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Soviets, Americans in third round of military arms limitation talks

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HELSINKI, Finland — A third round of Soviet-American talks aimed at limiting the spread of conventional arms began Tuesday at the U.S. Embassy.

Discussions between the two superpowers to limit the sales of conventional weapons began last year in Washington. Follow-up talks were held this year in Helsinki May 4-8.

A U.S. government spokesman said the talks were in the national interest as the increasingly rapid conventional arms buildup posed a serious risk to regional stability and to world peace.

The two delegations, headed by Ambassador Lev Mendelevich for the Soviet Union and Leslie H.

Gelb, director of the Bureau of Politico-military affairs at the State Department, meet alternately at the Soviet and American embassies.

After a three-and-a-half hour opening session, Mendelevich said,

"We have resumed discussions and the meeting has been conducted in a good spirit.

"We both expect successful progress in these negotiations. Helsinki is a nice location for our talks, which

we expect to take until the end of next week."

The two delegations will split into working groups before conferring at the full plenary session scheduled for Friday.

Rhodesian prime minister charges black colleagues blocked cease-fire

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SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Prime Minister Ian Smith Tuesday blamed the three black members of Rhodesia's interim government for failure to secure a cease-fire be-

tween whites and black guerrillas.

"It must be clear to everybody that as far as the cease-fire is concerned, this is something which is in the hands of my black colleagues," Smith said in a news conference.

"There is little I can do other than to ask our security forces to work with them (the black politicians) and cooperate with them. They are doing this to the full."

Two of Smith's black government partners, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and The Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, have said they have enough influence over black nationalist guerrillas to bring on a significant deescalation of the five-year-old war.

But the conflict, which has claimed more than 11,000 lives, has sharply escalated since the "internal agreement" was signed in March.

"So don't let's be mealy-mouthed about it," Smith said. "This clearly is a field in which my black colleagues operate almost exclusively and I hope we're going to have better results from now on."

Soviet prison camps follow strict regime

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MOSCOW — Vyatchislav Repnikov knows where Anatoly Shcharansky is going. He has been there himself, and Soviet prison camp is an experience he can never forget.

Repnikov, 52, spent 10 years in a "strict regime" labor camp in the Mordovian Republic after he was convicted of treason and anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda — the same charges laid against Shcharansky, who was sentenced Friday to three years in prison plus a 10-year term in a "strict regime" camp.

Repnikov was in the camp from 1959 to 1969. He says his fellows were anarchists, pure Marxists — and common criminals, called zeks in the Soviet prison system.

"After I had served half of the term, I was allowed to get food packages once a year," he said as he waited with supporters outside the courthouse where Shcharansky was tried.

"I was also allowed to have one personal visit a year."

The visits were held in a "rendezvous house" outside of the camp. Any food brought by relatives had to be consumed in the house.

Nothing could be brought back to camp.

He worked eight hours a day making furniture during his term and he said he found he could speak more freely in the camps than he could when he lived in Moscow.

Breakfast was bread and soup. Lunch was bread, soup and vegetables and kasha, a buckwheat dish. Dinner was kasha and fish.

"They would have meat only on special days like May Day and Nov. 7th (the anniversary of the Russian revolution)," he said.

"In theory there was meat all the time, in the soup. But there is an old Russian saying about that. Soup means a grain following a grain stirred by a stick." He said this means the soup was little more than watery broth.

How did Repnikov get in prison? At age 18, he said, he became an "Amerikanskiophile" and wrote a letter to an American magazine. As a result he was arrested and sent to a psychiatric hospital.

Repnikov said he was released from the hospital in 1955, and made contacts with various Western newsmen. He was arrested in 1959 on the high treason charges, he said, because of those contacts.

World's first test-tube doing well

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MANCHESTER, England — Expectant father John Brown said "everything is going well."

Lesley Brown, 36, said the birth of their child at the District General Hospital, her time reading, sewing and television.

"The patient is progressing well and there could be a birth," the regional health officer said in a statement.

Gynecologist Patrick used a technique developed years of research and from Brown and fertility laboratory with sperm husband.

Stepotie then implanted fertilized egg into Brown, bypassing the faulty Fallopian tube that had prevented pregnancy.

Brown used a hospitalist to listen to the unborn heartbeat.

Brown, who has been lunched with his wife and "We have been very happy. Rumors about problems is going very well. If the difficulties, I would be glad to know."

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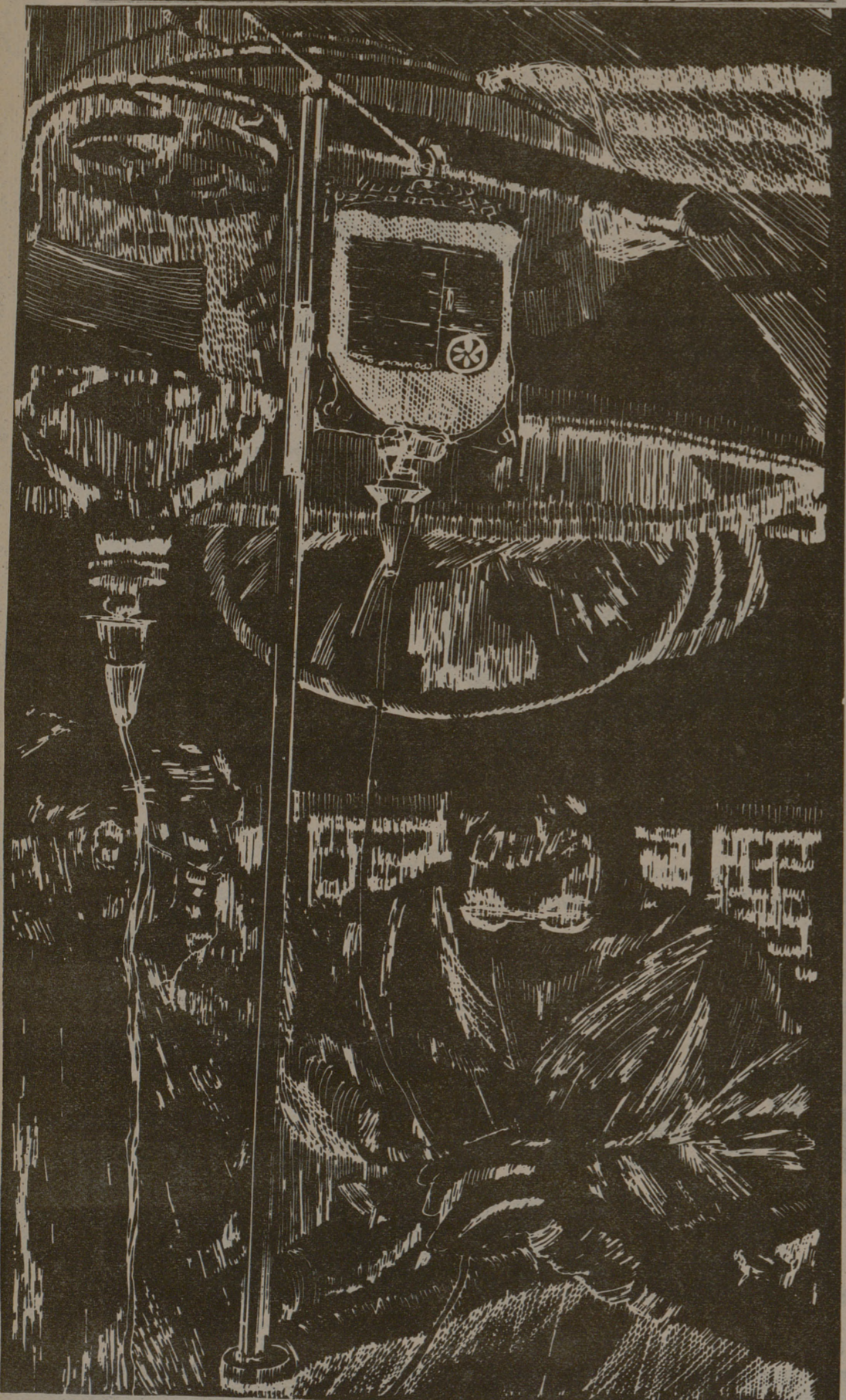
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