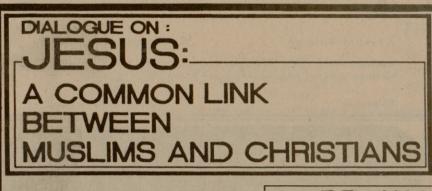
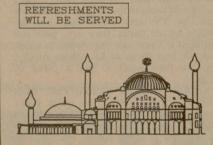
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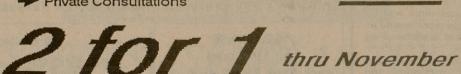
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Lecture tries to find force behind change

By Alan Sembera Senior Staff Writer

"The Importance of Making Mistakes: How Columbus Accelerated the Engine of History" will be the topic of a presentation to be given by Dr. William H. Mc-Neill, a University of Chicago professor, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture rooms A & B of the Clayton Williams Alumni

McNeill's speech, which is sponsored by the University Lecture Series, is part of a multidisciplinary conference being held at Texas A&M to identify the single most important force driving social and cultural change

Dr. Peter Hugill, an A&M associate geography professor who helped organize the conference, said it is designed to look at changes in history over the long term and to look at the needs of future generations

The conference's title, "What is the Engine of History," is the question used to challenge about 20 leading scholars

who will be in attendance at the confer-

The scholars, who come from fields as diverse as engineering, economics, geography, anthropology, history, psychology, philosophy, demography and political science, will present papers at the conference.

The scholars will come from universi-

Hugill said the conference is an attempt to look at history on a "macro-sca-

The question, "What is the engine of history," belongs to the German economist Karl Marx, Hugill explained, and from the Depression until the mid '70s, social scientists have looked at this question only in terms of about the next 30

But today, he said, scientists such as archeologists, anthropoligists and geologists are dealing with systems where 30

The scholars will present most of their papers in different sessions in 206 MSC.

The next session begins p.m., and deals with de

ties from around the country.

years is a mere blip.

Friday there will be two se about technological and

change, and the other about st political change. They begin a and 2 p.m. respectively.

The last session, about inte

cultural change, begins at 9 an

Any one may attend the and the sessions are free.

But students must pay \$18 m must pay \$25 to attend the lunch The conference is being

Texas A&M provost, the Lecture Series, Sterling C. brary and Friends of the Library colleges of engineering, geos liberal arts.

The proceedings of the will be edited into a book.

National Guard withdraws from Marfa, secret mission

MARFA (AP) — A Texas Army National Guard unit has pulled up stakes and three sophisticated U.S. Customs aircraft have flown back to their home base, taking with them any explanation for their simultaneous, week-long presence in this quiet Big Bend town.

The National Guard unit's mission was so secret that the assistant chief of staff of the Texas Guard said he was kept in the dark. And Charles Conroy, spokesman for U.S. Customs in Texas, said he knew of no special operations based in Marfa, a town of 2,500 about 60 miles north of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The National Guard and the aircraft were in Marfa during the height of the fall marijuana harvest in Mexico.

At least three Customs aircrafts — a Blackhawk helicopter, a twin-engine Cessna Citation II jet and a single-engine, propeller-driven Ayres Thrush 600 were based at Marfa's municipal airport for about a week. The aircraft, which probably are based permanently at San Angelo, were gone by Monday.

The National Guard left Monday from its encampment in the fenced-in back yard of the U.S. Border Patrol's sector headquarters on the town's southern

Lt. Col. Dwain James, assistant chief of staff of the Texas Army National Guard, said Tuesday by phone from Austin that he was told only that the guard unit was in Marfa to perform a classified communications exercise. He said he was not told the number of Guardsmen present, where they were from or whether they were working with other branches of the armed forces. "It was a very restrictive exercise,"

James said. The Guard brought in two helicopters and a truck loaded with communications equipment, then set up a 30-foot-square camouflage tent on a lawn between the Border Patrol headquarters building and

parking lot. Patrol deputy chief Charles Hensley, said, they roped off the area around the tent, stationed armed guards and did not allow Border Patrol agents nearby

"They said they were testing some kind of radio equipment," Hensley said, adding that one Guardsman told him they were working with a communications

unit at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

But Lt. Roger Meyer, public affairs officer for the 11th Signal Brigade at Fort Huachuca, said the brigade was not working with any National Guard units in Texas in the last two weeks

Fort Huachuca, about 60 miles southeast of Tucson and 20 miles north of the U.S.-Mexican border, is the site of the first U.S. Customs aerostat - a heliumfilled radar balloon that can detect air and land traffic up to 200 miles away.

The Customs service's second aerostat is scheduled to go up in early December above Marfa. Other aerostats are scheduled to go up later near Yuma, Ariz.; Deming, N.M.; and the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

Conroy said he did not know why Customs had the three aircraft at Marfa's airport, or whether their presence was re-

lated to the National Guard es the impending deployment

Patrol plan to employ chaplains

EL PASO (AP) -The der Patrol will soon hire 21 one for each sector of the official said.

The patrol hopes to hire to lains within six months, Vina, deputy chief of the Elft tor, said. They will counse and their families, he said.

that may get a chaplain by the year, Mike Williams, chi agent in El Paso, said.

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De la Vina said the ago chaplains.

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