



# Soviet diplomat predicts troop cuts in Europe

## Solidarity economic adviser wants Poland to participate in negotiations

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Nothing about us, without us.  
-- Old Polish proverb

A top Solidarity economic adviser reiterated in an interview Wednesday Poland's wish to participate in negotiations to reunite West and East Germany.

Minister Witold Trzeciakowski, a leading economic intellectual in Solidarity, is visiting Texas A&M as part of the MSC Wiley Lecture Series titled "The Changing Faces of Communism."

The lecture, moderated by ABC journalist Sam Donaldson, will be tonight and will feature leading government officials from Hungary, Soviet Union, German Democratic Republic and the United States.

Trzeciakowski said Poland wants to be involved in the reunification negotiations because Poland still remembers the Polish occupation by Nazi Germany during World War II.

"Poland is worried about a unified Germany because of historical experiences," he said.

Presently, the Soviet Union, United States, France and England are the outside nations participating in the discussion.

He said Poland has no right to deny East and West Germany the right to reunite, but wishes the process would occur with the interests of all of Europe represented.

"The problem is not of preventing them from See Poland/Page 5



Witold Trzeciakowski



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Nikolay Shishlin

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The Soviet Union and the United States will agree on large troop reductions in Europe this year, the deputy chief of the Propaganda Subdepartment of the Communist Party Central Committee predicted during an interview Thursday night.

Nikolay Shishlin, one of the Soviet Union's most au-

thoritative spokesmen on foreign affairs, is visiting Texas A&M as part of the MSC Wiley Lecture Series titled "The Changing Faces of Communism."

The lecture, moderated by ABC journalist Sam Donaldson, is tonight, and also features leading government officials from Poland, Hungary, the German Democratic Republic, and the United States.

Shishlin said the decisive step in U.S. and Soviet troop reductions in Europe will be made during the scheduled May summit between President George Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev.

"I think that 1990 will be marked by tremendous cuts in conventional weapons and troops in Europe," Shishlin said.

President Bush unveiled a proposal during the Open Skies Conference in Ottawa, Canada, earlier this year to cut U.S. and Soviet troop levels down to 195,000.

When asked about Lithuania, Shishlin said the Soviet Union is prepared to grant the breakaway republic its independence, but economic, military and other questions must be answered first.

"I think we should just end this war of nerves and begin negotiations between Moscow and Vilnius (Lithuania's capital)," he said.

The Lithuanian Parliament voted to declare its independence last month, but Gorbachev has said he will place a boycott on oil and gas supplies to the maverick republic in response to the independence movement.

It was reported Thursday that the Soviet Union had indeed cut off oil to Lithuania's only refinery, but Shishlin said he was "poorly informed" of the present situation since his arrival in the United States and did not know if the reports were true.

Shishlin, who has been a deputy chief in the Communist Party Central Committee since 1988, said the Soviet Union has no intention of using force against Lithuania.

"The Soviet Union does not have two options — one of force or one of a Soviet crackdown," Shishlin said.

Bush and Secretary of State James A. Baker III said earlier this week that U.S.-Soviet relations could be at See Soviet/Page 5

## Undergraduate tuition rates to remain same

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Texas A&M's 1990-91 undergraduate tuition rates will remain the same, although some graduate program rates could increase next year.

Tuition for Texas residents will remain at \$18 per semester hour, according to the Legislature's tuition law passed in 1985.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which sets tuition rates for non-residents, has made no move to increase rates.

University Controller Tom Taylor said A&M officials expect rates to remain at \$122 per semester hour again next year.

The Legislature, however, did give boards of regents in Texas the authority to raise law school rates and certain graduate program rates.

Taylor said the A&M Board of Regents has been discussing possible increases in graduate programs in the College of Business. A decision is expected to be made during the May board meeting.

## Tuition will only increase every two years

— Tom Taylor, A&M controller

The tuition bill passed in 1985 provides for tuition increases every two years through 1995. The first \$2-per-semester-hour increase came in 1987, followed by another in 1989 to the present level.

Rates are scheduled to increase to \$20 in September 1991 and to \$22 in September 1993.

While other universities in the nation are announcing small increases for the fall, Taylor said Texas is not because it wants to stick to the tuition bill already in place.

"There has been no reason to revise the law," Taylor said. "It just so happens that as part of the schedule of payments, tuition will only increase every two years."

Average tuition rates for universities in the United States increased 5 to 9 percent during the present school year after large increases a few years ago.

Rates at four-year public colleges throughout the nation increased 20 percent in 1983-84 before leveling off in the 5 to 9 percent range since then.

Although tuition rates will not rise, the Board of Regents will vote in May on two proposed fee increases for the health center and the student services fee, Taylor said.

The health center fee, which has been \$15 for 18 years, will increase to \$25 next fall if approved by the Board.

Another proposal before the Board would raise the student services fee to \$6.75 per semester hour, not to exceed \$81 per semester. The current student services fee is \$6.10 per hour, not to exceed \$73 per semester.

## Dedicated parents

### Aggie Parents of the Year may move to C.S.

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More than 27 years ago, Dick and Pat Brunner made a decision to involve themselves completely in the same activities as their children.

It meant hours of work in Little League, softball leagues, sports booster clubs, band booster clubs and student government activities, while their three children worked their way through school.

It didn't bother the Brunners. They just thought it was part of parenting.

"Our devotion goes back beyond our kids' college years," Mrs. Brunner said. "It goes back to a philosophy Dick and I share. We said when we started having children that we would be involved with them."

Mr. Brunner agreed.

"We are totally devoted to them," he said.

The Brunners' three children, who all attended Texas A&M, began to pay their parents back a few months ago when they nominated them for Aggie Parents of the Year during Parents' Weekend ceremonies.

University officials must have agreed because a very surprised Brunner couple was named 1990 Aggie Parents of the Year during Parents' Weekend ceremonies.

"I think we were probably just shocked," Mr. Brunner said. "We couldn't even get up out of our seats."

The Brunners, who also were surprised to find their two older children who live on the East Coast at the ceremony, said the award was special.

"To know that your children nominate you is even more special," Mrs. Brunner said. "The bond is real special in our family."

The first of the Brunner children, Barbara, graduated from A&M in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and in 1985 with a master's degree.



Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

Dick and Pat Brunner are A&M's 1990-91 Parents of the Year.

The second Brunner, Mike, graduated from A&M in 1987 with a degree in construction science.

The third Brunner, Sharon, is a senior agricultural economics major and is scheduled to graduate this year.

All three Brunner children earned the Buck Weirus Spirit Award during their freshman years.

The Brunners, both natives of

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## Speaker says women must initiate change

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A former president of the National Organization for Women stressed the need for women to pursue decision-making positions in various facets of society in order to bring about fundamental changes.

"We're not at any of the decision-making tables where the decisions that matter are being made," Ellie Smeal said.

She said a change in attitude needs to occur, not just toward women, but also minorities, people in Third World countries and the environment, and that women must actively participate in bringing about these changes.

"The social problems of our day are some of the worst the world has had to deal with," she said.

Although the proportion of women in leadership positions in government and business is rising, it must be higher she said. Smeal said women make up only 5 percent of the Congress, and 3.5 percent sit on

corporations' board of directors.

"It's like we started on Earth a thousand years later," she said, condemning people who tell women to "just wait."

Smeal said if the inroads the feminist movement has made continue at the current pace, it will take two generations until men and women are equally represented in state and local government. She said it will be 340 years until they are equal in federal government.

"Essentially one of the major questions of the feminist movement today," she said, "is now that consciousness is raised, how do we change it; how do women and people who believe in equality get more power? (And) is there some burning reason or need for a change?"

"I like to make the case that the need is not only burning, it's absolutely essential to the survival of the human species," she said.

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## Speaker: Media fosters the oppression of women

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Anything that promotes sexist, racist and abusive images of women in the mass media should be destroyed, a professor of the sociology of mass media said Thursday during a Women's Issues Symposium sponsored by MSC Great Issues.

Gail Dines, who is a professor at Wheelock College in Boston, said it will take the work of a devoted group to do away with the certain forms of mass media that contribute to the oppression of women.

Dines, who spoke on the "Image of Women in Pornography and Mass Media," said she blames much of to-

day's advertising for the poor image of women.

Many of the ads that are in popular, newsstand magazines, she said, contain overtly sexist images that are used to sell products.

"A lot of the ads in Vogue, Elle and Cosmopolitan contain sexist and abusive images of women," Dines said. "Men are always portrayed as the norm, and women are dressed and positioned so that they look like whores and sex slaves."

Other examples of sexist advertising, Dines noted, include Yves Saint Laurent's Opium, numerous liquor

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## Lawyers for professor's family will appeal dismissal

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Lawyers for the family of Abdel K. Ayoub, a former Texas A&M electrical engineering professor, say they will appeal the order by a Houston federal judge who dismissed their lawsuit against five A&M officials Tuesday.

In January, a Houston jury ordered the officials to collectively pay \$625,000 in punitive and compensatory damages to Ayoub's widow, Odessa Ayoub, because they punished Ayoub "for exercising his constitutional right to protected free speech."

Ayoub, a tenured professor who came to A&M in 1968 and died in 1988, claimed he was the victim of pay discrimination because he was born in a foreign country. Ayoub was born in Egypt and was a naturalized American citizen.

After Ayoub discovered the disparate pay scale, he raised and continued to raise the salary complaint.

As punishment for his complaints, Ayoub claimed his office was moved from 214 Zachry to a less convenient location, 216A Teague.

Judge Norman Black's order said Ayoub's claim for damages was based on the move.

In a letter to Ayoub from Professor John E. Flipse, associate vice chancellor and associate dean of the college of engineering, informing him of the move, Flipse said the move "was to improve operations in the Electrical Engineering Department and to effectively utilize space available to the Engineering Program."

Ayoub did not want to move because he had suffered two heart attacks and was afraid

he would have another attack and no one would be near his new office to help him. A third heart attack killed him two weeks after he filed the suit in 1988. Hill said Ayoub took most of the evidence to the grave with him.

Ayoub appealed to the Faculty Senate for help.

In the Faculty Senate's Final Report of the Engineering Senate Caucus Special Subcommittee Prologue, Ayoub said "he was being mistreated professionally and that his rights as a tenured faculty member were being violated since he was never told of the reason for the move or given any opportunity to explain or defend himself against what he believed was a punitive action."

The subcommittee found that the decision to move the office lacked "due process" because no hearing was held before the action

was taken.

Ayoub claimed records of the subcommittee meeting were destroyed.

In a letter to Engineering Caucus Chairman B. Don Russell, defendant Herbert H. Richardson, deputy chancellor of engineering for the A&M system, said "all written records of these proceedings including submissions by the parties involved are to be destroyed per our agreement."

Dr. Herman Saatkamp, speaker of the Faculty Senate and head of the philosophy and humanities department said a caucus is not a standing or reporting body within the Faculty Senate.

"Some caucuses send the minutes of their See Appeal/Page 5