

Soviet Union arms rejection no cause for alarm

By John Minnick

The Soviet Union's recent rejection of President Carter's nuclear arms reduction proposals is no cause for alarm and will not affect relations between the United States and Russia, according to two UNL professors.

William Avery, assistant professor of political science, said Carter's proposal to reduce nuclear weapons was extremely different than any proposals given to the Russians before.

"I wasn't too surprised about it," Avery said. "It was a very radical proposal and both sides need time to study the proposal before talks resume in May."

Avery said the United States started with the best possible plan they had first and is willing to compromise and negotiate to agreeable terms with the Soviets.

Peter Maslowski, assistant professor who teaches a military history class, said much of what goes on at the talks will be behind the scenes.

"The talks are dealing with matters of national survival and it is only proper and expected that the two nations will move slowly on an agreement," Maslowski said.

He said the talks are complex because the Soviet Union and the United States have two very different weapon systems that serve different purposes.

"The talks are very difficult because the Soviet Union wants superiority on nuclear weaponry and the United States likes the idea that the nuclear weapons should never have to be used—an idea the Soviets don't accept," Maslowski said.

Avery said there was no link to the

human rights controversy and the Soviet rejection of arms limitations. The United States has protested Soviet treatments of Jews.

"For years the Soviet Union and other communist nations have been criticizing the United States on its treatment of minorities; and now, with the human rights issue, the U.S. is taking the initiative to put the Soviets on the defensive," Avery said.

Maslowski said there was no way to judge if the human rights issue had any effect on the Soviet decision, because it is hard to know what is going on in Russia.

Maslowski said the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT I) put limits on nuclear weapon expansion and now Carter wants to reduce the number of weapons.

"Both nations want to emerge from this as the winner," Maslowski said. "Even if the number of arms are reduced, how will it be decided which ones are going to be reduced? And then there is no way to verify if the weapons have been reduced."

Avery said he did not see any effect on U.S.-Soviet relations because there was no way the Soviets would have accepted Carter's current proposals.

"Both nations are fighting 'because we have the technology, we should build it' ideas," Avery said. "(Soviet Party Leader Leonid) Brezhnev expects another proposal from Carter that differs from the present one."

Maslowski said he thinks the Soviets do not believe in detente, and nuclear war is a possibility in the future.

"Russia could be seriously considering

our proposals right now," he said. "There is no way of knowing what they are thinking, and everybody is free to make up their own mind."

Avery said an increase in the arms race between Russia and the United States is a possibility and Carter has even suggested this.

Maslowski said the arms race has never halted, and it is going strong.

"It is absurd to think we are not in one right now," he said. "The arms race is continuing in those areas not limited in SALT I talks, and it has been channeled into different areas of nuclear weapon expansion."

UNL teachers honored

Twenty UNL professors will be recognized as distinguished teachers, and 2,400 students for academic achievement at the annual Honors Convocation at 10:30 Tuesday morning in the UNL Coliseum. Along with the award, each professor will receive \$1,000.

Harry Haynie, NU Foundation president, will present five special awards, including three checks from the Amoco Foundation, Inc., one from the NU Foundation Trustees and one by the family of the late Mrs. Annis Chaikin Sorensen.

The 15 other cash awards, funded by the Nebraska Legislature, will be presented by UNL Chancellor Roy Young.

Classes and labs on both UNL campuses will be dismissed for the convocation. On the city campus, classes will be dismissed from 10:30-12:30, while on East Campus, classes will be out from 10-noon.

The special award winners include Patrice Berger, assistant professor of history as the Amoco Foundation Awards winner for distinguished undergraduate teaching; David Brooks, professor of chemistry and coordinator of the general chemistry program at UNL and Bobby Moser, associate professor of animal science.

Dr. Dennis Gutz, associate professor of pedodontics in the College of Dentistry will receive the NU Foundation's Trustees' award for distinguished teaching.

The Sorensen Award for excellence in teaching in the humanities will go to Robert Dewey, philosophy professor.

Faculty members receiving awards authorized by the Legislature for distinguished teaching of undergraduate

students are:

Roy Arnold, professor and chairman of the Dept. of Food Science and Technology; H. Keith Sawyers, associate professor of architecture; Frans Amelinckx, associate professor of modern languages and literatures; Mark Cory, associate professor of modern languages and literatures; Dorothy Day, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures; Philip Dyer, associate professor of political science; Stephen Hilliard, associate professor of English; Paul Landolt, professor of life sciences; Roger Welsh, assistant professor of English and anthropology; David Wishart, assistant professor of geography; F. Charles Lamphear, professor of economics; Richard Schonberger, associate professor of management, Eva Winter, assistant professor of construction management, Mabel Skjelver, professor of textiles, clothing and design and G. Gordon Greene, education.

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