

Professor: SALT II good for U.S.

By Kathy Sjulín

Ratification of SALT II is in the best interest of the American people, according to the chairman of a political science department in India who is lecturing at UNL this week.

Tarun Bose, who is spending a year at Harvard University researching arms treaties, will lecture on SALT II, the Middle East and Indian and Soviet foreign policies in several UNL political science classes. Bose teaches at Dibrugarh University in India.

Ratification of SALT II is unlikely at the moment, Bose said, because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The situation between the United States and the Soviet Union has grown so tense that the treaty has little chance of being considered by the Senate in the near future, he said.

Because SALT II is controversial, further consideration may be pushed to 1981—after the U.S. elections, he said.

Bose said the possibility of a new president in the White House could create "a different situation" for SALT II.

He said he isn't sure SALT II would prevent escalation of the arms race between the United States and the So-

viet Union, but escalation would be assured without ratification.

Technological lead

In June, 1972, at the time of SALT I, the United States had a technological lead over the Soviet Union, according to Bose. During the last eight years, however, the United States has lost its lead and the two countries are now thought to be equal, he said.

The goal of SALT II is parity, or overall equality between the two countries, Bose said.

American fears that the Soviet Union would not comply with the terms of SALT II are unnecessary, Bose said. The United States could monitor Soviet action with ships, satellites, aircraft and powerful radar.

Bose said he believes the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could have resulted from Soviet leaders' fears of the revival of Islam in the Middle East as illustrated by Ayatollah Khomeini's regime.

The Soviets next step may be Pakistan, he said, because "they may want to get the Afghan rebels out of Pakistan."

Soviets have oil

A Soviet invasion into Iran for oil isn't likely, Bose said because the Soviets "have enough oil."

Bose refused to comment on the American hostages in Iran, except to say he hopes the crisis will be resolved.

He said America's future depends on its ability to develop a substitute for oil, which will eliminate dependency on foreign countries. He cited developments in synthetic oil production as an example of progress.

President Carter should be commended for the key role he played in bringing Israel and Egypt together, Bose said. Even so, he said he believes tension in the Middle East will continue until a homeland is found for the Palestinians. Because Israel sees such a homeland as a possible threat to her security, the situation is very difficult, he added.

Bose said he will discuss India's position on the 1968 non-proliferation treaty in several political science classes this week. The treaty prevents countries that signed it from using nuclear power for peaceful purposes, he said. India feels this is unfair and has refused to sign the treaty, he added.

Peaceful purposes

Countries, like the United States, that had nuclear weapons before the 1968 treaty are still able to use their power for peaceful, energy-generating purposes, he said. Countries that were without nuclear power before 1968, however, are prevented from doing so under the terms of the treaty, he said.

Bose called the treaty "unfair to the poor countries in the Third World" because it prevents them from using nuclear power to harness electricity, fracture deeply-buried mineral deposits and stimulate recovery of natural gas.

Nuclear weapons now exist in five countries, he said. These are the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain.



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Tarun Bose

Reed's music . . .

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The song, which graphically details elements of the gay sub-culture, must have come as a surprise to those attuned to the normal drive of AM radio. Also worthy are "Satellite of Love" and a delightful reading of "Good Night Ladies."

Berlin, the quintessential rock novel, is a hard album to find, but one worthy of seeking out. It has been ranked alternatively as the most depressing album of all time, and one of the worst. It details the marriage, break-up and suicide of a woman through the eyes of her loser husband.

Not for squeamish

Although not exactly the album to start a party with, its lush production and raking catharsis makes it one of the most effective albums of all time. Not for the squeamish, it contains the real cries of two children as their mother is being taken away. The sounds were recorded by accident, and served as the basis for the album.

Reed's last two studio albums, *Street Hassle*, and *The Bells* are effective marriages of his sardonic humor and biting commentary.

Street Hassle contains enough four-letter words to keep it off the radio, but it was one of the best albums of 1978. It contains the 11-minute mini-opera "Street Hassle", a street life tour-de-force about what William Burroughs called "the algebra of need" in his novel *Naked Lunch*.

It is about sex and drugs, and the practicality of survival. The album also contains "I Want To Be Black," an anthem for screwed-up middle-class college students. The album also contains its share of tongue-in-cheek humor.

Logical follow-up

The Bells is the logical follow-up to *Street Hassle*. It is eminently playable on the radio, (though it wasn't). It contains churning rhythm and blues and strong songwriting. "Stupid Man," "Boogie With You" and the apocalyptic title track all move with an urgency that is refreshing.

The Bells also contains the tongue-in-cheek "Disco Mystic." The song is a danceable tune with drone lyrics that simply repeat, "Disco, Disco Mystic . . ." Good stuff.

A quieter primer to Lou Reed might be the older and more personal, *Coney Island Baby* album. It features soft rhythm and blues, and is not as focused as his last two albums but entirely listenable.

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