

Kissinger, Gromyko meet to discuss detente issues

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GENEVA—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger arrived Sunday night and began what may be a tense round of meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on the Middle East and a host of issues near the core of detente.

Kissinger flew to Switzerland from Bonn, where he announced a complete identity of views with West German leaders on all the

issues they discussed, including American strategy to bring down the price of oil.

Relations between the United States and the Soviet Union were the first subjects on the agenda when Kissinger and Gromyko began talks over dinner at the Soviet diplomatic mission.

These included the new round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, the now-defunct trade treaty between the two countries, and Communist party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's scheduled visit to the United

States this summer.

The European Security Conference also may come up. American officials expected that Gromyko also may bring up the subject of Cyprus, one of the possible issues of tension between the two nations.

As Kissinger arrived in Geneva, the Soviet official news agency Tass condemned last week's creation of a Turkish Cypriot autonomous republic in the northern portion of the island as an attempt by certain NATO circles to frustrate a Cyprus settlement.

In a brief arrival statement at Geneva airport, Kissinger said he and Gromyko would review the state of the U.S.-Soviet relations and the situation in the Middle East.

U.S. officials said the major and most delicate issue, the Middle East, will be reserved for Monday morning, when Kissinger and Gromyko are scheduled to meet again before Kissinger flies off on to Britain after lunch.

American officials believe that Gromyko may take a hard line in the talks, especially on the Middle East and Cyprus.

The meeting would provide Kissinger's first chance to sense the mood of the Soviet Politburo since the mystery surrounding Brezhnev's illness earlier this year. Brezhnev suddenly reappeared last week, looking rested and happy.

A senior official aboard Kissinger's plane said that it was probably too early to reopen the question of trade after Russia angrily denounced the 1972 trade pact because of restrictions placed on it by Congress.

Another failure on trade would be a disaster, the official said, and Kissinger must first discuss the question thoroughly with influential congressmen before taking it up with the Russians again.



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva. The two leaders were engaged in a round of talks about the Mideast and other matters related to U.S.-Soviet detente.

N.C. students face aid crunch; rising costs increase drop outs

United Press International

RALEIGH — College administrators across the state say that the rising costs of higher education are forcing hundreds of students to drop out of school.

Officials at both public and private colleges said they don't have enough money to meet the growing need by students for financial aid.

And, according to Stan Broadway, director for finances at UNC, more federal aid is not in sight.

"The federal dollars are going to remain the same over next year. Inflation and rising costs in general will cause us problems in

meeting the financial needs of students," he said.

William Geer, Director of Student Aid at UNC, said, "We will be short \$800,000 in financial aid due to inflation and the rise in education costs."

"We are expecting a rise in the number of students whose families will be in financial trouble."

At North Carolina Central University in Durham, Chancellor Albert N. Whiting said over 100 students remain out of school despite efforts to find financial aid for them.

"We were down 400 students at registration this year. Our Alumni association was able to raise enough money to keep over 200 in school," said Whiting. He added another 35 have been admitted on a stand-by basis while awaiting loans from banks and elsewhere.

A spokesman for Appalachian State University in Boone said his office was visited by between 200 and 300 students who said they could not afford to return for the spring term.

Helmes prominent in third party plans

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WASHINGTON — Expressing increasing doubt that they can continue to support either the Republican or Democratic parties, conservatives took the first step Sunday toward creation of a third party to represent their views in future elections.

North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms played a prominent role in the proceedings. The 1975 Conservative Political Action Conference, after four days of discussion and debate about forming a national conservative party, voted overwhelmingly to set up a 13-member committee to review and assess the current political situation and develop future opportunities.

Significantly, the committee included three Republican members of Congress—Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, who was expected to be its chairman, and Reps. John Ashbrook of Ohio and Robert Bauman of Maryland.

It also included Maine Republican chairman Cyril Joliz. It included no person specifically identified with the Democratic party.

The resolution offering hope of a third party came despite warning from President Ford that the conservatives would only hurt their own and the Republicans' chances to keep the White House in 1976 if they split from the party.

The resolution did not specifically call for establishment of a new party but empowered the committee, made up of leading conservative office holders and activists, to call another national meeting, if deemed necessary to chart more explicitly the future course of conservatism.

"Conservatives have been forced into a political position which leaves us without a serious leadership role in either major party and the question of our allegiance to these political parties is a matter of increasing doubt to conservatives," the resolution said.

It said the present Republican leadership has not effectively articulated or represented the conservative sentiment of the vast

majority of Republicans, and millions of Republicans, and millions of Democrats are alienated by the increasingly radical orientation of the Democratic Party.

M. Stanton Evans, a co-chairman of the conference and a member of the committee, said provisions had been made for enlisting spokesmen for other groups and told the delegates that the resolution leaves open the option of establishing a third political party.

The conference also debated a number of other resolutions on domestic issues ranging from foreign policy to big government. The resolutions submitted to the conference called for approval of an anti-abortion amendment to the Constitution, a ban on welfare assistance to able bodied and childless couples between the ages of 18 and 65, acceleration of the U.S. B1 bomber and the Trident submarine and missile programs, and an end to forced busing of students to

achieve racial balance.

Conference delegates were encouraged Saturday by former California Governor Ronald Reagan to remain in the Republican Party, pressing for conservative emphasis on a balanced budget even at the expense of continued recession.

Reagan stopped short of suggesting he would be a 1976 candidate, but both Sen. James Buckley, R-N.Y., and New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thompson said Reagan was the GOP's best chance to keep control of the White House.

But some of the delegates to the conference sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom and the American Conservative Union continued to press for formation of a conservative third party with a ticket headed by Reagan and Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

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