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VIEWPOINT

Time for a grand debate

Six years and seven months in the making, SALT II is now signed.

But it is still a long way from being sealed and delivered. That won't be accomplished until the United States Senate has had its lengthy say on this new arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union. (There was a suggestion in Vienna that the accord might also run into some difficulties in the Soviet ratification process, but that was widely regarded as one of the lighter moments of the Carter-Brezhnev summit.)

And if we, the people of the United States of America, think we have already heard enough on the subject in the torrent of preliminary opinions out of Washington and the endless press analyses, just wait until the Senate cranks itself up for the formal ratification debate.

That, considering the subject and the timing, on the eve of a presidential year, promises to be a talkathon to make Panama Canal confrontation pale.

At this early point, SALT II would appear to stand about equal chances of being oversold by its supporters and underrated by its critics.

What it will not do is to dismantle the arsenals of the two global powers and relieve the world of the threat of nuclear war. What it will do, if ratified, is spell out limited rules for the composition of those arsenals and, as a hoped-for consequence, lengthen the odds against their ever being called into use.

In essence, Washington and Moscow are aiming at state of parity by Jan. 1, 1982, in the weapons with which they are able to hit each other from bases in their respective homelands To achieve it, both powers must reduce existing forces, the first such reversal of direction in arms competition in postwar history. The Soviet cuts will come in intercontinental missiles, in which they are at present ahead in numbers. The U.S. reductions will be in long-range bombers, where we lead.

The agreement would be in effect until Dec. 31, 1985, by which time both sides are assuming a SALT III would be ready to take Soviet-U.S. nuclear detente a stage farther

There is no predicting at this point SALT II's eventual fate in the Senate According to one guesstimate, a full 70 senators are still on the fence. But another reading, which may merely reflect administration wishful thinking, finds 52 senators inclined to vote for the treaty.

That's a majority, but not enough. Ratification requires two-thirds approval — 67 votes, and even the most optimistic treaty advocates acknowledge that they are not yet in sight.

In the coming debate, the Senate has a responsibility to examine the agreement in minute detail, to air all arguments pro and con and to clarify for the public its strengths, weaknesses and significance for the future of national and world security. It can probably be counted on to do most of that.

But it also has an opportunity to perform a broader public service. If it rises to the occasion, it will go beyond the details of this specific issue to a grand debate on national defense policy. For too many years now, the defense structure has been shaped on a budget-by-budget, issue-by-issue basis — the Panama Canal and volunteer Army, the B-1 bomber, nuclear carriers, cruise and MX mobile missile systems. An overview is overdue.

The Senate is going to have the opportunity to examine the nation's strategic arms structure — to question whether all our defense bucks are being spent in the right places, what may be the effect on domestic programs and the economy in general, whether this is the proper and most productive allocation of national resources.

The SALT II debate can be expected to be lengthy and impassioned. But along with all the heat and pre-election year politics, we may get a clearer idea as to where we stand on national defense policy and where we should be going.

We could certainly do worse.

We are not alone

The world's leading oil-producing nation is: 1) Saudi Arabia 2) Iran 3) the United States.

None of the above. It is the Soviet Union, by quite a few million barrels annually over any of its nearest competitors.

Soviet citizens not being energy consumers on the massive scale of Americans, they have been able in the past to meet their own largely industrial needs and supply their East European allies out of domestic production.

But even in the most resources-blessed of Marxist societies times change. Moscow is publicly acknowledging an approaching shortage, as predicted in a controversial CIA analysis of a year ago.

Officially, however, the blame is placed not on a production falloff but on waste and the Kremlin is instituting strict fuel-saving measures. In doing so there is at least one problem it doesn't have to deal with — millions of private vehicles lined up to tank up and burning up gas in idling engines.



Do showroom homework

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

If you're a bargain-hunter, careful shopping for a new car can be a rewarding adventure But the market is complicated and the hunter can sometimes become the prey

To avoid falling into traps, Consumer Reports suggests you do some homework before you walk into a showroom. First, find out what's available in your price range And take note of corporate twins, such as the Plymouth Volare and Dodge Aspen You may discover a difference in price, even when the cars are essentially similar

Once you've narrowed down the quarry to a few makes and models, visit as many dealerships as possible, including those that are so far away that servicing could be a problem. One of them might make an offer that you could use as bargaining leverage with a dealer near you

You can get even more bargaining power by exercising a little patience in the showroom. For example, a dealer might try to cash in on your "new-car fever" by tempting you with a model that's in stock at a price that's less than a bargain.

The fact is, many dealers borrow money to buy cars and they may be anxious to sell them quickly to minimize the amount of interest they have to pay. Thus, you might be in a better bargaining position than the dealer.

Watch out for salespeople who try to pressure you with a "two-on-one" approach. In this particular game, you make an offer that's less than the salesperson wants. Then he or she says something like. "I think we can swing that, but I'll have to check with the manager." After leaving you alone to worry for five or 10 minutes, the salesperson returns with word that the manager has rejected the deal.

Of course, if you aren't in a hurry, you can turn down the dealer's "best" offer Salespeople will often call back with a better price a few days after your first visit to the showroom

You may not always be able get a big discount, but sometimes there's a lot of room between the price on the sticker and what the dealer paid for the car Consumer Reports' annual April auto issue explains how you can estimate the leeway you have on each 1979 model.

The spread differs from model to model, but let's take the case of an Oldsmobile Cutlass Salon two-door without options, whose sticker price was about $5,000. The dealer paid about $4,200 for that car, leaving considerable room to bargain.

Sometimes, however, there isn't too much bargaining room. For example, a basic two-door Ford Fairmont without options had a basic price of $3,770, but cost the dealer a little under $3,300. That left a very small mark, when you consider the dealer's need to make a profit.

Of course, supply and demand will affect your bargaining power. Popular cars such as the Volkswagen Rabbit diesel, the Honda Accord or the Chevrolet Corvette, usually sell close to list price.

After you've invested time and effort in finding a bargain, you'd be wise to carefully read your sales agreement. Make sure it spells out how you can get your deposit back if the deal somehow goes wrong. And be sure that both the salesperson and dealership manager sign. If the salesperson alone signs the agreement, it may not be binding.

SAVE ON GAS

Gas savers for travelers

By Barbara McDowell

(Last of five parts)

You don't have to cancel your summer vacation because of the gasoline shortage. But you might reconsider your travel plans to avoid being stuck on the freeway to Disneyland at rush hour with only two drops of gas in your tank.

Instead of driving to a faraway vacation spot, consider taking a plane, bus or train.

Make plane reservations as early as possible — especially if you want to take advantage of one of the new economy fares.

Arrive at the station or airport in plenty of time to get a good seat. Be sure to ask in advance about special bargain fares.

If necessary, you can rent a car once you reach your destination Place your order for an economy car as early as possible; demand for such models is high.

Or you might wish to select a vacation site where a car is not needed. This might be the year to explore a major city with good public transit. Or look into backpacking, bicycling or rafting trips.

Growing in popularity are escorted tours by bus — or "motor coach" as their promoters call them. Indeed, such buses are a far cry from the yellow school bus; most are equipped with reclining seats, air conditioning, restroom and public-address system.

Ask your travel agent for details. Or suggest that your church, club or neighborhood charter a bus for its own trip.

If you still insist on driving, here are some tips to help make your trip as economical as possible·

• Steer clear of the most popular spots — especially on weekends. Instead of joining that bumper-to-bumper crawl to the beach on Saturday morning, postpone your trip a day or two until the crowds are going the other way. (Besides, that may entitle you to lower mid-week lodging rates.)

• Make your hotel, motel or campground reservations in advance. Don't waste gas searching for a place to stay.

• And don't waste gas getting lost. Obtain up-to-date maps and plan the quickest and easiest route to your destination. If you have any suspicion that you are lost, stop and seek help immediately Don't risk going further out of your way

• Investigate vacation possibilities close to home Write to state and local chambers of commerce for free information

• Travel on weekdays and during daylight to avoid closed gas stations

• Start looking for a service station as soon as your tank is half empty

• Stay off the road during rush hours

• Limit your daily driving time to six to eight hours Studies show that people drive less efficiently as they tire

• Travel light. And balance your load If possible, carry some of your luggage in the passenger area instead of the trunk. (Too much weight in the back of the car pushes up the front, increasing drag and lowering efficiency) Avoid tying luggage to the top of your car; that increases wind resistance

• Know anyone else heading to your vacation spot? Share a ride and cut your gas use in half

• Carry an empty can to hold gas in case you run out and must hike to the nearest station But on the highway, simply stop off the pavement and wait for a patrolman to come to your aid.

You might also wish to carry an inexpensive hand-operated pump for emergency siphoning Never attempt to operate a siphon hose by mouth.

And don't carry a can filled with gas in your car It could explode upon collision or contact with a spark or cigarette.

What if despite all your planning you find yourself on a deserted road at midnight with 20 miles worth of gas in your tank and 50 miles to go before you reach civilization?

Robert Sikorsky, author of "How to Get More Miles Per Gallon", says you can make those 50 miles by following this procedure· Accelerate slowly to 20 mph. Then turn off the ignition, shift into neutral and allow the car to slow to 5 mph. Restart the engine and repeat the process until you reach gas.

Berry's World



AS TIME GOES BY

Protests pour in

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

Telegrams from Nebraska Citians poured into Washington, protesting the proposal of Omaha Mayor Dan Butler, to change material specifications for a housing project in Omaha so that Omaha firms might get contracts already awarded to Western Brick and Supply in Nebraska City...An investigation was being conducted into an explosion that destroyed a fireworks factory at Franklin Park, Ill. .Sheriff Carl Ryder asked Missouri authorities to search for five persons who had not been heard from since leaving Nebraska City a week earlier...The U.S. Treasury said government expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled $9 billion.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

Gary Harpster was installed as master councilor of DeMolay...Larry Mumm's no-hit pitching performance boosted the Farmers Bank midgets to a 10-0 victory over Thygeson. .Earl Fisher of Burr won the horseshoe contest at the N.C. Centennial Old Settlers Picnic...The AMA opposed "fee splitting" by doctors. .Kane Richmond starred in "Jungle Raiders" at the Trail Drive-In.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

Judy Garland died at the age of 47. She was the child star of the Wizard of Oz...Cherry picking began at Kimmel Orchard...Approximately 30 students of Mrs Clayton Graham gave voice, piano and organ recitals...Mayor Robert McKissick presented Cathy Horn, National Miss FBLA, Nebraska City, with a key to the City...Gibsons' fireworks sale of two for one turned out a larger crowd than manager, Chuck Rigby figured, the half-hour sale lasted over an hour and a half...Mr and Mrs Charles Fithen purchased the Korner Inn cafe from Mrs Elsie Sexton.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

History is compiled

The fire crews—

Larry Wiles, secretary of the NC Volunteer Fire Department, has compiled an interesting history of the local department. Among the items are that fire equipment was named for the mayor of the town, the three fire companies around town merged in 1906, the first motorized equipment went into service in 1916 and the first 85 ft. aerial machine in the state went into service in Nebraska City in 1975

Most important

"Several cases of personal injury to firemen have been recorded, a number of cases where persons were rescued from fires but no firemen have died in the line of duty "

That's an admirable record we all hope will stay intact

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Our friend, Troy—

Troy Cushing was a quiet man He's gone now and his silence is missed by his family and friends

In a group of conversationists, Troy said the least He enjoyed traveling, being with his family, seeing new things and keeping abreast of the happenings in his town

Few things "hit the spot" better than a glass of beer and a cut of cheese, or a good go-around with friends at the coffee "courthouse" at Irene's cafe

He seldom griped He liked the young, enjoyed the growth of his town, and tried to make a stranger feel welcome

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The auto show—

The good news today is that Charlie Fox stopped in the newspaper office the other day to discuss Jaycee plans for an auto show in the coming weeks.

We thumbed through the Falls City Journal and found an interesting news-picture report on the annual auto show and flea market at the airport in that town We gave the paper to Charlie

An auto show should be a success in Nebraska City There have been car buffs around town for a long time, Eugene McCown and his Henry J, Louie Adkins and his Model A and many more owners and vehicles

I wonder whatever happened to the hotrod race car that Bob Davis used to wheel over the Camp Creek hills or to the auto club that Al Willis helped to organize I might even show up in my Edsel

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Congratulations—

to Peg Fielder, daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Fielder, who was named the Most Valuable Player at the All-Star basketball game at Peru State. to Cindy Heng, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Heng, on being president of the Nebraska State Court of Junior Catholic Daughters

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A suffering soul—

A stroll on South Eighth Street between Central and First Corso on Thursdays is not a pleasant trip

The aroma of fried chicken is spewed out over the sidewalk from a vent and fan

I decided it was time (tried it and failed a week ago) that I make a Demand upon Opal Conner and cook Mrs Harry (Vi) Riege

"Hey hey I huffed and puffed as I entered the cafeteria area of Frazier's 'Do you ladies realize it's 9 a m and at this time in between meals you are creating a hazard to the walking public as they disregard their footsteps and raise their heads to the sky sniffing fried chicken?"

They never paid any attention to me just smiled and went about their work

You'll have to talk to Vi," Opal said I was cooking the last time you came in with the same story

All of this trouble in River City can be settled ladies if you will just make available a couple of those livers or gizzards or a drumstick I suggested

It sure got quiet Mrs Riege continued to fry chicken flatly said no you'll have to wait until meal time

I left dejected and hungry and defeated by the fry cook

I think she's had experience with ordering the boys out of the kitchen

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HEALTH

Lawrence E Lamb M D

High blood pressure

DEAR DR LAMB I have high blood pressure The bottom number is high but the top reading is O K My doctor is giving me Aldomet

He says Aldomet will lower both the bottom and the top pressure readings but I continue to have a high lower reading of 100 sometimes higher I would like to know if what he is telling me is correct He won't give me any other kind of medicine to go with the Aldomet and I don't want to keep taking Aldomet if it doesn't lower the bottom reading to at least 80

I am thinking of changing doctors because I don t want to continue to have a high bottom reading

DEAR READER Perhaps you ought to let your doctor decide what is the best treatment for your blood pressure Aldomet is a very good medicine and is commonly used to lower both the upper and lower blood pressure readings Most people think that the two readings are independent of each other and that's not entirely true It is important that both of them be normal An elevated upper reading (systolic pressure) or an elevated lower reading (diastolic reading) — either one — can increase your risk of heart and circulatory diseases

A reading of 100 isn't bad for your bottom pressure I'd like to see it below 90 but sometimes that takes awhile You may be able to help the situation by eliminating any excess body fat that you have It's been repeatedly shown that even if you're taking blood pressure medicine and are overweight the elimination of the excess body fat will help to control the pressure or even reduce the requirement for medicine

Sometimes using a diuretic along with Aldomet helps improve the situation It does this by washing out salt which takes with it excess body water You can help accomplish this effect by sharply limiting the amount of salt in your diet

I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-8 Blood Pressure to give you a better understanding of your blood pressure reading and what it means Other readers who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long stamped self-addressed envelope for it Send your request to me in care of this newspaper P O Box 1551 Radio City Station New York N Y 10019

You should know that a lot of the medicines that are used to control high blood pressure have side effects Some of these are almost as undesirable as having the high blood pressure in the first place That's why many doctors do not like to overtreat The customary approach in a person who has very mild elevation of pressure is to try to reduce it through weight control and elimination of salt intake If these measures aren't adequate sometimes the doctor may want to use a diuretic to help wash out salt and water And if that's not adequate then other medicines such as Aldomet may be added as needed

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 24, the 175th day of 1979 There are 190 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1497, the first recorded discovery of the mainland of North America occurred as explorer John Cabot sighted land between Halifax and southern Labrador

On this date

In 1520, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, Hernando Cortez, entered Mexico City

In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.

In 1940, in World War II, the French government of Marshal Petain signed an armistice with Italy

In 1942, the Dutch royal family, exiled by war, arrived in the United States to establish temporary residence

In 1948, the Communists began a blockade of West Berlin, halting Allied land traffic between the isolated city and West Germany

In 1968, the U S. Congress set the observance of five annual national holidays on Mondays to increase the number of three-day weekends

One year ago President Ahmed Hussein Ghashami of Yemen was assassinated in Yemen by a bomb planted in an envoy's briefcase.

Today's birthdays Former heavyweight boxing champion Jack Dempsey is 84 Former bandleader Phil Harris is 78. Third baseman Ken Reitz of the St Louis Cardinals is 28.

Thought for today: The greatest happiness you can have is knowing that you do not necessarily require happiness — William Saroyan, American writer, born 1908.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

You show your care for the land by sending rain You fill the streams with water (Psalm 65 9 TEV)

PRAYER· Give us wisdom, O God, to keep open the channels through which Your cargoes of blessings may come into our lives and the lives of others. Amen.