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TALKS IN KREMLIN

Moscow, The Kremlin. Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, and Andrei Andreevich Gromyko, Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, had a conversation with US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. During the talks fundamental questions of Soviet-American relations, and several international problems of mutual interest for the USA and USSR, were discussed. In the centre of the talks was the discussion of the questions, concerning the preparation of a new agreement on the strategic offensive arms limitation. Considering these questions the both sides decided to continue its discussion.

PRESS CONFERENCE

In connection with the staying in Moscow of US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Andrei Gromyko, Member of Politbureau of the CPSU Central Committee, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, held the press-conference for Soviet and American correspondents. In his statement Andrei Gromyko stressed, that one of the main issues, which had been discussed during the talks between Leonid Brezhnev and US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, was the question of concluding of a new agreement on the strategic offensive arms limitation. Stating the fact, that the new American proposals put an obstacle on the way to the realization of this agreement and do not favour the development of goodneighbourly relations between our countries, Andrei Gromyko said: "we, our side, would like to see just such stability in our relations so that these relations should be as good as possible and based on the principles of peaceful coexistence and, even better, that they should be friendly. That is our stand and we would like to see similar actions in reply from the other side, that is the United States of America". At the end of the press-conference Andrei Andreevich Gromyko answered the correspondents' questions.

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