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Gorbachev urges multiparty system

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Mikhail Gorbachev declared Monday that Communists must surrender their unchallenged right to rule the Soviet Union to the tide of democratic reform he has unleashed.

The Soviet Communist Party chief, in a historic speech to the party's Central Committee in the Kremlin, tacitly acknowledged the growing power of the pro-democracy movement that has swept away Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, set several Soviet republics on the road to multiparty politics and on Sunday drew a huge crowd of protesters in Moscow.

But his move was unlikely to bring about the disintegration of the Communist Party, and Gorbachev, who is also head of the government, did not address the possibility of the party losing power.

The Communist Party's leading role in society, a tenet of Soviet socialism that has excluded any other political forces since the time of Lenin, was formalized in the Soviet Constitution in 1977.

The party wants to remain the leading force in society but must prove its worthiness, Gorbachev said.

In the future it "intends to struggle for the role of ruling party, but do it

strictly in the framework of the democratic process, rejecting any kind of legal or political advantage," Gorbachev said.

Political reform that has strengthened the Soviet government at the expense of an all-controlling party apparatus "has been accompanied by a growth in political pluralism," Gorbachev said, presenting a draft platform to the 249-member Central Committee.

"This process can lead to the creation of parties at some stage," Central Committee sources said Gorbachev told the closed meeting that political changes he has pushed through in almost five years in power have in effect created a multiparty system already.

He called into question another tenet of Leninism — democratic centralism, the theory that requires strict adherence by the party's 20 million members to decisions once they have been made at the top.

"The party's renewal presupposes its thorough, comprehensive democratization and rethinking the principle of democratic centralism with emphasis on democracy and power of the party masses," Gorbachev said.

He proposed the Central Committee meet again in about three weeks to

consider new party rules.

Gorbachev indicated that he did not foresee the reform overturning the country's socialist system as well as the Communists' assurance of power.

The party was "ready to act with due account for these new circumstances, cooperate and conduct a dialogue with all organizations honoring the Soviet Constitution and the social system it endorses," he said.

The two-day Central Committee meeting had shaped up as a major struggle between reformers and conservatives over the party's future. Rumors emerged that conservatives would accuse Gorbachev of bringing on economic collapse and ethnic unrest with his reforms.

The Soviet president said he had hoped 1989 would be the turning point for his economic reforms, but acknowledged that "recent events have shown there has been no change for the better."

Gorbachev's address Monday granted the basic demands of the hundreds of thousands of people who swept 60 abreast through the streets of the capital on Sunday. Communist reformers and non-Communists demanded the party give up its exclusive claim to power.



Boris Yeltsin

Reformer Boris Yeltsin, a leader of the rally, told the Central Committee the new platform did not go far enough. "In general, the impression is formed that it was written by two hands — both the left and the right," he said.

Small political parties already are forming in the Baltic republics, where Communist leaders are leading the drive to eliminate the party's guaranteed role.

Hearings begin as Congress mulls Social Security tax cut

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Two of the foremost experts on Social Security offered conflicting advice as Congress opened hearings Monday on the capital's hottest domestic topic of the year: whether to cut the taxes that finance the pension system.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., has proposed a tax reduction of up to \$300 a year for higher-income workers to prevent the government from using surplus Social Security taxes to pay for other federal programs and making the government deficit appear smaller than it is. The Bush administration vigorously opposes the cut as a threat to Social Security benefits and an opening for increases in other taxes.

The Senate Finance Committee arranged Monday to hear from the Social Security administrator, the General Accounting Office and two recognized authorities who are taking opposing positions on Moynihan's bill.

Former HUD official takes 5th

WASHINGTON — A former official of the Reagan administration's Department of Housing and Urban Development refused to testify Monday before a congressional panel that resumed its hearings on the HUD scandals.

James Hamernick, former director of HUD's office of insured multifamily housing development, became the fifth former housing official from the Reagan administration, including former HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce, to refuse to testify on grounds of self-incrimination.

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Hamernick had been questioned about his dealings with another former HUD official, Lance Wilson, an aide to Pierce who quit to become a housing consultant for a Wall Street investment firm.

In that position, Wilson wined and dined Hamernick. Hamernick appeared before the House Government Operations subcommittee on employment and housing, whose investigation last year prompted Attorney General Dick Thornburgh to ask a federal court recently to name a special prosecutor to investigate Pierce and other top officials.

Valez captain's trial begins

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Joseph Hazelwood was in a bar for seven hours, ordering glasses of vodka, the day before his tanker Exxon Valdez caused the nation's worst oil spill, and he left the bridge before a tricky part of the voyage, a prosecutor said Monday.

"The ultimate responsibility for the tanker is with the captain," Assistant District Attorney Brent Cole said in his opening statement at Hazelwood's trial. "The most dangerous part of the journey was after Hazelwood absented himself from the bridge."

He accused the fired Exxon captain of leaving control of his ship in the hands of inexperienced crewmembers who were not certified to pilot the vessel through treacherous Prince William Sound.

General strikes against Lebanese militia

From Associated Press reports

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gen. Michel Aoun's tanks broke into a stronghold of his Christian militia rivals Monday, after a week of battle, and advanced toward the command post of Lebanese Forces chief Samir Geagea, police said.

They said the tanks, with cannons blazing, drove to within 300 yards of the Kassarjian militia base in Ein Rummaneh, a working-class district of Christian east Beirut. Witnesses in hills above the Christian sector, reached by

telephone from Cyprus, reported heavy fighting in Ein Rummaneh south of the Karantina quarter, where Geagea has his headquarters.

Explosions echoed across the city as militiamen crouching in alleys fired armor-piercing rockets at the tanks and their comrades hurled grenades.

Shells hit hospitals, schools and churches. They set fuel tanks, power plants, factories and apartment houses ablaze.

Fires burned out of control because

pumping stations were knocked out and no water was available.

Several hospitals said they could not function for more than two or three days because water, blood, plasma and oxygen supplies were virtually exhausted.

Shellfire slackened in some districts at dawn Monday, allowing tens of thousands of civilians to leave basements and underground bomb shelters where some had lived for six days.

Youssef Khazen, 35, said his electrical tools store in east Beirut residential district of Ashrafiyeh was destroyed. "You can't believe what those monsters have done to us," he said. "They've ruined us. Ashrafiyeh looks like it was hit by a hurricane."

In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross asked for an immediate truce to could help civilians.

Geagea has said the 6,000 regulars and 30,000 reservists of the Lebanese Forces, the largest Christian militia, would "resist unto death ... to end the dictator's reign of terror" in Christian territory north and east of Beirut.

Aoun, who has been dismissed as army commander but refuses to step aside, commands nearly 20,000 Christian troops and is trying to gain complete control over the 310-square-mile enclave, where 1 million Christians live.

At least 277 people have been killed and 1,037 wounded since the fighting began Jan. 30, the police said.

Casualties in the week-old war for military supremacy among the Christians have included 30 people killed and 117 wounded by shells that strayed into Moslem west Beirut, outside the combat zone.

Bush's position on global warming brings criticism

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — President Bush called Monday for balancing economic and environmental concerns when dealing with global warming, prompting environmentalists to accuse him of siding with industry and avoiding a pressing world problem.

Bush, speaking to an international conference on the threat of a world greenhouse effect, said "our policies must be consistent with economic growth." And he suggested that in some areas of the debate "politics and opinion have outpaced the science."

Environmentalists at the conference suggested the problem was not scientific but a lack of U.S. leadership in dealing with the issue.

One participant called Bush's comments "a gross disappointment." On Capitol Hill, Sen. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., a frequent critic of Bush's stand on global warming, said the president was "moving as slow as molasses" on the issue when many scientists already are convinced decisive action is needed.

But the president, addressing the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said nations must strike a bar-

gain between curbing pollution that is causing a warming of the earth and maintaining economic growth.

The remarks brought a subdued reaction from many of the participants at the international conference sponsored by the United Nations and attended by representatives from some 60 nations.

Delegates from some European countries have argued that enough scientific knowledge has been accumulated to warrant a commitment to at least stabilize carbon dioxide pollution at current levels over the next decade.

Scientists are concerned that the accumulation of manmade pollutants, largely carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels, is creating a serious global problem.

Like a greenhouse, the pollution traps heat and reflects it back to earth, causing a warming of the globe. While there is little dispute that greenhouse gases are increasing, there remains disagreement as to how severe the warming will be and what effect it might have.

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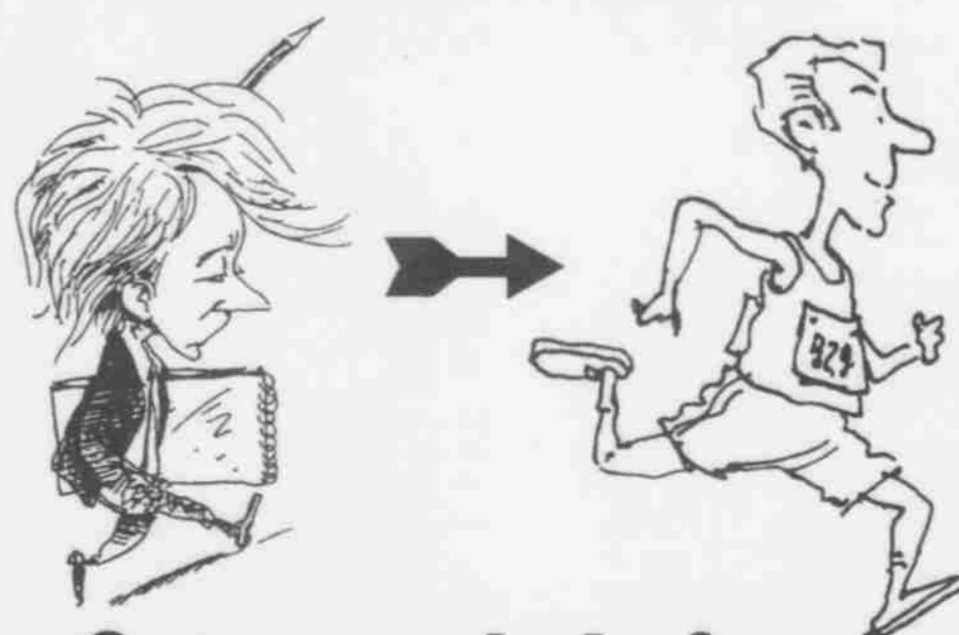
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