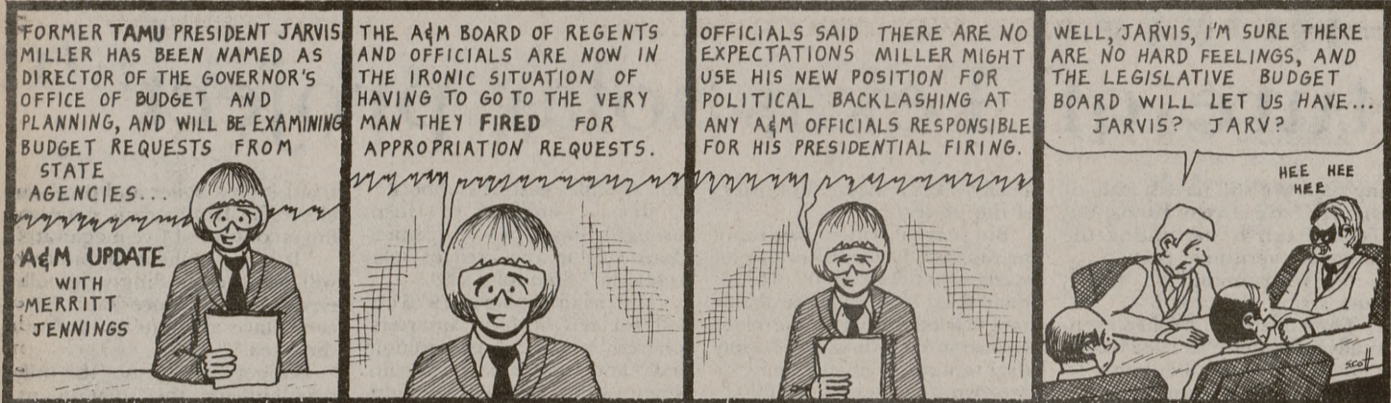


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By Scott McCullar



General to cut 'niceties' at nuclear arms talks

United Press International
WASHINGTON—The chief U.S. negotiator at the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks Tuesday predicted he and his Soviet counterpart will be able to skip "the niceties" and immediately begin discussing reductions in nuclear arsenals.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Edward Rowny, named to head the U.S. delegation that will begin a new round of nuclear arms talks with the Soviets in Geneva on June 29, said it is too early to forecast the pace of the negotiations.

"It's awfully difficult to predict how fast negotiations can go," Rowny said. "I'm enthusiastic, we have a very good proposal and I'm—as the old cliché goes—'guardedly optimistic' that we can get a proposal in short order."

Rowny helped negotiate the still-unratified SALT II treaty, but resigned from his post over disagreements with the Carter administration's approach to strategic arms control.

Critics characterized Rowny as a hardliner who increasingly became upset at what he considered to be President Carter's reluctance to fully acknowledge and respond to a major buildup in the Soviet nuclear arsenal.

In an interview on NBC's "Today" show, Rowny noted he and V.P. Karpov, the chief Soviet delegate to the START talks, both are veterans of the SALT process and predicted that should help facilitate substantive negotiations.

"We know each other, we know the issues," Rowny said. "We can dispense with a lot of the formalities and the niceties because we've been talking before and we know one another."

"We know the issues and we can proceed right to the essence of these proposals."

During Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery Monday, Reagan announced the opening date for the round of Strategic Arms Reduction Talks that he alluded to in a speech last month at the College, his Illinois alma mater.

At the same time, the president announced the U.S. would abide by limits imposed on the deployment of weapons contained in the expired SALT I treaty and the ratified SALT II pact "so long as the Soviet Union shows equal restraint."

The announcement was widely applauded by arms advocates and even administration critics who had urged Reagan to reaffirm U.S. adherence to the treaty limitations or resubmit SALT II to the Senate for ratification—as a interim step while new negotiations get under way.

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Nuclear physicist, 6 National Guards arrested in weapons plant protest

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A physicist, who said he was a war criminal for working on the first atomic bomb, and six demonstrators were arrested for trespassing at a weapons plant in South Carolina in the final round of Peace Sabbath protests against the nuclear arms buildup.

The weekend demonstrations were a prelude to bigger protests planned for the United Nations' disarmament conference scheduled for June 12 and coincided with the Jewish feast of Shavuoth, the Christian celebration of Pentecost and the secular observance of Memorial Day.

The six people arrested Monday at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, S.C., were members of the Natural Guard and had defied a federal court order by coming on the plant's grounds, waving their group's flag and chanting "stop the arms race now."

National Guard spokesman Merl Truesdale said: "These people just decided to make a personal statement of conscience about the moral issues of nuclear weapons. They are members of our organization and we support them."

High court widely expands police power to search cars

United Press International
WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court Tuesday dramatically expanded the power of police to search items they find in cars, ruling 6-3 that any container in a car—from a paper bag to a suitcase—is liable to be inspected without a warrant.

The ruling abruptly reverses a closely split decision by the justices last year that put much more stock in the privacy rights of car owners by severely restricting what police could search in a car trunk without a warrant.

The high court's sharp reversal is due in part to the addition of its newest justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, whose vote helped swing the pendulum to give police broader authority in search-and-seizure situations.

"If probable cause justifies the search of a lawfully stopped vehicle," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the court, "it justifies the search of every part of the vehicle and its contents that may conceal the object of the search."

He added: "This rule applies equally to all containers, regardless of their size, shape, or location. We believe it must."

In another major case, the court handed down a decision that could encourage development of alternative energy sources. It upheld major provisions of a federal law designed to reduce the nation's dependence on fossil fuels.

The high court declared Congress acted within its power in passing a 1978 law that encourages state public utility commissions to adopt rate-pricing structures that will promote conservation and use of renewable energy sources, such as wind power.

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