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## Soviets endorse nuclear-free zone

**United Press International**  
**MOSCOW** — Trying to build an image as a peacemaker before world European anti-nuclear activists, the Soviet Union endorsed the creation of a zone free of low-yield nuclear weapons across central Europe. The announcement Thursday by official news agency Tass coincided with the resumption of U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva on limiting intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

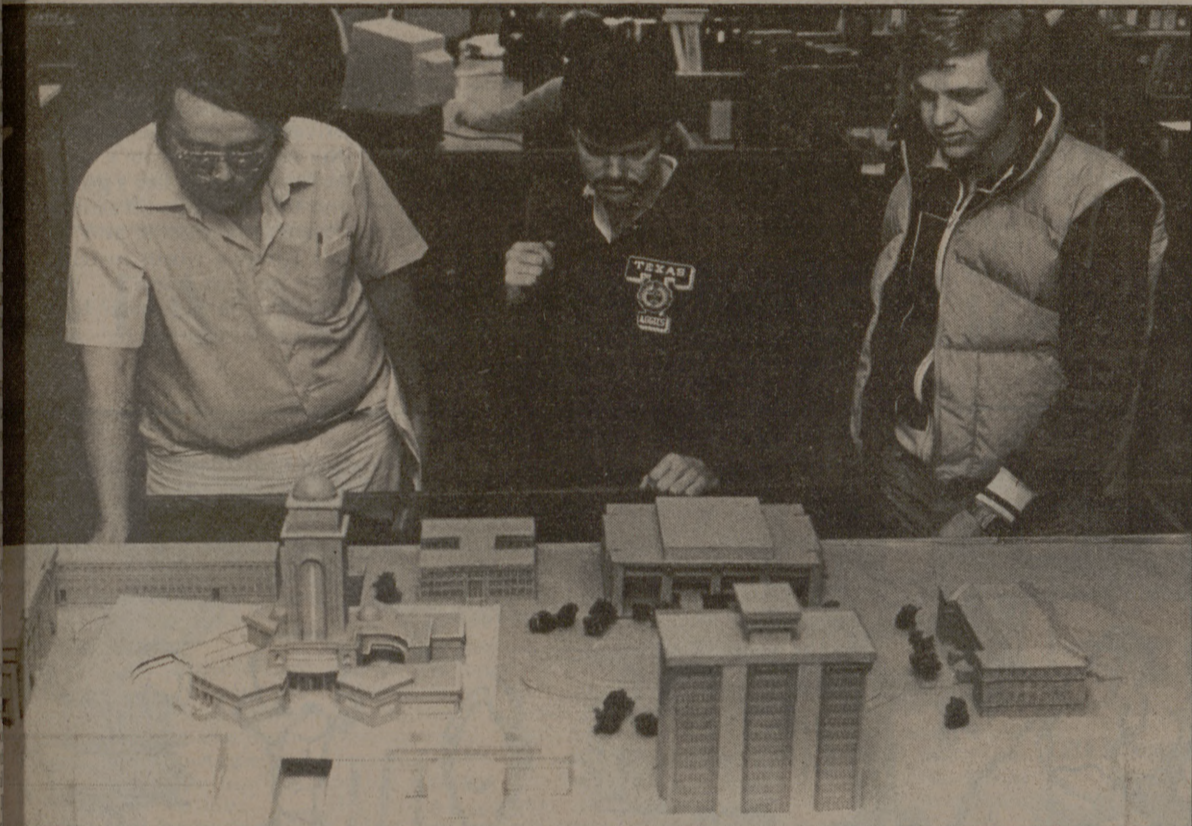
Western diplomats said the Soviet endorsement was timed to influence public opinion in Western Europe, and West Germany in particular, where general elections in six weeks will focus on a raging debate over nuclear disarmament. The Swedish government has called upon the seven Warsaw Pact governments to consider a report by an East-West panel chaired by Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme calling for a corridor free of all battlefield nuclear weapons.

The weapons covered by the nuclear-free zone would be short-range missiles and artillery shells tipped with generally low-yield nuclear warheads and deployed as tactical arms by conventional forces in NATO countries. "The Swedish government has been notified the Soviet Union is ready to participate in talks on the creation of the proposed zone and other questions, including verification," Tass said.

The news agency said the issue could be considered at separate talks in Vienna between NATO and Warsaw Pact countries on reducing conventional forces in Europe. The panel's recommendation last June was for a 185-mile-wide zone east and west from the borders of NATO and Warsaw Pact nations. In central Europe, the panel's zone would stretch across West and East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The Soviet proposal endorsed the corridor and said it should be wider, eventually extending to northern Europe and the Balkan nations. "The Soviet side believes the proposed zone can be genuinely effective in reducing the nuclear threat if its width is not 300 kilometers (185 miles) but 500-600 kilometers (310-375 miles)," Tass said.

The tactical weapons' proposal is separate from the issues under discussion at Geneva, where talks resumed Thursday after a two-month Christmas recess. NATO plans to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and cruise missiles late this year unless the Soviet Union scraps its 600 intermediate-range missiles, including triple-warheaded SS-20s, targeted on Western European countries. The Soviets have attempted to split the United States and its European allies by offering compromises which have been unacceptable to NATO.



Where are the parking lots?

staff photo by David Fisher

Two different representations of the way the University could be designed are on display in the library. The models were built by environmental design students. Eric Sheperd,

left, Curt Cooper, center, and Barry Adkin, right, look at one of the models to see where their classes could be, if this were the campus design.

## Officials to name new Prairie View president

Texas A&M System officials are expected to name a new president of Prairie View A&M University at a conference today. Dr. Percy Pierre, a former dean of engineering at Howard University in Washington D.C., is expected to be named to the presidency of the Waller County school. Pierre, 44, was born near Donaldsonville, La., and has degrees in electric engineering from Notre Dame

University and Johns Hopkins University. From 1977 to 1981 Pierre served as assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition. In 1981, he left the Defense Department to establish his own consulting firm, Percy A. Pierre and Associates. Pierre was in College Station on Tuesday and talked to University administrators after the Texas A&M

Board of Regents' meeting. At Tuesday's meeting, Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen was authorized to hire a Prairie View president without prior board approval, which indicates a decision is near. Hansen said Tuesday that Pierre will be named president, "if everything falls into place." The press conference will be held at Prairie View at 2 p.m. today.

## U.S., Israel dispute troop pull-out terms

**United Press International**  
 Despite its claims of progress in the negotiations for withdrawing foreign forces from Lebanon, Israel remained locked in a dispute with the United States today on the terms for the pullout. In Washington, President Reagan met Thursday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who warned that the success of comprehensive Middle East peace talks depends on a speedy pullout of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

"The time factor is crucial to the success of our endeavors," Mubarak said. "Top priority must be given to reaching an agreement to the withdrawal of Israeli forces." Reagan said after the meeting he had assured Mubarak there must be

an early withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. In his remarks, Mubarak mentioned only the urgency of withdrawing 30,000 Israeli troops deployed in Lebanon since the June 6 invasion to drive out the Palestine Liberation Organization. But a U.S. official said the 40,000 Syrian troops deployed in Lebanon since 1976 and 10,000 PLO guerrillas were expected to withdraw from Lebanon soon after the Israelis pull out. Israel has demanded a simultaneous Israeli and Syrian troop withdrawal after a PLO pullout. In the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona, Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Avi Pazner said force withdrawal talks Thursday achieved "marked progress" toward

ending hostile propaganda from Lebanon and creating lasting links between the two countries. But as Israeli, Lebanese and U.S. negotiators met for the 10th round of the talks that began Dec. 28, state-run Israel Radio leaked details of what the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin considers unacceptable U.S. proposals. The radio said Habib rejected Israel's demand for Israeli-manned early warning stations in south Lebanon to block the return of PLO guerrillas to the Jewish state's northern border. Lebanon has rejected the outposts as an infringement of its sovereignty. U.S. envoy Philip Habib has suggested they be manned by a multinational force—including U.S. soldiers.

## Group opposes election, tries for rescheduling

**from staff and wire reports**  
 The Texas Rural Legal Aid and others opposed to the Feb. 12 special election for the 6th Congressional District will present their reasons for opposition Saturday in a Beaumont courtroom. Federal Judge William Wayne Justice denied a request Wednesday to postpone the election but granted the hearing for Saturday. Texas Rural Legal Aid representatives argued that former Secretary of State David Dean did not obtain needed clearance for the election with the Justice Department as required by the Voting Rights Act. The group also says that former Gov. Bill Clements allowed potential candidates only five days to file and collect petitions and that the election is not scheduled for one of the state's four uniform election dates.

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox said he opposes the Feb. 12 election. "It does appear that Mr. Dean did not submit to the Justice Department the election arrangements," Mattox said. "Also, the Feb. 12 date is not one which is authorized in the Texas Election Code as one of the four uniform dates for special elections. At this stage, we can only say that the plaintiff's contentions raise sufficient questions as to cast doubt on the present election schedule." Phil Gramm, the Republican candidate, has a different view on the subject. "Given the timing of the lawsuit—three weeks after the election was set and three days after absentee balloting began—I have to believe this lawsuit is an act of political harassment," Gramm said.

Dan Kubiak, Gramm's main Democratic challenger, said the special election delay would be good for him, but said he still is preparing for a Feb. 12 election. "I have never been happy with the scheme of Mr. Gramm and his lame duck Republican cronies in the governor's office to manipulate the election in the 6th Congressional District," he said. In Austin, Gov. Mark White said that he did not know Dean had failed to clear the election with the Justice Department. "All those pieces fell together rather fast," White said. "It looked like it was a very well-planned called election. It seems that we've had a lot of little special elections here recently seemingly designed to help one person or another."

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forecast

mostly clear with occasional clouds today and tonight. Today's high will be 61, and tonight's low near 42. SE winds at 10 to 15 mph. Mostly clear skies on Saturday with a high of 68. For Saturday night, increasing cloudiness with a 20 percent chance of showers. On Sunday, cloudy to partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain.

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**United Press International**  
 Today is Friday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 1982 with 337 to follow.

Concert pianist Artur Schnabel was born Jan. 28, 1889.

On this date in history:  
 In 1878, the first commercial telephone switchboard was put in operation in New Haven, Conn. It served 12 subscribers.  
 In 1915, the U.S. Coast Guard was established under legislation passed by Congress.  
 In 1979, Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Teng Hsiaoping arrived in the first official U.S. visit by a top Chinese Communist leader.  
 In 1982, kidnapped U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James Dozier was rescued after 42 days in the hands of Italian terrorists.

## Suspended football players indicted by Grand Jury

**by Kim Schmidt**  
**Battalion Staff**  
 Two former Texas A&M athletes were indicted Thursday by the Brazos County Grand Jury on separate charges of misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor theft in connection with the Dec. 6 assault of a pizza delivery man. Gary Rogers, 19, a freshman defensive end from Dallas, was charged with misdemeanor assault and Burnis Simon, 22, a junior linebacker from Houston, was charged with misdemeanor theft. The two now await trial in the Brazos County court. Both charges are Class A misdemeanors punishable by

a \$2,000 fine or up to one year in prison. The incident began when Brenton Bailey, 20, of San Antonio, an employee of Domino's pizza, went to 306C Cain Hall, the Texas A&M athletic dormitory, with an order. Bailey later told police that the room was a storage closet, and when he turned to leave he was grabbed from behind. He told police that two men, wearing cloth bags over their heads and holding wooden clubs, approached him. Bailey said one man took the pizza while the other grabbed Bailey around the neck and threw him down the stairs.

Bailey sustained cuts and bruises as a result of his fall. Rogers and Simon were removed from the football team because of the incident. Assistant Student Affairs director Bill Kibler said the university is considering disciplinary action against them. Jackie Sherrill, Texas A&M athletic director and head football coach, and four other Texas A&M football players testified before the grand jury. Rogers and Simon also testified. Bob Wiatt, special investigator with the district attorney's office, said the hearing went well. "All of the witnesses, including the two boys that were charged, were very cooperative and very candid," he said.

## New unemployment claims drop to lowest in months

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — New claims for unemployment benefits dropped to their lowest point in 16 months during the week ending Jan. 15, the Labor Department said Thursday. The number of benefit recipients fell below the 4 million mark for the first time since last July. The department's Employment and Training administration reported that 491,000 workers filed initial claims for the jobless benefits in data adjusted for seasonal factors.

That was 71,000 individuals below the previous week's revised figure and the lowest one-week total since the week ending Sept. 19, 1981, when the total was 472,000. The department also reported that total recipients of jobless benefits under regular state programs during the week ending Jan. 8 was 3,932,000, the lowest point since the week ending July 3, 1982 when it was 3,896,000. It reflected a decrease of 346,000 from the previous week's revised level and caused the seasonally adjusted

rate of insured unemployment—the number of people receiving benefits out of the 87.2 million covered by unemployment insurance—to drop from 4.9 percent to 4.5 percent. The nation's overall jobless rate was 10.8 percent for December, with January data scheduled to be released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Feb. 4. The seasonally adjusted total does not include nearly 1.2 million persons receiving some form of unemployment benefits under other programs.



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Come on mom!

Cindy Handcock, a sixth-grader at Brazos Christian School, impatiently waits for her mother to pay the checker at Safeway Tuesday.