

Soviets may talk with Carter UTA parking tickets raised from \$5 to \$24

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Soviet leaders are signaling publicly and privately their readiness to talk business with President-elect Carter on three key issues, beginning with the stalled negotiations on limiting strategic arms.

U.S. officials yesterday reported they have heard from Moscow through informal and indirect channels that Leonid I. Brezhnev would like 1977 to be a year that yields:

✓ A second phase agreement on limiting strategic arms, referred to in diplomatic jargon as SALT II.

✓ A complete nuclear test ban treaty that would outlaw underground nuclear weapons explosions, but would permit certain blasts for strictly peaceful purposes.

✓ An arrangement for the removal of trade and credit barriers between the two super-powers.

U.S. authorities have advised friendly governments of the soundings made by Brezhnev and some of his subordinates, according to Western diplomats.

These soundings have been passed on by the Ford administration to the President-elect and members of his transition team, including Secretary of State-designate Cyrus R. Vance.

With the possible exception of trading and credit arrangements, U.S. officials have told their allied colleagues a SALT II pact and a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty should be attainable by the fall of 1977, barring unforeseen developments.

The Soviet leadership has used public as well as private channels to get messages through to Carter. Influential Americans with links to Carter had been asked to visit Moscow before and after the Nov. 2 election, not only to satisfy the Kremlin's need to know more about Carter but also to convey Soviet thinking to him.

Among these Americans were W. Averell Harriman, a group of 150 American businessmen, and a team representing the U.S. branch of the United Nations Association.

Sources said all were told of Moscow's readiness to conclude a SALT II pact and to develop trade. Harriman, sources said, heard from Brezhnev himself of Moscow's belief that a total nuclear test ban treaty now is possible with some limited onsite inspection included.

The number of parking tickets for no-decal offenses at the UNIVERSITY OF ARLINGTON (UTA) has dropped 40 per cent during the past month, according to a report in the UTA newspaper Shorthorn.

The University police chief believes an increased citation fee may have had something to do with the decrease. Fees were recently raised from \$5 to \$24.

The increase was made in order to discourage students from risking a ticket for parking illegally. The University did so by making the decal less costly than one ticket. Car decals cost \$18 for day students and \$10 for night students.

One encouraging note — first offenders can have the citation fee waived by purchasing a decal. Let's hope our University doesn't come up with an idea like that. Few college students can afford \$24.

Debate is one-sided
A planned debate on the death penalty turned into a one-sided lecture at the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS because the event's organizers couldn't find anyone to defend the practice.

A report in the Daily Texan, the University of Texas newspaper, said speakers at the event were a reporter and a law professor, both of whom spoke against the death penalty.

"Malteaching" discussed
The president of Citizens Against Pornography, a Houston-based civic group, has written a letter to UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON president Philip C. Hoffman challenging his statement that professors can teach whatever they want without restrictions by the University.

According to a report in the UH newspaper, the Cougar, the UH Student Life counselor said there is no legal precedent for students suing professors for teaching invalid information, a practice he calls "malteaching."

Hazing charge dropped
Hazing charges have been dropped against two UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON sororities, according to a report in the Cougar.

Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities were charged with forcing pledges to stay up until 4 a.m. as a sort of trial of strength.

The complaints, filed by a UH English department teaching fellow, were withdrawn when sorority pledges asked her to withdraw her charge. The two sororities said they have no hazing programs.

Bulletin board

WEDNESDAY
Free University Committee, Student Programs Office, 7:30 p.m.

Sports Car Club, Old College Station City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Moebius Staff, Student Programs Office, 6:30 p.m.

Travel Committee, "We've Never Been Licked," Rudder Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Math Club, Harrington 100, 7:30 p.m.

A.I. Chemical Engineers, Zachry 203, 7:30 p.m.

Audubon Society, Lecture-Movie, Tom Sterling: "20th Century Wilderness," Rudder Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Cepheid Variable, "Barebrell," 8 and 10 p.m.

FRIDAY
Horsemen's Association and Saddle & Siroin, Cowboy Christmas Formal, MSC Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Engineering Technology Society, Annual Banquet, MSC 225 (tickets available at Engineering Tech Office), 7 p.m.

Aggie Cinema, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," Rudder Auditorium, 8 and 10 p.m.

SATURDAY
Aggie Cinema, "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol," Rudder Theater, 2 p.m.

Commencement, Dr. A. I. Thomas, G. Rollie White Coliseum, 9 a.m.

Commissioning, USMC Lt. Gen. Samuel Jaskilka, G. Rollie White Coliseum, 1:30 p.m.

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