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U.S., Soviets agree on arms treaty

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union announced agreement in principle Wednesday on a comprehensive treaty to set ceilings on deployment of non-nuclear weapons in Europe.

The agreement came at the end of more than five hours of talks between Secretary of State James Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Both ministers cautioned that final approval must await consultation with their allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Warsaw Pact.

Shevardnadze said one sticking point remained concerning limits on helicopters "but that is not very difficult" and could be resolved by NATO and Warsaw Pact negotiators in Vienna, the site of talks on the treaty for 19 months.

The last remaining roadblocks cleared in the session at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations were limits on land-based airplanes and ver-

ification procedures for guarding against cheating.

Baker and Shevardnadze did not explain the deal they struck on these two points, although Shevardnadze said with a chuckle "of course the Soviet Union made all the concessions."

The accord is the projected centerpiece for a 34-nation summit meeting to be held in Paris Nov. 19-21.

Until the two superpowers hear from their allies, Baker reserved judgment on whether that deadline would be met.

The treaty would require the Warsaw Pact to withdraw 40,000 tanks, more than 51,000 artillery pieces and more than 40,000 armored personnel carriers from eastern and central Europe.

The arms would have to be moved east of the Ural Mountains in the Soviet Union, about 1,200 miles east of the Soviet border with Poland.

The restrictions on the smaller NATO forces would be minimal, requiring only the removal of some 2,000 tanks.

Artillery strength could be built up to a ceiling of 20,000 for each alliance. The ceiling for tanks would be 20,000 as well and 30,000 for armored personnel carriers.

A ceiling also was set for aircraft, but Baker and Shevardnadze declined to say what levels had agreed upon.

The Soviets, in a concession, agreed to limit naval-based aircraft with a statement outside the treaty.

"We've been working very intensively and productively," Shevardnadze told reporters. "I am very pleased with the results of our work."

Speaking in Russian through an interpreter, Shevardnadze said that, apart from a meeting to consult allies and the helicopter issue, "we have been able to reach mutual understanding on all the major issues."

Baker, agreeing, called their session "very productive," and added, "I too am very pleased."

"We agreed in principle on all of the remaining major issues."

Senate praises Bush

Resolution revives war powers issue, supports troop increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate overwhelmingly approved a resolution Tuesday praising President Bush's actions in the Persian Gulf and supporting continued deployment of U.S. troops to deter Iraqi aggression.

But the debate leading up to the 96-3 vote had nervous echoes of 25 years ago, when a similar act opened the way to escalation of the Vietnam War.

Senator after senator rose to say Bush could not use the resolution as justification for future military moves. In fact, debate seemed aimed more at stating what the document was not than what it was.

"This resolution is not an authorization for the use of force, now or in the future," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine. "This resolution is not a Gulf of Tonkin Resolution."

In 1964, Congress approved a resolution giving President Johnson the authority to retaliate for an attack on two vessels in Vietnam's Gulf of Tonkin. The resolution later was used as authorization for a widening of the U.S. war effort.

Tuesday's vote came a day after the House approved a similar resolution on a 380-29 vote. Senators said they thought it was important to

send a signal of U.S. unity by giving legislative support to Bush's moves so far.

The resolution "strongly approves the president's leadership" in winning approval of eight resolutions in the United Nations Security Council that impose a global trade embargo on Iraq and call for the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

It also states: "The Congress supports continued action by the president in accordance with the decisions of the United Nations Security Council and in accordance with United States constitutional and statutory processes ... to deter Iraqi aggression and to protect American lives and vital interests in the region."

Kennedy called that language "a blank check endorsement for future actions. ... It is, in effect, a Tonkin Gulf Resolution for the Persian Gulf" that abdicates Congress' war-declaring power.

Kennedy said he was voting against the measure because it could "easily be used by President Bush as approval in advance by Congress of military action against Iraq, up to and including the launching of an all-out war."

"Future actions must be judged on their own merits," Mitchell said.

Store owner found guilty of obscenity

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A record store owner today was found guilty of obscenity for selling a record by the controversial rap group 2 Live Crew.

Jurors deliberated less than three hours before convicting Charles Freeman on a misdemeanor obscenity charge. He was arrested by undercover Broward County sheriff's deputies June 8 for selling the Miami rap group's album "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" in his E-C Records store.

The case went to a jury of five women and one man after final arguments this morning. Freeman could get a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Sentencing was set for Nov. 2.

"It doesn't represent my community where E-C Records is!" Freeman shouted as he left the courthouse. "It's unfair. The jury was all white. They don't know where E-C Records is. They don't know a ... thing about the ghetto."

Prosecutors contended the album exceeds the limits of community standards and free speech with explicit and sometimes violent references to sex. Freeman was arrested two days after U.S. District Judge Jose Gonzalez ruled the lyrics were obscene.

But in his closing argument, defense attorney Bruce Rogow

told the jury that "one person's vulgarity is another person's art" and argued that the jury could not convict Freeman if they found any artistic merit in the group's album.

Assistant State Attorney Leslie Robson argued that the right to free speech is not absolute, saying: "The First Amendment does not give you the right to say what you want, when you want and where you want. With rights and freedom come responsibility."

As the jurors began deliberating, alternate juror Sheryl Salmon, who sat through the trial but was not needed on the final panel, said she would have voted for acquittal.

"I was very offended by it, especially the lyrics, but I have to question whether there is not artistic value," she said. "It's music, it's still music."

"One person's vulgarity is another person's art."
— Bruce Rogow, Defense attorney

House pushes for increased immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, defying a presidential veto threat, approved Wednesday a dramatic expansion of immigration into this country with a stress on bringing in more skilled workers and unified families.

"This will make America's economy more competitive while protecting American workers," Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., the sponsor, said following House approval of the measure, 231-192.

A conference committee will meet to resolve differences between the bill and a Senate-passed version.

Supporters say the bill would reunify families currently kept apart by immigration law while bringing in skilled workers and sharpening competitiveness in global markets.

The Bush administration and other critics say it would open the gates wide and create an overflow.

Provisions would reduce waiting lists of spouses and children hoping to reunite with families in America. It also would lower year-old barriers against would-be immigrants from northern European and other countries once viewed as traditional sources of Americans.

The Bush administration has been calling for a maximum of 630,000 immigrants a year, the limit in the Senate-passed bill. The House version would raise the yearly limit from 540,000 to 775,000.

The House on Tuesday soundly defeated an effort to impose a cap and fast cap of 630,000 on annual immigration. The Senate ceiling is flexible and could be exceeded in some cases.

Morrison expressed hope that the final product of the conference committee would find favor at the White House despite veto threats. He said lawmakers were "in a position to narrow down the administration's problems."

He said he expected House-Senate conferees to hold their meetings next week at the latest. He added they will be talking in formal sessions this week. Congress is heading toward adjournment at mid-month.

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