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World and Nation

Proposed law to force Soviets to leave new embassy complex

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviets are already using their new hill-top embassy complex for espionage, two members of Congress said Wednesday as they announced the introduction of a resolution to force the Soviets to leave the site.

"We will move the Russians off Mount Alto," said Rep. Richard Arme, R-Texas, who is introducing the proposal in the House. "We will send the Soviets a diplomatic message."

Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, who is introducing it in the Senate, urged U.S. diplomats not to occupy new U.S. Embassy offices in Moscow. President Reagan has said the incomplete offices are so laced with Soviet listening devices that he may order it destroyed.

"We should never occupy that building," Symms said. "It should be blown down and rebuilt with an American construction firm."

Arme told the news conference on the roof of a hotel across the street from the gleaming white marble Soviet office building. "We have evidence . . . from a variety of sources that (the Soviets) are already using the site to conduct espionage."

Asked what type of intelligence

the Soviets were collecting, Arme said, "I have received convincing testimony from a number of people," but he declined to give specifics, and said, "I probably shouldn't have said that. The information is classified and I probably went beyond what I should say."

Under a 1972 agreement, the Soviets are not allowed to move into offices they have constructed on Mount Alto until American diplo-

"Typewriters, computer terminals, and all kinds of electronic equipment have radio emissions," security expert Tim Johnson told the news conference.

"Once a radio signal is emitted, it travels forever, and all you need is equipment to collect it and break it down," said Johnson, president of Technical Security Consultants in Chandler, Ariz.

Under agreements signed in 1969 and 1972, the Soviets were allowed to build eight office and apartment buildings on Mount Alto and the United States to construct a similar complex next to the current U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Two presidential commissions and two State Department groups are investigating security problems at the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

The General Accounting Office said in a report that Washington has spent \$142.9 million out of \$192 million allocated for the project, and that the State Department is trying to collect \$11.9 million from the Kremlin because the project is already five years behind schedule and way over target cost of \$75 million to \$100 million.

In response, the GAO said, the Soviets are demanding \$10.3 million from Washington, citing alleged "State Department unwillingness to carry out its contract obligations in a timely manner."

The GAO blamed most of the delays on a Soviet government construction firm, which has a \$56.3 million contract.

The two sides are to sit down at the bargaining table in June, it said.

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House risks Reagan's veto, adds proposal to lower trade surpluses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House defied a presidential veto threat Wednesday and narrowly approved major legislation to force Japan and other countries to end "excess and unwarranted" trade surpluses or face stringent U.S. sanctions.

The House voted, 218-214, to attach the plan to a sweeping, 900-page trade bill after its sponsor, Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., urged lawmakers to adopt "a new way, a tougher way," to fight the record \$166 billion trade deficit and related job losses in some industries.

Under Gephardt's measure, countries with "excess and unwarranted" trade surpluses with the United States would be forced to eliminate them or face 10 percent annual reductions enforced through presidentially decreed sanctions.

Besides Japan, countries that run sufficient surpluses to be affected include West Germany, Taiwan, South Korea, Italy, Hong Kong and Brazil.

But Hong Kong would not be liable for sanctions under the legislation, Gephardt said.

"I've been all over this country in the last few months and I think we're beginning to be in a state of decline," said Gephardt, an aspirant for the presidency. "Wages are beginning to decline in this country, well-paying jobs are being lost to countries abroad."

There were loud cheers from the floor, however, when Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., spoke against the measure and called instead for "a bill so tough the Japanese can't ignore it and so fair the president has to sign it."

"Nothing gives Tokyo greater comfort than to see Congress steaming full speed ahead with a trade bill that is aimed more at our own voters than at the Japanese," said Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., warned that President Reagan might well veto a trade bill

containing the Gephardt plan.

"If it is true, as the old saying goes, that the road to hell is paved with good intentions, (then) this amendment is a one-way expressway to an economic inferno for American workers," Michel said.

In a statement after the vote, Reagan said that despite the approval, "I am pleased by the size and strength of the vote against protectionism and mandatory retaliation called for by this amendment."

He added that "the strong leadership from those committed to free and fair trade sends a clear signal: that protectionism is not the way to resolve our trade imbalance. As this bill continues to move through Congress, we will work with them to craft a bill that will not . . . ignite a series of trade wars."

But AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland said "adoption of the Gephardt amendment serves notice that our country is determined to reduce its current, job-destroying, huge trade deficit."

Wall Street prices rising after slump

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market staged a moderate rally Wednesday, bidding to recover from its recent sell-off.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 22.30 to 2,254.26, after struggling to a 1.42-point gain on Tuesday.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 173.59 million shares.

The market broke a four-session losing streak Tuesday, aided by signs of a stabilizing dollar in foreign exchange and an easing of upward pressure on interest rates.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that the index of leading economic indicators rose 0.4 percent in March.

Analysts said it was consistent with expectations of a slow growth, low-inflation economy.

Tariff bill on oil imports supported by Texans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The oil patch closed ranks on Wednesday as Texas and Louisiana lawmakers submitted a pair of oil import fee measures in the House that were aimed at invigorating the nation's petroleum industry.

A bipartisan group of 12 congressmen introduced one measure that calls for an additional \$8 per barrel to the cost of imported oil as a means to buttress the sagging U.S. oil industry, particularly smaller producers.

The Energy Independence Act, written by Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, calls for a \$25 per barrel oil import fee, governmental purchases of oil from smaller producers, or stripper wells, and increased flow into the strategic oil reserve.

The revenues would be produced by the difference between U.S. oil prices and the \$25 ceiling set by the bill.

"We think that this bill, if passed, will go a long way to minimizing the country's energy dependence and maximizing our energy independence," Barton said.

"There is a simple way to boost domestic oil production and reduce our dependence on imports: oil import fees."

Meanwhile, Rep. Michael Andrews, D-Houston, and nine other Democrats introduced an oil import bill Wednesday that is identical to the one submitted in the Senate by Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas and Bennett Johnston, D-La., on April 9.

The Andrews-Bentsen bill calls for a \$24 fee instead of \$25, all of which would be applied to reducing the budget deficit, and it seeks elimination of the windfall profits tax.

Neither of the bills include an exemption for home heating oil. Northeastern representatives

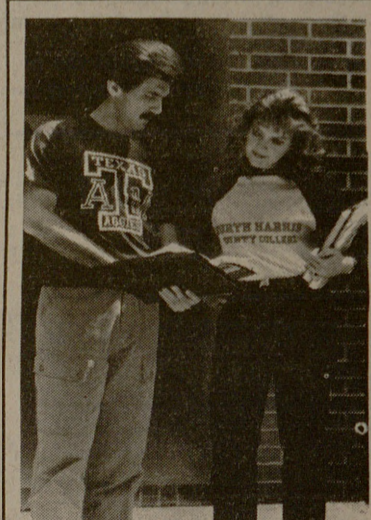
have long opposed an import fee because they fear it would raise the cost of home heating oil.

"What they fail to realize is that the OPEC countries have for years manipulated the price of oil down, and whenever they want to, they can manipulate the price back up," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas.

The bipartisan group of co-sponsors all are either from Texas or Louisiana, except for Dick Cheney, a Wyoming Republican. They admitted that passing the bill will be difficult in light of the opposition but said the climate is changing on Capitol Hill.

"The political realities have changed in that Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) is now chairman of the Finance Committee and Rep. Jim Wright (D-Fort Worth) is Speaker of the House," Frost said.

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