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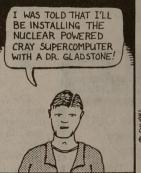
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Ambassador: Reagan made strides entre The toward good U.S.-Soviet relations

By Alan Sembera Senior Staff Writer

President Ronald Reagan has made significant strides in improving U.S.-Soviet relations during the past three years, the first secretary of the Soviet Union's Washington em-bassy said Friday during a visit to Texas A&M.

The ambassador, Dr. Igor Khripounov, was invited to A&M as a guest of the College of Liberal Arts.

"Over the past three years, our two countries have gained no small amount of positive experience," said Khripounov, who is an expert on Western arms policy and arms control and has served as Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's personal

The two countries gained this positive experience with the INF treaty negotiations, Khripounov said, espe-cially the negotiations dealing with verification of the treaty.

"We see how previously unthinkable standards of openness are taking hold," he said. "All requisite conditions are there for consistent continuity in Soviet-American rela-

"This is assured by the growth be a basis on which to build a and clear support for the course we relationship between states in the

are pursuing by the Soviet and American people and by the entire international community."

nuclear age," Khripounovsaid.

A new way of political think neccessay for an improved 8

The improved relations between the two superpowers already have resulted in reducing the risk of war, the Soviet ambassador said.

The next steps the two countries should work toward, he said, are reducing by half the number of both countries' strategic offensive bombs, eliminating chemical weapons, limiting nuclear testing, reducing conventional forces and settling regional conflicts. But even if a more cooperative

relationship between the two counties is achieved, Khripounov said, it is still too early to talk about a fundamental change in U.S.-Soviet rela-"Competition, even rivalry, be

continues to evolve in accordance with its own laws, but their paths of development inevitably intersect.' When conflicts do arise, he said, dialogue and cooperation - not force - are the best ways to resolve

tween our two countries is entirely forseeable," he said. "Each of them

the problem. Force, as such, clearly ceases to

A new way of political thinking neccessay for an improved some American relationship to last, k said. In the Soviet Union, he said this new way of looking at thinking being brought about through pers

is the new philosophical and conceptual framework of the Soviet Union foreign policy.
This new foreign policy inclu-

initiatives to eventually eliminate clear weapons and other weapon mass destruction, he said, and a prevent the militarization of space and promote peaceful international space cooperation.
Also, he said, the Soviet Unio

wants the superpowers to take nonoffensive military postures by make ing deep cuts in conventional force and taking measures to prevent he possibility of surprise attack by

These changes in foreign police are integral parts of the changest ing place within Soviet society under

glasnost, Khripounov said.
"Never before has Soviet foreig policy been so closely related to be

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