PS1 for 2/18/88#ARE THE SOVIETS A GOOD TREATY RISK?

In his most famous speech, Patrick Henry laid down a guide for prudent decision making: ""I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past.''

Based on that forever valid precept, how can we sign a treaty with the Soviets? If the future follows the pattern of the past, the ink will scarcely be dry on any new treaty before the Soviets cheat again.

Massive and repeated Soviet treaty violations have been exhaustively exposed by official U.S. Government agencies. Four reports were issued prior to the Reagan Administration detailing more than 150 international security treaty violations between 1917 and 1964. Seven more reports were issued during the Reagan Administration detailing more than 50 Soviet violations of SALT and other recent arms control treaties.

The Soviets' pattern of cheating is not only consistent but is totally in accord with their political ideology. Lenin warned us: ""Promises are like pie crusts -- made to be broken.''

Stalin was more explicit: ""Words must have no relation to actions -- otherwise what kind of diplomacy is it? Words are one thing, actions another. Good words are a mask for concealment of bad deeds. Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or iron wood.''

Khrushchev was even more colorful: ""If anyone thinks that our smiles mean the abandonment of the teachings of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, he is deceiving himself cruelly. Those who expect this to happen might just as well wait for a shrimp to learn how to whistle.''

When the Soviets occupied Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany, Albania, Bulgaria, and the other Captive Nations, they violated not only the Atlantic Charter

of 1941 and the Kellogg-Briand Pact of 1928, but numerous nonaggression treaties with those individual countries.

At Yalta in 1945, the Soviet Union pledged that Poland would have ""free and unfettered elections on the basis of universal suffrage and secret ballot.'' The Soviets have not yet allowed Poland to have free elections.

At Potsdam in 1945, the Soviet Union promised that U.S. troops would have ""free access by air, road, and rail'' to Berlin. The Berlin Blockade of 1949 repudiated this agreement.

In one of the most dramatic examples of treaty breaking, the Soviets signed a Joint Declaration of ""unity'' with Warsaw Pact nations on August 3, 1968. Soviet troops were immediately withdrawn from Czechoslovakia.

Seventeen days later, on August 20, the Soviets carried out a surprise invasion of Czechoslovakia using 650,000 troops, thousands of tanks, armored cars, trucks, artillery, and rocket-launchers. The conclusion is unavoidable that the treaty was just a ruse to prepare for a sneak attack.

The U.S. Government has confirmed ten violations of the 1972 SALT I ABM Treaty, five violations of the 1972 SALT I Interim Agreement, 25 violations of the SALT II Treaty (which we observe even though we never ratified it), 30 violations of the Limited Test Ban Treaty, and multiple violations of the Threshold Test Ban Treaty, the Biological Warfare Convention, the Geneva Protocol on Chemical Weapons, and the Kennedy-Khrushchev Agreement of 1962.

The central provision of the 1972 SALT I ABM Treaty was the agreement by both countries NOT to build an anti-missile defense except for one site. The Soviets placed their one site in Moscow.

In direct violation of this treaty, the Soviets have built an enormous phased-array radar at Krasnoyarsk in Siberia, and

construction has continued even during Gorbachev's much-heralded (BF)glasnost(end BF) (openness) and (BF)perestroika(end BF) (restructuring). The siting, orientation and capabilities of this radar prove that it directly violates three provision of the ABM Treaty, and Soviet officials have privately admitted this.

In 1987, both Houses of Congress voted almost unanimously to agree with President Reagan that the Krasnoyarsk radar is a clear violation of the ABM Treaty. The eleven official U.S. Government reports confirming more than 200 Soviet international security treaty violations prove conclusively that we are dealing with a pattern of violations and an arrogance of cheating unmatched in modern times.

Just as a confirmed alcoholic is not cured by being invited to take one more drink, so a confirmed treaty-breaker is not cured by being invited to sign one more treaty.