

Russian secretary emphasizes coexistence goal

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Mutually beneficial relations with the United States are vitally important to the Soviet Union,

and peace and coexistence are the ultimate goals of its foreign policy, a Soviet diplomat said here Thursday.
Pavelo Pavlov, the first secret-

ary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, gave the second keynote speech of the 27th Student Conference on National Affairs.

Pavlov has served with the United Nations in New York and Geneva and in the Soviet embassy in Vientiane, Laos, as well as in his native Moscow.

"Although no SALT II treaty was at that time in sight (while he was in Moscow)," Pavlov said, "the 1974 Vladivostok agreement (SALT I) actually prevented the opening of new channels for the arms race.

"At that time, we were also proposing to the United States to go farther than limiting existing types of weapons. We proposed to ban the development and production of the new mass destruction weapons, likewise in the United States and the Soviet Union."

Pavlov said there have been allegations that the Soviet Union has violated human rights in its own country. He said it also has been blamed for the legitimate measures taken to protect itself and its interests in an area that is



SCONA delegates Ann Keenan, from the University of Toronto, and Tommy Reddick, from Southern Arkansas University listen intently to a discussion of the Soviet

invasion of Poland during the third round table discussion in the Memorial Student Center. The discussion followed the speech by Soviet diplomat Pavelo Pavlov.

so close to its border, namely Afghanistan.
It must be remembered, he

said, that Afghanistan is on the southern border of the Soviet Union and traditionally has been not only neutral, but friendly to the Soviet Union.

That is the reason the Soviets could not understand the American administration's declaration of that area of the world as a vital interest to the United States, he said.

Pavlov said Afghanistan has the right to ask for help and that the Soviet Union should be able to help if asked.

"I would stress once again that we have been and we are still much disturbed by what's

going on in Afghanistan," he said. "And I would like to tell you once again that the Soviet Union is not happy to be there — we have to be there.

"As soon as we find the conditions right — that the Afghan government declares it is not fearing anymore outside intervention or rebel forces inside the country — we will (withdraw)."

Pavlov said the Soviets believe that the United States does not fear Soviet takeover of Afghanistan, as was stated previously. Instead, he said, the United States does not want the Soviets in the

area even temporarily, and the United States would be there permanently.

The Soviets are both and sometimes puzzled the policy of the Reagan administration, Pavlov said, under where it will lead the

He said he feels that the United States follows blindly without paying attention to the realities involved. He said he kills other officials

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