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Ambassador: U.S., Soviets should compromise

Salt II treaty author says relations need work

By Melanie Perkins
Staff Writer

"Right now we are in the posture with the Soviets of two gunmen sitting across the table from each other, each one of them with a .45 (caliber) pistol with a round in the chamber, cocked, with a hair trigger," said Ambassador Ralph Earle II, author and chief U.S. negotiator of the Salt II treaty.

Earle spoke to a group of about 50 people at an MSC Political Forum program on United States-Soviet relations Monday in Rudder Tower.

"Neither one of us is going to pull the trigger, because we know in the death spasm of the other we will be killed," Earle continued.

"This idea is destabilizing and causes both sides to build up their defenses, he said.

"As long as we maintain our position that we are going to go forward with Star Wars, we are not going to have reductions," Earle said. "In fact, we are going to have increases in strategic weapons."

This is why the Star Wars pro-

gram, which was introduced by President Reagan in 1983 and advocates going forward with a defensive system, isn't going to work, Earle said. For every anti-missile system we develop that can work, the Soviets are going to deploy at least two missiles, just as we would do if things were the other way around, he said.

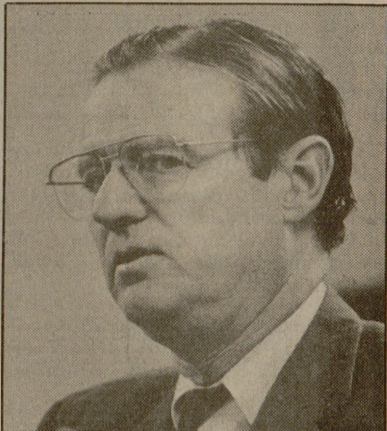
A review of the recent history of United States-Soviet relations gives a much better understanding of where we are today and where we will be in the future, Earle said.

"We become far too interested in and obsessed by our own perspective of the issues and pay far too little — and in many instances, no attention — to the other guy's perception," Earle said.

He gave an example of the U.S. invasion of the Soviet Union in an effort to overthrow the Soviet government in 1918-1919.

We were unsuccessful, and since human nature dictates remembering victories rather than defeats, not many Americans remember the event, Earle said.

"But every Soviet child who is now



Ambassador Ralph Earle II

an adult has been taught in school accurately, although probably in a distorted and exaggerated way, that the United States invaded the Soviet Union — sent armed forces both into the eastern and the western part of the Soviet Union — to overthrow the newly formed communist government," Earle said.

That colors their thinking of us somewhat, he said.

Then from 1918 to 1933 the United States did not recognize the Soviet Union as an established government.

There was a brief period during World War II when the communist side of the Soviet government was put aside because we were on the same side in the war.

Then the Cold War began and all these historical differences came back to the surface to color the relationship between the two countries for the last 40 years, Earle said.

"It is clearly an adversarial relationship — I think it will be for a very long time," Earle said.

He said he does think the United States and the Soviet Union have something in common.

"I think the common ground we have with the Soviet Union is that none of us want to be incinerated by a nuclear bomb," Earle said. "And to the extent that we both agree on that and try to find some form of

agreement between us by not sacrificing anything that is important to us or to them, the more progress we will make."

In the broader context of relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, Earle said, Mikhail Gorbachev is the key.

He said he has a strong feeling that Gorbachev has made domestic problems his first priority.

"And, boy, does he have them (domestic problems)," Earle said. "The Soviet Union to my knowledge is the only country in the world where the life expectancy of adult males decreased in the last 10 years."

Earle said there are two risks — that Gorbachev's reforms could work and the Soviet Union would become stronger and more competitive, or that his reforms may not work and he would be replaced by the "Old Guard," which would be worse.

"Do I trust the Soviets?" Earle asked. "Of course not. You shouldn't. They don't trust us — they shouldn't."

Woman wired with bomb in robbery try

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 62-year-old woman told police she was abducted from her home, wired with a fake bomb and forced to go to a bank to withdraw funds in a robbery attempt on Monday.

Joyce Heald said a gunman went to her home in southwest Lubbock about 11:30 a.m. and forced her to go with him to the Bank of the West at South Plains Mall, police said.

"He put an electronic device on her that he said was an explosive device, that he said he could detonate from a remote location," police Sgt. Bill Hubbard said.

After she went inside the bank, police and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were notified, he said.

"They were able to remove the device from her," he said. "It turned out not to be an explosive device, just a real good-looking fake."

After questioning, police arrested a 20-year-old man.

A&M student body presidential candidates 'battle it out' at forum

By Christi Daugherty
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Eight of the nine student body presidential candidates verbally battled it out in an informal debate at the Lambda Sigma Fountain Forum Monday afternoon.

A crowd of about 25 gathered as the debate began, and the ensuing question-and-answer session was sometimes quite heated as audience members pinpointed certain issues, including Student Senate attendance and campaign spending.

José Castro increased the temperature early in the debate by lashing out at the current Senate executives about the Senate Reform Bill that failed earlier in the semester, which would have cut the 87-member Senate in half.

"That's not the purpose of Student Government, to cut itself in half," Castro said. "How are we going to get anything done

when we have a Student Government that's playing games and having four vice presidents and two judicial board chairmen in one year?"

Mason Hogan then cooled things off by waxing nostalgic about the A&M Student Government of years past.

"I'd like to see Student Government go back to the way it was back in 1945 — serving students," Hogan said. "That means representing the students and standing up to the Faculty Senate in certain situations."

Hogan then was asked by an audience member about his reasons for voting for the Senate Reform bill earlier in the semester which would have cut the Senate in half.

He defended himself by saying he had studied the issue carefully as a senator and had decided such a move would make the Senate more productive and make the senators feel more comfortable about their jobs.

"A smaller, tighter group of 45 or 50 Senators would get a whole lot more done," Hogan said.

Jaime Galvan then spoke against the Reform Bill, saying he thought it was a poor idea which would have wounded the Senate by making its members less available to their constituents and responsible for too many people to legislate effectively.

"Personally, I think cutting the Senate is a ridiculous idea, because if we cut it each senator will be covering too much area," Galvan said. He also blamed the current administration, saying, "I think the reason this idea came up at all is because Senate leaders found it difficult to get people to attend the meetings, and this is the wrong way to go about it."

Jody Kay Manley took the opportunity to challenge another candidate, Miles Bradshaw, for his record, saying, "Miles Bradshaw was quoted as saying the Senate is an ineffective body because they had trou-

ble getting a quorum," Manley said. "I don't think you need to cut a body because they can't get a quorum."

Because he was attending the funeral of a family member of one of his campaign workers, Bradshaw was unable to attend the debate.

The group then was asked why senators don't attend meetings, and most blamed the Student Government leadership.

Galvan blamed the leaders, and Castro specifically blamed the Senate speaker — Bradshaw — for not making the meetings more interesting.

One audience member asked why the candidates were running if everybody else is so apathetic.

Spence McClung, who is currently a senator and committee chairman, answered, "Because Student Government can make a difference. We can represent the students and defend their interests."

An audience member then challenged the candidates about their election spend-

ing, and asked if they were all under the \$300 spending limit. All claimed they were.

Galvan said he'd spent \$284, while Castro said \$221. Manley claimed \$283, and McClung said he'd spent \$252.

The audience member asked who selected the election commissioners, and Galvan answered, saying the positions were appointed by the student body president.

"They're handpicked by the student body president, and that's something I'd like to change," Galvan said.

Richard de Castongreue then stepped in, saying he felt there should be no spending limit because, "if people want to spend \$4,000 for a position that means nothing, they should be able to."

Perry Eichor defended the spending limit, saying it was important to keep people from buying their way into office.

"I've spent about \$280 so far — I couldn't spend more if I wanted to, because I simply haven't got it," Eichor said. He said he took out a loan for most of his money.

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1987 PARENTS' WEEKEND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

April 10-12 1987

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1987		
8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Metzger & Sanders Gun Collection	MSC - 3rd Floor
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Boutique	Rudder Tower
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Sterling C. Evans Library Open House, Tours and Reception	204B Evans Library
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	College of Architecture Reception/Faculty Welcome	Langford Building 2nd Floor
7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	RHA Casino Night	MSC
7:30 p.m.	MSC Variety Show (\$4.00/student, \$5.00/non-student)	Rudder Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	TAMU Mothers' Club Reception	145 MSC
8:00 p.m.	TAMU Women's Chorus (\$3.00/student, \$4.00/non-student)	Rudder Theatre
8:00 p.m.	Aggie Players present "Picnic", (\$4.00/student, \$5.00/non-student)	Rudder Forum
12:00 a.m.	MSC Aggie Cinema presents "Head", starring the Monkees	Grove
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1987		
8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.	Metzger & Sanders Gun Collection	MSC - 3rd Floor
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	CBA Fellows Program Reception	Blocker Foyer
8:00 a.m.	Recreation and Parks Golf Tournament	TAMU Golf Course
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Boutique	Rudder Tower
8:30 a.m.	Baptist Student Union Second Annual Fun Run for World Hunger	First Baptist Church of CS
9:30 a.m.	Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Meeting	Rudder Auditorium
9:30 a.m.	RHA Parents' Day Coffee	701 Rudder
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Sigma Chi Open House	Dowling Road
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Student Government Information Table	MSC
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Sterling C. Evans Library Tours	Evans Library
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Traditions Council Slide Show	To Be Announced
11:00 a.m.	Day on the Lawn: "Art, Space, and Time" - American Institute of Architecture Students' Reception	Field between Oceanography and Langford Center
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Keathley Hall Barbecue	Keathley Quad
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	OPA Picnic and Alumni Day	Hensel Park
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	College of Engineering Picnic (\$2.00/person)	West Side of Zachry
12:00 p.m.	Student Government Freshman Aides Picnic	Hensel Park Dome
12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Alpha Kappa Psi Luncheon	First Baptist Church
1:00 p.m.	MSC CAMAC fajita cookout	Hensel Park
1:00 p.m.	Elephant Bowl	Kyle Field
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	What's Up With the Class of '90	701 Rudder
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	TAMU Gymnastics Club Demonstration	Rudder Fountain Area
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Ross Volunteer Reunion	Hilton Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	Jordan Inst. for International Awareness presents "We've Never Been Licked"	Rudder Theatre
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Class of '90 Information Meeting	To Be Announced
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Off-Campus Aggies Reception for Parents	145 MSC
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Hobby & Neeley Hall Barbecue	Hobby Hall
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	San Antonio Hometown Club Picnic	Hensel Park Area I
5:30 p.m.	Squadron Seven, Corps of Cadets Banquet	Ramada Inn
5:30 p.m.	Range Club Annual Barbecue and Banquet	To Be Announced
6:00 p.m.	Campus Crusade for Christ Parents' Banquet	Westminster Presbyterian Church 3300 Oakridge Bryan
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Aggie Allemanders Square Dance for Parents and Students (no experience necessary)	Pavilion
7:30 p.m.	BAC Voices of Praise Springfest Gospel Musical	To Be Announced
7:30 p.m.-9:45 p.m.	MSC Aggie Cinema Movie: "The Great Mouse Detective" (\$2.00/ticket)	Rudder Theatre
8:00 p.m.	TAMU Singing Cadets	Rudder Auditorium
8:00 p.m.	Aggie Players present "Picnic" (\$4.00/students, \$5.00/non-students)	Rudder Forum
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987		
7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Corps Flower Pinning Ceremony	Corps Dormitory Area
9:00 a.m.	Parents' Weekend Awards Ceremony	Rudder Auditorium
10:30 a.m.	Parents' Weekend Awards Ceremony Reception	Rudder Exhibit Hall
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Student Government Information Table	MSC
10:30 a.m.	Parents' Weekend Reception	All Faiths Chapel
11:00 a.m.	Parents' Weekend Chapel Service	Rudder Theatre
11:00 a.m.	MSC Awards Ceremony	201 MSC
12:00 p.m.	Parents' of the Year Banquet	Leggett Lawn
1:00 p.m.	Leggett Hall Picnic and Slide Show	Kyle Field
1:30 p.m.	Ross Volunteer Performance	Kyle Field
2:30 p.m.	Corps of Cadets Review & Awards Ceremony	Kyle Field
3:15 p.m.	Fish Drill Team Performance	601 Rudder Tower
4:00 p.m.	Ross Volunteer Transition Ceremony	Simpson Drill Field
4:30 p.m.	Parsons' Mounted Calvary Parents' Day Performance	206 MSC
6:00 p.m.	Cap and Gown Initiation	

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