

Cuba

(ENS) - Diplomatic sources in Mexico City are reportedly buzzing with speculation that Henry Kissinger's visit to that city next month could be related to initiating a political detente between the U.S. and Cuba.

That rumor--reported by the *Christian Science Monitor*--was touched off by recent remarks by Cuba's ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Fernando Lopez Munio. He told newsmen that Cuba is now ready to begin re-establishing political and economic links with Washington--just as soon as the U.S. lifts the economic blockade imposed in 1961.

Also, said Munio, Cuba no longer will hold out for the

return of the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo on Cuba's south coast. Until now, the return of that base to Cuba has been a major obstacle to any diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba.

The U.S. position on Cuba remains officially one of isolationism, but prominent Cuba watchers in the U.S. and Mexico have noticed a marked tendency on the part of both governments to ease up on anti-U.S. and anti-Cuba propaganda.

If a detente is in the works, say the Cuba experts, it would be natural for it to be initiated through the Mexican embassy, and Kissinger's visit next month could provide that occasion.

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speakers will be ; Mr. A Meech, Lecturer, Dept. of History, U of A on the subject: "Caught between the Superpowers: the Peoples' Republic and the Community of Nations." Prof. R. G. Glassford, Dept. of P.E. on the Subject: "Physical Education in China," and Dr. A.K. Davis, Dept. of Soc. on the subject "Modern evolution of Chinese Society." Watch footnotes for further details.

Parking

The University parking office has announced closure of 90th Avenue on weekdays between 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The closure, which takes effect Jan. 16, was made to improve control of parking zones in the area.

After that date, parking meters east of HUB will be accessible by driving under HUB from the south on 112th Street.

Vandals

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Evacuation, fire exit, door room numbers and other identification signs are favourites. Phillips says this sort of thing is hardly trivial; carpenters have to be paid to replace these items.

Caps (\$24) from firehose nozzles on the outside of buildings. These caps are required by law and prevent people from stuffing objects into them.

A small group of students are likely responsible for much of this vandalism, as evidenced by the fact that over Christmas such acts virtually stop.

Surprisingly, thieves and vandals seem to show no preference for day or night. During the day, with more than 18,000 students on campus, it is possible to take practically anything.

"I could walk into any building and take things and pile them into my office and wouldn't be questioned," insists Phillips.

"There's no way the personnel in my department can look after these things in a meaningful way."

"It's your students and staff responsibility as much as anybody's."

Too many people have access to entrance keys, he says, University buildings are closed from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

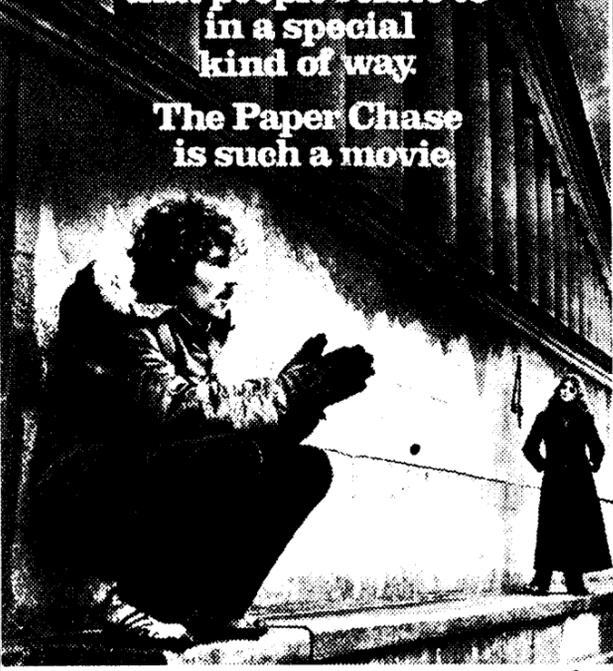
Punishment for offenders ranges from being taken to court to having to pay for damage, says Ryan.

Ryan sees improved lighting and moral suasion as alternatives in dealing with thieves and vandals.

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