

Russians favorable of Clinton



MOSCOW (AP) — Ordinary Russians greeted Bill Clinton's victory with optimism Wednesday, while lawmakers gave the American president-elect reason to be rosy about U.S.-Russian ties by approving a nuclear arms reduction treaty.

Russian president Boris Yeltsin said he hoped the United States and Russia would be able to forge a stronger partnership. Many Russians, accustomed to viewing older leaders with suspicion, hailed Clinton's youth.

Alexei Ulyukayev, a top economic advisor to Yeltsin, said he once suspected a Clinton victory would lead to isolationism, but now believes "the Democrats will be able to act more freely in international areas than the Republicans."

Speaking to The Associated Press in Berlin, Ulukayev pointed to Russia's need for U.S. help in postponing payments on its \$71 billion foreign debt, but said Russian manufacturers' access to American markets was "much more important for us."

Russia's Supreme Soviet voted 157-1 to ratify the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which was signed by President Bush and former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991. Hard-liners said

the vote was an unwarranted gift to Clinton.

"Some people want to present it on a silver platter to the U.S. president-elect," legislator Vitaly Sevastyanov said.

Generally, however, people interviewed in central Moscow were glad that a younger man would be at the helm of Russia's former nemesis. Clinton is 46, Bush 68.

"It's the time of young people," said army Col. Mikhail Reznikov, who was shopping for food with a fellow officer, "because they are much more flexible. They look at all things. Without doubt, it's much, much better."

Gorbachev called Clinton a "natural leader, born after World War II, and he represents the new, younger people."

In the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, historian Danyl Yenevsky welcomed the election of a "Beatles epoch" leader. Ukrainian Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma also praised Clinton's youth and made a swipe at Bush.

"I hope that we will have more fruitful relations with the USA as, so far, apart from advice, we have not had anything," Kuchma said.

Ukrainian opposition activist Serhiy Odarich confessed to "a gut reaction against old politicians" because of the succession of geriatric general secretaries who had led the Soviet Union.

German Nazi group planned for revolution

BERLIN (AP) — A federal prosecutor said Wednesday that an armed group called the Werewolf Hunting Unit had a buried cache of weapons and envisioned itself as an elite troop of a future Nazi regime.

Federal Attorney General Alexander von Stahl, responsible for terrorist and spying cases in Germany, took over the case from state authorities because of the suspicion of terrorism involving 10 alleged members of the group who have been under arrest since late October.

Two of the Werewolf group members are also accused of killing a man last December in a highway robbery and burning his body in his car.

It was Stahl's first action related to the rise of rightist violence in eastern Germany and came amid criticism that his agency had done little to stamp out sources of troubles that have brought Germany under intense international scrutiny.

The federal prosecutor is handling two related cases from western Germany, one involving 20 people on charges stemming from alleged involvement with the U.S. racist group, the Ku Klux Klan. They are accused of inciting racial hatred, illegal use of Nazi emblems and weapons violations.

Described by the *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper as the "killer troop of neo-Nazis," the Werewolf group reportedly operates in a military-like fashion. Its members even have documents like soldier's paybooks, the prosecutor's office said in its most detailed statement on the case.

If a Nazi revolution occurred, "the 'defense-sport group' would take part as an 'elite troop,'" the prosecutor said in a statement. The group staged realistic exercises to practice for its role, the statement said.

The name Werewolf that the group took comes from the Werewolf guerrillas who tried to fight on after the Allies crushed Nazism in World War II.

Authorities found more than 150 hand grenades, three sub-machine guns, rifles, handguns and ammunition.

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— Alexander von Stahl, German attorney general

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MEETINGS

International Student Association will meet about game day today at 5:30 p.m. in the ISA office. For more information, call 346-4387.

Circle K International will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room C.

Federation for the Advancement of Conservative Thought will have a planning meeting today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 123 of the law school.

Greeks Against Rape will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room A.

Asian and Pacific-American Student Union will meet tonight at 6 at the counseling center. For more information, call 346-4342.

MISCELLANEOUS

Student Employment Center will

present a summer employment workshop today from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 12 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3214.

Door Christian Fellowship will sponsor a class addressing marital relationships and family problems tonight at 7:30 at 4404 Main St. in Springfield. For more information, call 747-0756.

Solar Information Center/EWEB will sponsor a lecture by Michael Reynolds entitled "Solar Survival" tonight at 8 in Room 177 Lawrence. For more information, call 346-3696.

Japanese Student Organization will have a Japanese language table today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F. For more information, call 346-9905.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance will have a coffee hour today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center. For

more information, call 346-1142.

Outdoor Program will present a slideshow and discussion titled "Born in Flames" tonight at 7 in Room 110 Willamette. For more information, call 346-4365.

Outdoor Program will sponsor a presentation by Andy Kerr of the ONRC titled "Ancient Forest Update" tonight at 7 in Room 100 Willamette. For more information, call 346-4365.

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