

# Soviets won't discuss SALT

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union is refusing to discuss with the United States measures it must take to comply with the terms of the unratified SALT II arms limitation treaty, diplomatic sources said Thursday.

The opportunity for such a discussion arose in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday when representatives of the U.S.-Soviet Standing Consultative Commission began one of their semiannual sessions.

Soviet representatives made clear Moscow has no desire to discuss reductions required by the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty at this point when the U.S. Senate still has not taken up the pact, the sources said.

President Carter asked the Senate to delay consideration of the treaty, which requires a two-thirds vote for Senate approval, in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Under SALT II, Russia would have to dismantle some 254 strategic missile launchers by Jan. 1, 1981.

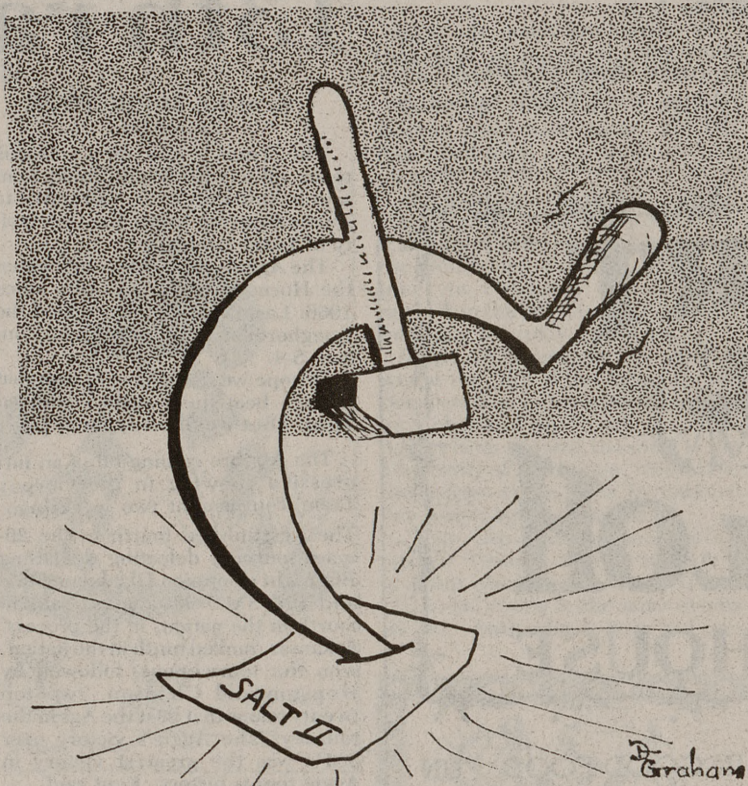
To meet that deadline, U.S. specialists say, the Russians probably should begin work immediately since dismantling could take as long as 12 months.

The State Department had no immediate comment on the Soviet refusal to address SALT II compliance issues. However, sources said the United States is not overly concerned at this point.

Some U.S. officials voiced the opinion it would be unlikely for the Russians to discuss SALT II until the treaty is ratified — particularly in the poor atmosphere following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Carter left open the possibility at his news conference last Friday that the administration would be prepared to renounce the treaty even if the Soviets continued to adhere to its terms.

The administration position in the aftermath of the shelving of Senate consideration had been that the United States would live up to the terms as long as the Soviet Union did.



## Guerrillas ask to renew talks

BOGOTA, Colombia — Guerrillas holding 32 hostages in the Dominican Republic Embassy asked the government to renew deadlocked ransom negotiations, sparking hopes of a breakthrough in the 23-day-old crisis.

The talks, stalled since March 13, were scheduled to start again today at the request of the April 19 Movement guerrillas, government sources said Wednesday.

The sources added the M-19 set no conditions for the renewed crisis.

Five previous rounds of talks collapsed over the guerrillas' insistence — and the government's refusal — that 311 jailed leftists be freed from Colombian prisons in exchange for the hostages.

A diplomat who leaped from a second-story window of the captured embassy early Monday, Ambassador Fernando Gomez of Uruguay, was reported to have suffered several injuries in his flight to freedom.

The Colombian government and the Uruguay Embassy at first said he suffered only minor bruises, but a medical report issued on Wednesday said he fractured his right hand, right knee and three vertebrae in the leap and scramble to safety.

# Police recover stolen Van Gogh

CAIRO — Authorities have recovered "The Poppy," an original Van Gogh painting stolen nearly two years ago from a Cairo museum and

## Man says wife held in U.S.

SANTIAGO, Chile — A Chilean big breeder claims his 75-year-old wife was kidnapped last week and taken to San Clemente, Calif. where she is being held prisoner.

Hector Urbina Tapia, 36, said his elderly wife, Ana Maria, disappeared March 11 and unknown people drugged her, forced her to sign a set of papers and put her on a flight to the United States against her will.

He said a few days later three invaders entered the couple's home on Tuesday. Urbina received a distraught telephone call from his wife, who told him she was being kept a prisoner in a San Clemente house. Chilean authorities have condemned Ana Maria Lenard Goldsmith left the country March 11 via Santiago's Pudahuel airport and immigration records show she has not returned to Chile.

smuggled to Kuwait, a Cabinet minister said Thursday.

Three Egyptians, whom the police would not identify, stole the painting valued at \$2.8 million, Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail said in a statement carried by the state-controlled Middle East News Agency.

Ismail did not disclose details of the painting's recovery, but said experts who examined the recovered painting testified it was the original. He said two of the men involved in the theft have been arrested, but the third fled to Kuwait.

A Cairo newspaper reported last month that the painting had been traced to Kuwait, but authorities there had "obstructed" its restoration to Egypt.

The painting was stolen in June 1978 from museum of the late Mohammed Mahmoud Khalil, a renowned art dealer, in the residential district of Zamalek.

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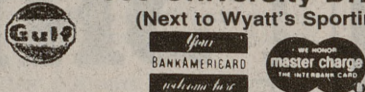
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