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Vladimir Prelog of Zurich, Nobel Prize winning chemist, speaks at an awards program at Hamilton Hall Thursday. This year's recipient of the Cliff S. Hamilton Award, in Organic Chemistry, Prelog gave a lecture on "Chirality in Chemistry." Prelog, former director of The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, received the Nobel Prize in 1975 for his research in stereochemistry. The Cliff S. Hamilton Award is supported by a fund managed by the NU Foundation to commemorate the man for whom the chemistry building was named.

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Reagan: U.S. won't abandon arms talks

TOKYO — President Reagan accused the Soviet Union today of refusing to negotiate in good faith at arms control talks and said the outlook for agreements was bleak. But he said the Soviet attitude in European missile negotiations would not deter him from his search for an agreement.

"The United States will never walk away from the negotiating table," he said in prepared remarks to the Japanese parliament. "Peace is too important."

Much of Reagan's speech dealt with U.S. relations with Japan, including trade and economic problems that he and Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone acknowledged Thursday after two days of talks. The two leaders Thursday had openly criticized each other's policies while stressing their hopes for step-by-step solutions that could put economic relations on firmer footing.

Reagan arrived in Tokyo Wednesday with the aim of strengthening U.S. relations with Japan and conducting a "peace and prosperity" mission in Asia.

Final death toll at 239

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon Thursday put the final death toll in the bombing of U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut at 239. It said 218 Marines of the multi-national peace-keeping force were killed, along with 18 Navy men and three Army soldiers, when an unknown terrorist driving a truck packed with dynamite breached the headquarters security perimeter on Oct. 23. The Pentagon said in a statement 237 bodies had been returned to the United States and the remains of two marines had been sent to Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii for further identification.

Impeachment resolution

WASHINGTON — A resolution calling for President Reagan's impeachment over the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada was introduced Thursday by seven Democratic congressmen in the House of Representatives. The resolution says Reagan violated the U.S. Constitution by starting a war without the approval of Congress and also violated the charters of the United Nations and the Organization of American States. It was introduced by John Conyers of Michigan, Ted Weiss of New York, Julian Dixon and Mervyn Dymally of California, Parren Mitchell of Maryland and Henry Gonzalez and Mickey Leland of Texas.

The resolution, seen as a symbolic move, is likely to be referred to the House Judiciary Committee, but no action is expected because most members of Congress supported the invasion. Reagan's removal from office would require a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate.

Microwaves in Moscow

MOSCOW — Very low-level microwaves beamed at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow were detected earlier this year, U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hartman said Thursday. He said he protested to the Soviet Foreign Ministry last Wednesday after U.S. experts verified that beaming occurred. The beam "could not have been considered a health hazard, but it is the principle I am concerned about," Hartman told reporters.

The beams were aimed at the roof of the embassy from July 14 to Oct. 19 for two to four hours at a time, he said.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman declined to speculate on reasons for the transmissions.

U.S. officials said the embassy has been routinely checked for microwave beams since disclosure in 1976 that a beam had been discovered. Special window screens were installed in 1978 to block 90 percent of the microwaves.