

Russia, U.S. meet to plan arms talks

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Russia's foreign minister Tuesday said he would consider a ban on the world's most dangerous nuclear weapons as part of an arms control agreement being readied for a June summit in Washington.

Andrei Kozyrev's declaration on MIRV multiple warhead missiles could accelerate missile cutbacks on both sides. He will meet Wednesday with Secretary of State James A. Baker III. They are in Brussels to attend an East-West NATO meeting.

"We'll certainly discuss the preparations for the summit meeting," Kozyrev said at a news conference. "We will try to achieve a mutually acceptable compromise."

Baker hopes to elicit from Kozyrev, a generally willing partner in arms reductions, a proposal to ban missiles with multiple warheads. So far, even while swapping far-reaching plans with the Bush administration, Moscow has shied away from the touchy issue of its powerful force of long-range missiles with more than one warhead.

Kozyrev signaled this may be the occasion.

"We have to bring our positions closer together, including the elimination of MIRVed missiles," he said.

The statement suggested Russia has its eye also on banning the long-range multiple warhead missiles carried aboard U.S. submarines.

Until now, Russia has been unwilling to consider a ban on its deadly land-based long-range missiles that carry up to 10 warheads each.

Padre Island adds policemen to handle vacation crowds

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car guard is recommended.

A kill switch is a device that prevents the engine from starting in any way and is good protection against "hot-wiring."

A club, which is placed across the steering wheel, will prevent any steering of the vehicle.

The General Motors Corp. car guard, designed especially for GM vehicles, will also prevent any movement of the steering column.

Walling said these devices can be purchased at auto parts stores, auto dealerships and locksmith stores.

Along with spring break and large groups of students emerges the possibility of minor accidents, or "fender benders."

Walling reminds students to make sure they have proof of insurance in their vehicles and that their inspection stickers are valid.

Students should also avoid parking in streets next to drive-ways where people back their cars out, he said.

South Padre Island's Chief of

Police Ed Sanders said in a telephone interview with The Battalion that additional officers will be present next week to assist in the spring break crowds.

"TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) agents and DPS (Department of Public Safety) officers will be working with us and our officers will be working extended hours," Sanders said.

South Padre Island also has a problem with parking during spring break.

Since parking on the beach is not allowed, Sanders recommends that students leave their cars at their hotels and hike the distance to the water, walk, or ride the South Padre Island trolley for 50 cents a ride, or \$1 a day.

He said state law does not require his department's officers to investigate fender benders that do not result in injuries or exceed \$750 worth of damage.

"Our primary concern is excessive alcohol use," he said. "They (students) will have to handle fender benders by themselves."

City, campus police give security tips

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have a service they may not know about, she said. A free service called HouseWatch is offered by both cities' police departments.

Students can call HouseWatch and request the service by identifying lights that will remain on during their vacation at their house and vehicles parked in front. An officer then drives by and checks the house during the vacation for suspicious activity or cars that don't belong there.

"If something's fishy, the officer will write it down and pass it along to the next officer so he can check on it," LeMay said.

Students living on campus do not need to call anyone because UPD officers are constantly checking residence halls during spring break.

LeMay said the primary on-campus burglaries are key entries, but stricter residence hall policies in the past year should reduce the number of on-campus burglaries this spring break.

Another way to protect your home from burglary is to purchase

a timer, she said. A timer can automatically turn on a particular light or appliance so it appears that someone is actually home.

LeMay said timers are inexpensive, easy to use, and can be purchased at hardware and appliance stores.

Students should never leave a porch light on without a timer because burglars will know the home is vacant if the porchlight remains on during the day, LeMay said.

Students should also engrave their driver's license numbers somewhere on their vehicles and identify the vehicles with Operation Identification stickers.

Stickers can be requested from the local police departments.

What should students take with them on spring break and what should they leave at home?

LeMay said if students are going to their parents' home, they should take as many valuables as they can with them, including calculators, typewriters and computers.

If they're going to the beach or some other hot spot, however,

they should always leave their jewelry and credit cards behind and hidden somewhere.

During their vacation, students should also beware of car thieves who prey on college students.

"Thieves will have a spring break on the students, if they're not careful," LeMay said.

Aside from car theft and pickpockets, students should drive and park carefully.

"When you stop your car to park, park so that you can pull out easily to avoid 'fender benders,'" she said.

LeMay said that often during spring break, police officers are too busy to attend to all the 'fender benders' that occur, so students should take precaution.

LeMay stressed that personal safety was the most important thing for students to remember during spring break.

"Keep your guard up and be careful about people you don't know about," she said.

"You need to remember that no matter what, they're still strangers," LeMay said.

Officer encourages personal safety

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He says almost anyone can be arrested and placed in jail in Mexico for virtually no reason at all.

"It's a very crooked situation over there with the police," Tilton says. "They don't have a lot of the laws we have over here, such as probable cause."

Mexican police earn a majority of their money through propositions and bribes, he says.

"Sometimes they (Mexican police) will make you pay just to park your car in a certain place," Tilton says. "It's a very common practice."

Another issue strongly related to personal safety, he says, is drinking and driving.

Tilton says usually college students will designate a sober driver, but during spring break, no one wants to be the designated driver.

"Someone's going to end up driving, and that's just unfortunate," he says.

Other personal safety issues, says Tilton, include assaults.

"There's a tremendous amount of assaults during this time," he says. "Usually it's men fighting with each other."

Sunburn risk increases over break

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vent skin cancer are also recommended by the health education department:

- Cover up with a wide-brimmed hat and a bandanna for your neck; wear long sleeved shirts and pants the sun can't penetrate.
- Use sunscreens to help prevent skin cancer as well as premature aging of your skin. You'll want a sun protective factor (SPF) rating of 15 or higher. Women can get a little added protection by using tinted opaque cosmetic foundation along with a sunscreen. Apply sunscreen at least one hour before going into the sun and

again after swimming or perspiring a lot. Don't use indoor sunlamps, tanning parlors or tanning pills.

- Know the ways of the rays for your best protection. You can get burned on a cloudy day. And the rays can reach down into three feet of water. Try to stay out of the direct sun at midday, as the sun's rays are strongest between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Beware of high altitudes - there's less atmosphere to filter out the ultraviolet rays. Skiers should remember that snow reflects the sun's rays, too.

Dr. Don Freeman, a staff physician at the health center's treatment room, says every year

after spring break he treats a large number of sunburned students in the center.

"There is usually quite a bit of cases," Freeman says. "We get a lot of secondary burns here."

Freeman says secondary burns are characterized by a cluster of blisters and students with secondary burns should seek a physician for treatment immediately.

Garner says students who claim to be naturally tan are not exempt from the sun's harmful rays.

"Even if you're dark-skinned, you can get skin cancer," she says. "Students need to remember to at least avoid the sun during its peak hours and to use sunscreen."

DPS to assist agencies during vacation

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ing, warned Bill Lewis, chairman of the legislation committee of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Alcohol is a drug, and students should keep that in mind during spring break, he said.

"The drinking age in Texas is 21, and most students are going to be underage," Lewis said. "The largest killer of this age group is not cancer or disease, but alcohol. Whether it is DWI or alcohol poisoning, more young adults die because of alcohol than any other reason."

The Texas Department of Public Safety will also be out in force over spring break, targeting the areas popular with students, said Trooper Eddie Carmon. South Padre Island, Corpus Christi and Galveston will receive extra attention.

"We'll work the highways leading to and from these places as much as possible, and maintain a high visibility," Carmon said. "We'll also assist the local agencies and the TABC in their enforcement efforts."

"The best advice for students is that if they've been drinking not to drive period," he said. "Even if it's only been one beer, not driving will drastically reduce the chances of having an accident."

Even if they don't drive, alcohol can cause problems for students, LeMay said. A drunk person is a prime target for crime, so students should not carry large amounts of money with them, wear expensive jewelry or wander away from their group.

Rape is also a big problem during spring break, she said. The judgment of both men and women is impaired by alcohol, and a person might not realize the situation they are in until it's too late.

Although many students are going to drink anyway, LeMay offered an innovative way to reduce the amount of alcohol consumed while drinking.

"If you must drink, pick up a six pack of near-beer along with your regular beer," she said. "When you're drinking, alternate a beer with a near-beer. The near-beer doesn't taste much different from the real thing, and it could save you a lot of headaches."

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