whatever, no guarantees to force my decision so far as supporting Gov. Clements," said Briscoe, who received 247,000 votes in the May 3 primary race against White.

Dwayne Holman, White's campaign manager, said that on Sept. 4, Briscoe offered to campaign for White if White's campaign would pay his campaign debts. Holman said he met with Briscoe at the Lone Star Cafe in Dallas after Briscoe had called him several times.

"He (Briscoe) said he was out about \$219,000 and he sure would like to endorse Mark (White), and if we could basically pay him \$219,000 he would campaign for us," Holman said. "I told him I was sure we were not interested but he asked if I would run it by the governor. I called him back the next day and said we were not interested."

Holman said Briscoe appeared

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disappointed and said he at least expected a counteroffer.

"I'll take a lie detector test on it," Holman said.

When Briscoe was asked if he would take a lie detector test, he said, "I can't answer that now until the rules are clarified."

He said, "I did not ask any financial remuneration. I did talk with Dwayne Holman and the governor. I said to the governor, 'If you will take care of the issues, everything else will take care of itself.' No promise of endorsement was made." Clements, who called the news conference, said there was no consideration of any kind offered for Briscoe's endorsement.

Clements said Briscoe would be

head of Texans for Bill Clements, an organization to appeal to conservative Democrats and independents.

Briscoe said, "I urge my fellow Democrats to vote for the future of Texas. He (Clements) will help turn the economy around and help create jobs."

Clements said, "Andrew Briscoe and I share common principles of state government. We want to curb state spending and hold the line on taxes."

"We want quality education and an economic climate in Texas that will attract business and investment for the creation of jobs."

Briscoe said his final campaign report would be submitted by Jan. 15.

"I guarantee you that I don't have one more penny in my campaign committee than I had before I made this decision," Briscoe said.

At the news conference, Clements also criticized White for a series of appearances Sunday at black churches in Fort Worth.

He said White told the church members Clements would do away with education, health and social programs that benefit the black community.

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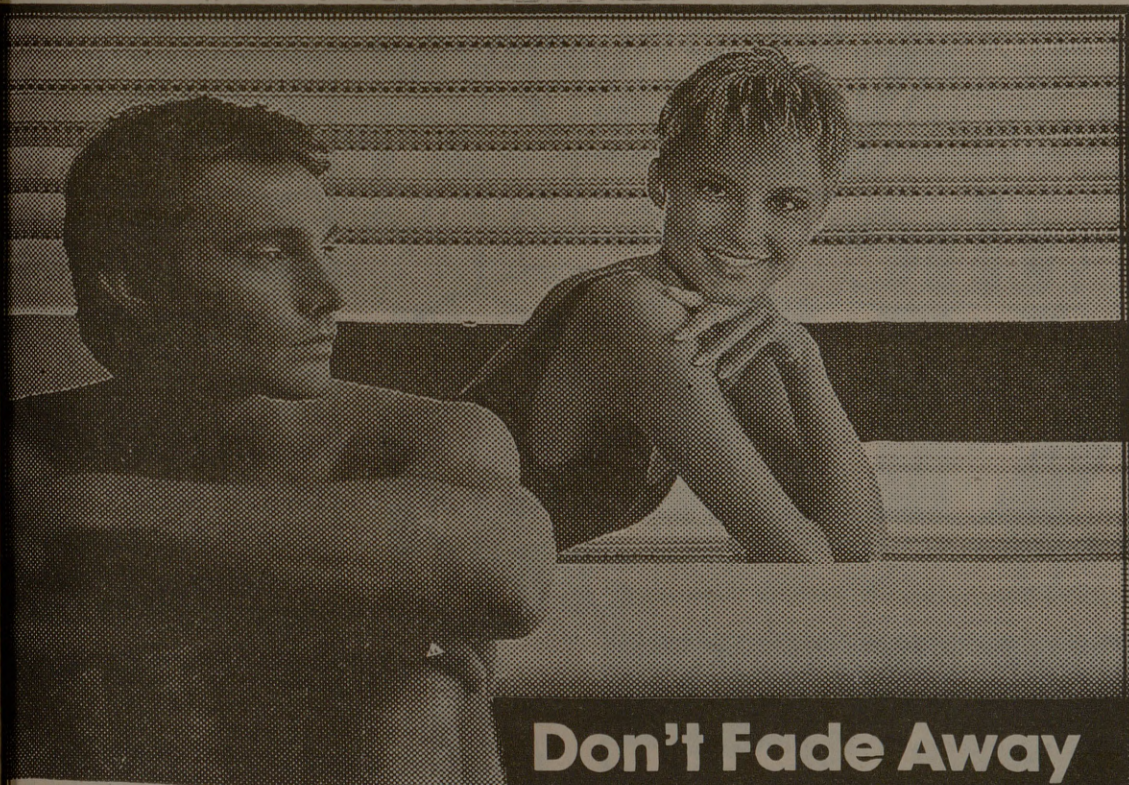
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