

Nations' talks start frosty

Schultz, Gromyko meet with cool cordiality

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met on Tuesday to discuss relations between their two countries, but U.S. officials predicted little progress toward easing tensions.

They started their meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the office of the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick. Neither Gromyko nor Schultz smiled for photographers as they exchanged small talk during a brief photo session before entering the office.

Meetings between the U.S. secretary of state and Soviet foreign minister have become an annual event during the opening session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Schultz had met earlier with British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym. They discussed possible compromises on the divisive U.S.-imposed Soviet pipeline sanctions, but they are still far apart on the issue, a U.S. spokesman said.

"Both underscored the need

to develop a well-defined policy on East-West economic relations," said State Department spokesman John Hughes, adding they had not agreed how that would be done.

Before the Shultz-Gromyko talks began, officials said the two men probably would discuss a U.S.-Soviet summit conference, but make no decision on holding one.

"I don't know that there is a groundswell of opinion for it," Hughes said.

Hughes said the two might meet again if they "think it is worthwhile." A second meeting would be at the Soviet mission.

Schultz is holding a series of meetings with foreign ministers of other nations in connection with the 37th session of the U.N. General Assembly.

The Soviets have indicated on four recent occasions their interest in a possible summit conference between Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Pres. Ronald Reagan.

A senior State Department official told reporters in Washington last week that it

was certain to be raised in the Shultz-Gromyko meeting. "It's a subject they will discuss," said the official, who did not want to be identified.

Schultz and Pym had a two-hour breakfast in Schultz' suite at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Hughes said they talked about the pipeline issue "within the framework of broad East-West relations."

The subject has been so divisive in U.S.-West European relations that it wasn't discussed in any detail in Shultz' earlier meetings with officials of West Germany and France. Hughes said it had been decided nothing would be gained by talking about it.

But Pym is at the forefront of those trying to find a compromise. Britain, West Germany, France and Italy have objected to the Reagan administration's decision to penalize European companies that participate in construction of a Soviet natural gas pipeline to Europe using U.S.-licensed equipment and technology.

Senators fight for wilderness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two of the Northwest's U.S. senators are gearing for battle over legislation to limit oil, gas and geothermal leasing in wilderness areas.

Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho and chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, opposes a bill that would ban leasing in more than 40 million acres of existing or proposed wilderness areas.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., who preceded McClure as committee chairman. Environmentalists have made the issue their top priority in the current Congress.

A showdown between the two senators could take place over the issue as Congress moves toward a pre-election recess early next month. Jackson said he will try to bring up the bill this week, but indicated he does not expect full Senate passage before the elections.

Jackson's anti-leasing bill is co-sponsored by 53 members of the Senate. A similar bill already has passed the House.

Interior Secretary James Watt announced last year that he would consider allowing oil and gas leases in wilderness areas, an option his predecessors chose not to exercise. That triggered an outcry from members of Congress and the public, and Watt agreed to a temporary moratorium on leasing in designated wilderness areas through the end of this year.

But environmentalists were still worried because millions of acres recommended for wilderness or under further study were not covered by Watt's moratorium. They also feared what could happen to the 25 million acres of existing wilderness after Watt's moratorium expires.

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Hinckley requests gun to shoot Jodie Foster

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential assailant John Hinckley recently wrote a letter asking a woman to help him get a pistol so he could kill actress Jodie Foster, an FBI source said Tuesday night.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said the letter to an unidentified woman in the Midwest was intercepted by psychiatrists at St. Elizabeths, the District of Columbia mental hospital where Hinckley is confined.

The letter, which mentioned a .38-caliber pistol, was turned over to Roger Adelman, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, according to the source. There was no answer when a reporter telephoned Adelman's home Tuesday night.

The source said the intended recipient of the letter was one of several women who have sent sympathetic letters to Hinckley, who has carried on a one-sided romance with Foster.

Hinckley was ordered confined indefinitely to St. Elizabeths after a federal jury last June found him innocent by reason of insanity in the March 1981 shootings of Pres. Ronald Reagan and three other men.

Illness traced to Disneyland

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Department of Health asked parents Tuesday to report any rash-like illness observed in children who visited Disneyland in California the week of Aug. 15-21.

A current outbreak of measles in the Phoenix-Glendale area has been traced to a 12-year-old boy who visited Disneyland that week, officials said.

Eight cases of measles have been reported and more are expected, they said.

The state health department said the local case was one of at least 15 reported in children from California, Oregon and Texas, in addition to Arizona.



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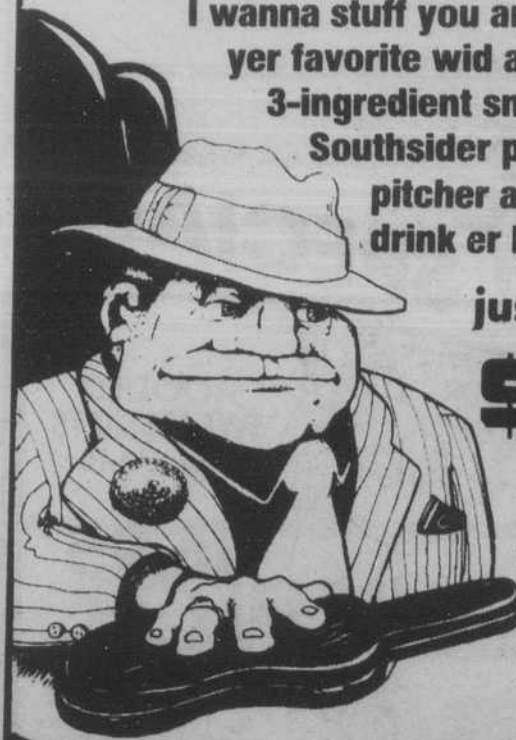
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