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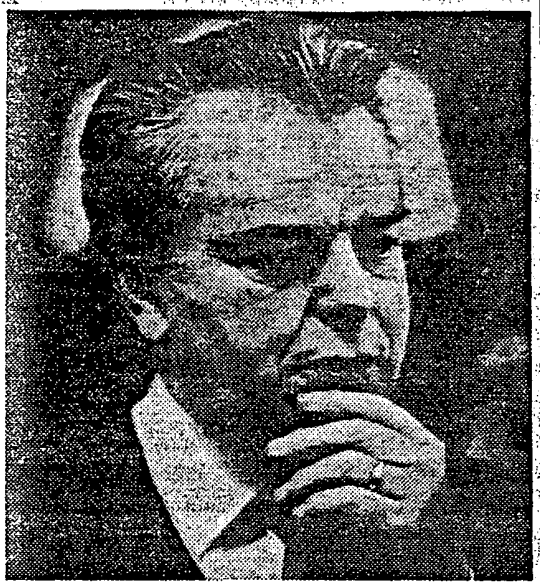

Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) announced colleagues' trip.

9 Senate Democrats To Visit Soviet Union

United Press International

Senate Minority Leader Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) announced Saturday that nine Democratic senators will visit the Soviet Union later this month to meet with President Yuri V. Andropov and other top Soviet officials.

Byrd will not be part of the delegation, which, he said, will be headed by Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), ranking minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Byrd said that the delegation will be in the Soviet Union from Aug. 15 to Aug. 31.

Byrd said the itinerary is not yet final but that the senators will visit Moscow, Leningrad, Tashkent and other Soviet cities.

The delegation will discuss "a range of issues including East-West trade, human rights, relaxing regional tension and arms controls" with Andropov and other Soviet officials, according to Byrd.

In addition to Pell, senators listed as going on the trip are Russell B. Long (D-La.), Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.), Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), Donald W. Riegle Jr. (D-Mich.), Paul S. Sarbanes (D-Md.), Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.) and Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.).

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