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News Highlights

Haig speaks, takes questions at Open Forum session

In another move emphasizing that he assigns high value to the work of the Secretary's Open Forum, Secretary Haig stepped to the podium himself when the forum met at noon October 14 in the Dean Acheson Auditorium. It was the first time since its founding in 1967 that an incumbent Secretary had addressed the forum, whose member-

ship is open to employees of all ranks at State and the other foreign affairs agencies. Some weeks earlier (STATE, August/September), Mr. Haig said in a message distributed to all employees: "The Secretary's Open Forum offers each of you an opportunity to participate more directly in our foreign policy process—to suggest new policies or to offer a responsible alternative when dissenting from an existing one."

Introduced by Open Forum chairman Eileen Heaphy, the Secretary

spoke for some 30 minutes, expounding on the foreign policy of the administration. His remarks, in keeping with the forum rule for all speakers, were off the record. Mr. Haig spoke extemporaneously, with only a glance now and then at notes he had brought with him. After completing his presentation, he took random questions from members of the audience, answering at length. This was followed by a luncheon with members of Open Forum steering committee in the James Madi-



SECRETARY'S OPEN FORUM— Members of the steering committee with Secretary Haig, prior to the luncheon with him. From left, first row: *Elizabeth Cummings*, international relations officer, Office for Combatting Terrorism; *Eileen Heaphy*, chairman, Open Forum; *Mr. Haig*; *Sanford Watzman*, vice chairman, Open Forum, and editor, *STATE* magazine; *Philip Taylor*, management analyst, Office of Management and Administration, Bureau of Consular Affairs; *Vicki Huddleston*,

international economist, Office for Economic and Development Policy, Bureau of International Organization Affairs; *Joseph McBride*, congressional liaison officer, Bureau of Congressional Relations. Second row: *Stuart Schwartzstein*, political officer, Office of Regional Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; *Eileen Binn*, program analyst for associate director for management, ICA; *Larry Roeder*, desk officer, Office of East-West Trade, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; *Frank Stewart*, assistant

director for market development, Trade and Development Program, International Development Cooperation Agency; *William Veale*, management analyst, Office of Management Operations; *Galen Fox*, chief, Northeast Asian Division, Office of Analysis for East Asia and the Pacific, Bureau of Intelligence and Research; *Monterieff Spear*, retired senior Foreign Service officer; *Lannon Walker*, deputy assistant secretary, Bureau of African Affairs.

son Dining Room, where the discussion continued for nearly an hour.

In other October events of the forum, Charles DiBona, president of the American Petroleum Institute, spoke October 16 on "America's Energy Policy for the '80s," and Eliot Berg, consultant to the World Bank and principal author of the bank's review of African development efforts in the past decade, met with a discussion group from the Bureau of African Affairs, with Bob Pringle, director of the bureau's Economic Policy Staff, presiding.

Speakers scheduled for this month included Arthur Flemming, chairman, U.S. Civil Rights Commission, who was to discuss the commission's recent study of hiring practices in the Foreign Service, November 4; Frank Carlucci, deputy secretary of defense, November 10, and newscaster Walter Cronkite, November 12. □