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CLARK CALLS MILITARY BUDGET A FRAUD

Campaigning in Chicago Libertarian Presidential Candidate, Ed Clark, said that his opponents were "perpetrating a fraud of massive proportions on the American people by failing to point out that nearly 2/3 of our military budget goes to defend other countries". While Carter, Reagan and Anderson have called for increasing the military budget, Clark has called for a 50 billion dollar military spending cut in the first year of a new administration. His proposal outlined in a 69 page "White Paper on Foreign and Military Policies" calls for withdrawing American troops from abroad cutting the defense budget and withdrawing from treaty alliances that commit the U. S. to intervene overseas. Clark said, his plan "would dramatically increase the real security of the American people by reducing the likelihood that we would become involved in a local conflict that could escalate to nuclear war. Preventing nuclear war should be one of the most important goals of American foreign policy. Instead, however, Carter and Reagan are calling for the capability to wage a 'limited nuclear war' a scenario that would inevitably escalate to 'unlimited nuclear war' ". Clark cited remarks by Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown, on ABC-TV's

"Issues and Answers" that he "would not rule out the first use of tactical nuclear weapons as a way of showing that this was a very critical situation (if American allies were attacked)". Brown also admitted in the same program that "even though we retaliated initially in a limited way (it) would probably escalate ultimately to an all-out nuclear war". Clark said "the Carter-Reagan doctrine of limited nuclear war is a prescription for annihilation". Clark said that he was the "peace candidate" in this election and that he was the only candidate to "understand that a non-intervention of foreign policy and lower taxes go hand in hand". Clark has proposed a tax cut amounting to 180 billion dollars and a spending cut amounting to 200 billion dollars, including a 50 billion dollar cut in the Pentagon's budget. His tax and spending proposals were detailed in an 82 page "White Paper on Taxing and Spending Reduction". Clark also appeared on CBS radio's "Capital Cloak Room" which will be aired this coming Wednesday.