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Geneva talks end; another anticipated

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GENEVA, Switzerland — Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Tuesday ended the superpowers' first arms talks in more than a year with an apparent agreement to continue the dialogue.

A Soviet source at the talks said Shultz and Gromyko agreed to another meeting, with the date and site to be determined. It was not immediately clear if that meeting would also be at the foreign minister level.

The two sides delayed issuing a joint statement on the outcome of the 14 hours and 40 minutes of talks over two days aimed at finding common ground for new arms control negotiations.

Soviet state television said the talks opened the way to continuing the dialogue but warned that America was presenting positions that "complicated" the situation.

Soviet television commentator Leonid Zinin described the talks as "an important factor contributing to the continuation of the dialogue."

But he said "it should be noted that the position of the United States contains certain old aspects, certain old Washington concepts, which

complicate the search for a mutually acceptable solution."

The Soviet comment appeared to refer to President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative for an anti-missile system in space which the Soviets want to halt as part of any agreement on the limitation of offensive nuclear weapons.

While Shultz remained at headquarters to give a midnight press conference, the other four members of the U.S. negotiating team returned to the delegation hotel "looking glum," according to a UPI reporter at the scene.

They were National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, special adviser Paul Nitze, U.S. ambassador to Moscow Arthur Hartman and Jack Matlock, a Soviet expert on the National Security Council.

The meetings between the two five-member delegations were held amid a near total news blackout despite the presence of an estimated 700 reporters who kept a vigil outside the U.S. and Soviet missions on Geneva's Avenue de la Paix in icy 14-degree weather.

The Geneva talks, first announced on Thanksgiving Day, were aimed at restoring the superpower dialogue that was cut off Nov. 23, 1983.



Burning daylight

Photo by DEAN SAITO

Roof spraying of the MSC continued Tuesday afternoon under a scenic display of sun and clouds. Scenes like this have

been visible since the spraying begun last semester. The last few days have produced fair weather for outdoor activities.

Aides switch jobs in White House shake-up

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, approving a surprise role reversal at the top echelon of government, announced Tuesday White House chief of staff James Baker and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan will trade jobs.

In a move that intensified the game of musical chairs touched off by a second-term exodus, Reagan awarded Baker a long-coveted Cabinet post and Regan will reign over the White House staff.

Standing before reporters at the

White House with Regan and Baker at his sides, Reagan praised the two for serving him "loyally and admirably" over the last four years "at considerable sacrifice for which I am deeply grateful."

"Each has indicated to me that while willing to serve in whatever capacity I would wish, each would welcome an opportunity to assume new responsibilities and new challenges," Regan said. "After four grueling years in their current positions, their desire for change is completely understandable."

"This particular change will allow them each to meet new challenges and will bring renewed vigor to their respective responsibilities while it gives me and the public the benefit of the continued service of two extraordinarily talented individuals."

The announcement signaled the end of the troika that has shaped policy and mapped strategy for Reagan since the outset of his presidency: Baker, deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver and presidential counselor Edwin Meese.

The switch Tuesday, worked out

by Regan, Baker and Deaver and brought to the president's attention only Monday, makes a clean sweep of the "Big Three" — Baker, Deaver and Meese — that has run the White House for four years.

On Capitol Hill, reaction was generally favorable to what Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., called "a remarkable swap of responsibilities."

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said Regan, 66, and Baker, 54, are both "very able and talented public servants who always do a job well."

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill.,

chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said both "are sound on substance and able politicians."

Further to the political right, movement conservatives who have accused Baker and more pragmatic White House aides of not staying true enough to the Reagan agenda were divided over ramifications of the high-level switch.

Edward Feulner Jr., head of the Heritage Foundation, said Regan "has shown over the last four years

that he sticks to the president's agenda and is a loyal, capable Reaganaut." Baker, on the other hand, is more likely to "be responsive to that agenda" as a Cabinet secretary with specific delineated responsibilities, he said.

Upon Senate confirmation, Regan said Baker would become his chief economic spokesman — a role Regan has appeared to share with others at times — and remain a designated member of the National Security Council.



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Fees are paid in Rudder Exhibit Hall.

Spring enrollment expected to drop

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Students who didn't preregister for the spring semester have until 5 p.m. Friday to complete delayed registration. Fees must be paid by Monday.

Late registration begins Jan. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closes Jan. 18. All students who register late will be charged a \$10 late fee. Fee payment for late registration continues until 5 p.m. Jan. 21.

Fees can be paid at the Exhibit Hall in Rudder Center until Jan. 15. Beginning Jan. 16, fees must be paid at the Fiscal Department in the Coke Building.

Irene Lopez, a student worker at the Exhibit Hall said Tuesday fee payment was "flowing pretty easily," and so far, the lines have been short.

Drop/add also began Monday and will continue until Friday, Jan. 18. The last day for dropping courses with no record is Tuesday, Jan. 29. Students who wish to drop/add need to pick up a request form from their departmental advisors. After filling out the form, the hard copy should be turned in at the drop/add loca-

tion in the Pavilion. Students also must bring the yellow or pink copies of their class schedules.

Registration officials expect a decrease in enrollment for the spring semester. Associate Registrar Don Carter said that as of Tuesday morning 27,568 students had preregistered. He said he expects that number to increase to more than 30,000 by Friday.

Carter said he expects between 32,500 and 33,500 students will enroll for this semester, a drop from last spring's 34,100. He said it is difficult to precisely estimate enrollment figures because so many factors are involved.

For example, Carter said, the large number of December graduates — 2,731 — and tougher academic policies probably will shrink spring enrollment.

"We have no large influx of new students coming in," Carter said Tuesday.

If enrollment drops this semester, it will be Texas A&M's second consecutive semester with decreased enrollment. In fall 1984, 36,827 students were enrolled, 0.05 percent fewer than the 36,846 who enrolled in fall 1983.

Three gunmen kidnap U.S. priest in Lebanon

United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Three gunmen forced an ailing American Catholic priest into a car in west Beirut Tuesday and sped off in a hail of gunfire in the eighth kidnapping of an American since Moslem militiamen took over west Beirut last February.

Martin L. Jenco, 50, the director of Catholic Relief Services in Lebanon, was abducted a day after a Swiss diplomat was released by kidnapers who hoped to exchange him for a Lebanese man accused in a plot to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

Police said the three gunmen intercepted a Pontiac sedan carrying Jenco, hit the Lebanese driver on the head and threw him into the trunk before bundling the priest into another car and speeding off.

Witnesses said the kidnapers escaped past at least one police station and two guarded embassy compounds in west Beirut, firing their weapons in the air to clear traffic.

Jenco, a native of Joliet, Ill., has headed CRS in Lebanon for four months.

"CRS is gravely concerned that his abductors be aware that Father Jenco was en route to medical treatment for a severe heart condition," a CRS spokesman said in an appeal for Jenco's release.

"His physicians are extremely anxious that Father Jenco be released for continued treatment," the spokesman said. Police said Jenco was kidnapped on the way to his office and later had an appointment with his physician.

Government sources said various militias in west Beirut were contacted and had pledged to search for the kidnapped clergyman.

In other attacks on foreigners, Col. Claude Cuenot, a retired army officer attached to a French military observer force in Lebanon, was shot dead Monday night outside the heavily guarded French ambassador's residence in west Beirut, police said.

The private Central News Agency said the killers stole an attache case and some money from Cuenot.

The Shiite Moslem Amal movement secured the release Monday of Swiss Charge d'Affaires Eric Wehrli, kidnapped by relatives of a 21-year-old Lebanese man arrested in Zurich in November and charged with plotting to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Rome, militia sources said.

"We do not yet believe the taking of the Swiss and the American are related," said a police source.

The U.S. Embassy in Beirut has reported no progress in the search for the four other Americans missing since February.