

Turkey's ambassador speaks at Texas Tech

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LUBBOCK — Although outraged by the Soviet downing of a Korean jetliner, Turkey did not impose sanctions against the Soviet Union for the same reason the United States did not impose a grain embargo, an official said.

Sukru Elakdag, the Turkish ambassador to the United States, said his nation joined others in criticizing the Soviet Union. He called the incident inhuman.

But he told reporters at a Tuesday news conference that Turkey would only punish itself by taking sanctions against the Soviets.

On a speaking tour in celebration of Turkey's 60th anniversary, Elakdag said Turkey would hinder business for its own airlines by trying to take any action. Turkish airlines have flights across Europe.

"The civilized world is putting forth their reaction," Elakdag said at Texas Tech, adding he believed regulations would be made to curb such attacks in the future. He said the United States was acting properly in the matter.

Elakdag was appointed U.S.

ambassador in 1979 after five years as deputy secretary of Turkey's Foreign Affairs Ministry. He also held a post with the United Nations.

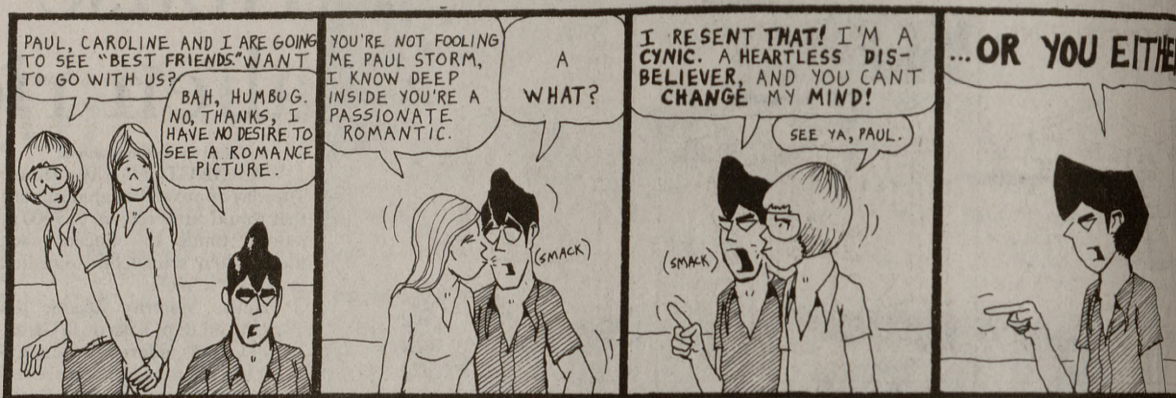
When asked about his own country, Elakdag said a Nov. 6 election to select some 400 parliament members would be a milestone for Turkey's political history. The country also is implementing its third constitution.

Elakdag also is slated to visit Austin and San Antonio while in Texas before he travels to Arizona and Utah.

His Lubbock visit came upon the invitation of English professor Warren Walker and his wife Barbara Walker. Mrs. Walker is curator of the Archive of Turkish Oral Narrative in the Texas Tech library.

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Maintain open-door policy for immigrants says book

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AUSTIN — Some recommendations in her book are far reaching and bold but none, notes Dr. Teresa Sullivan, should detract from the need to maintain the country's open door immigration policy.

"It is not time to shut the doors of this country (to new immigrants)," says the professor of sociology at the University of Texas in discussing the book "The Dilemma of American Immigration: Beyond the Golden Door" which she coauthored with three other professors.

The book, published in July, says the author, is the first comprehensive attempt to reform U.S. immigration laws and "goes farther than the current legislation for a rethinking of the entire system."

"Immigrants give this country a great deal of vitality and economic vigor," Sullivan says. "They give political affirmation to Americans by saying there is something in our system that is very valuable. That affirmation is particularly important at a time when we aren't sure about our position in the world."

A demographer by training, Sullivan says she got interested in immigration because, "a large percentage of this country's population growth has been through immigration rather than fertility."

"The figure of 800,000 immigrants in 1980 is immigration that we can measure. What we can't measure is the number of illegal aliens which might be larger than that figure, we are not sure."

Sullivan's book is timely because Congress currently is grappling with the Simpson-Mazzoli bill, a comprehensive piece of legislation containing radical solutions to immigration problems.

Sullivan's book, while welcoming the bill, takes particular objections to two of its most radical provisions: a blanket amnesty to all illegal aliens who entered the country before a stipulated date and sanctions against those who employ them.

The amnesty provision, Sullivan says, does not recognize the fact that the laws of the country were violated and would unjustly penalize those who want to enter the country legally.

The employer sanctions provision, Sullivan says, cannot work because of the ease with which

documents like passports and social security cards can be forged.

Sullivan recommends a charge on the immigrant's income tax until the immigrant becomes a citizen to defray the cost of immigration department, and revenue sharing with states and cities where the immigrant resides.

Her book recommends that immigration primarily skill-based because the system through complicated preference weights has become heavily weighted against skilled immigrants who don't have relatives in the United States.

"We suggest keeping the reunification classification in balance it with other criteria: ability to speak English, U.S. experience and skills," Sullivan says.

Military officials say retirement system is not 'old age pension'

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WASHINGTON — America's \$16.9 billion military retirement system is not an "old-age pension fund," military officials told a Senate subcommittee reviewing the system for the first time since the 1940s.

Pentagon officials said the system counter-balances the "unique demands of military service" that

include hazardous duty, separation from family and transfers to serve the military.

However, Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., believes retirement benefits are "too generous."

He said a recent General Accounting Office study found the U.S. system — which allows military retirement after 20 years of active service — to be the most expensive in the world.

Aspin told military officials Tuesday the Pentagon has one "last chance" to propose a comprehensive revision of the \$16.9 billion military retirement system or face piecemeal adjustments by Congress.

Department of Defense officials, meanwhile, said the system serving 900,000 military retirees cannot be compared to other retirement plans and serves as the No. 1 incentive for skilled personnel to remain in the service.

"It is important to emphasize that the military retirement system is not an old-age pension plan fulfilling an 'oldage maintenance function,'" said Assistant Secretary of Defense Lawrence Korb. "Rather it is intended to help shape a professional, ready force adequate to meet the nation's retirements."

The House Armed Services subcommittee on military personnel and compensation is holding hearings on what Aspin says is the

first comprehensive review of the 1940s of the system.

Aspin opened Tuesday's hearing by saying Korb would "tell whether the Pentagon is going to look at military retirement or do what they usually do and screw around."

Aspin said Pentagon statistics show 87 percent of the military retirees are under 65, 26 percent retired in their 30s.

Navy Vice Admiral Landis Jr. was among the military officials who said surveys showed the retirement system is the No. 1 incentive for people to remain in service and be the "backbone of the strategic forces."

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