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Gorbachev: One Year Later Relationship between U.S., Soviets basically unchanged

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WASHINGTON — One year after Mikhail Gorbachev moved into the top spot in the Kremlin, the relationship between the two superpowers remains basically unchanged.

Even last fall's summit meeting with President Reagan in Geneva has not eased the distrust, curbed the arms race or produced settlements in southern Africa, Afghanistan or other world trouble spots.

In at least one respect, Gorbachev has fulfilled U.S. expectations by retiring some of the Old Guard, placing his own associates in key positions and trying to improve the Soviet economy. His campaign against alcoholism symbolizes the seriousness that has marked his first year.

Three allies, Yegor Ligachev, Nikolai Ryzhkov and Viktor Chebrikov, were quickly promoted to full membership in the Communist Party Politburo. A fourth, Eduard Shevardnadze, 57, took over as foreign minister for Andrei Gromyko, who had held the post for 28 years. And, the 71-year-old Viktor Grishin was dropped after 18 years as head

of Moscow's Communist Party organization. Boris Yeltsin, at 54 a younger man with experience in industry, succeeded him.

Gromyko, 76, moved into the largely ceremonial post of president where Gorbachev can still draw on his vast experience in foreign affairs, especially his impressions of how decisions are taken in Washington.

Anatoly Dobrynin, who may know even

more about the subject, was called home after 24 years as ambassador to Washington. He is joining the ruling Politburo, will be in charge of industrial development and can still help Gorbachev deal with the Reagan administration.

Despite all the changes, though, the Soviet Union has not undertaken any major shift in its foreign policy during Gorbachev's first year, including its way of dealing with the United States. And at this end of the hot-line, President Reagan and his foreign policy advisers have approached the Kremlin under Gorbachev much as they did his three ailing predecessors, Leonid Brezhnev, Yuri Andropov and Konstantin Chernenko.

Since Gorbachev, at 55, is a lot peppier and has a keener sense of the machinery of modern public relations, Washington has had to be on the alert for sudden disarmament or nuclear freeze proposals. But invariably, the Reagan administration's response has been as skeptical of Soviet intentions as it was when Brezhnev, Andropov or Chernenko had their unsteady

hand on the wheel.

Shultz said of the next summit in an interview last week "obviously we'd like to see the meeting carry a lot of good substance in it." But he acknowledged there was no "major accomplishment" at the last round of nuclear weapons negotiations and "it remains to be seen what can be agreed upon" when Reagan and Gorbachev get together. "We certainly don't feel that we should do something to induce them in order to have a meeting," he said.

The administration last Friday ordered the three Soviet missions to the United Nations to reduce their staffs from 275 to 170 over the next two years. The move followed U.S. allegations that the missions were being used for espionage.

The Soviets responded on Tuesday that "direct damage" to relations with the United States could result. "The United States administration must be aware," a government statement said, "that such actions increase distrust of its policy and by no means create a favorable background for a summit meeting."



Gorbachev

Brown U. fears prostitution reports will hurt image

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Reports of a prostitution ring allegedly involving Brown University students could unfairly tarnish the Ivy League school's image, administrators said Thursday.

"We certainly have been the butt of a lot of very bad jokes and unwarranted conclusions about the morals of our student body," said Robert Reichley, vice president for university relations. "We're talking about people's lives and reputations and the reputation of Brown."

Reichley said he and other Brown

officials were "very angry" at what the university considers "undue and unfair and unwarranted emphasis on Brown" by the media and Providence police.

"We have paid a very high price for being the ones in good conscience" who initiated the investigation, he said. In September, a Brown student came to an administrator and said she was being coerced into prostitution. Administrators then called police.

Two Brown seniors were arrested last week on prostitution charges, and

Providence police said Wednesday that photos of eight other former or current Brown women were among the photos of 46 women seized from a home that has become a focal point in the investigation.

Reichley said it was unfair to focus on the Brown women because they represent a minority of those allegedly involved. He also said there were only six other Brown students identified in the photos, not eight as police said.

Reichley said four of the six have

been contacted and have denied participation in a prostitution ring. He said police could not reach the other two. Police, however, said two Brown students — not those charged — have admitted being members of the operation.

"The media has jumped to unwarranted conclusions that Brown is the center of the focus of this investigation, when it is becoming clearer by the hour that this is an ever-expanding, ever-widening investigation," Reichley said.

The investigation has focused on a converted carriage house in a fashionable section of Providence near the campus. Police raided the condominium Friday and found more than 100 photos of the 46 women in "various stages of undress." The owner of the home has not been charged.

The students arrested, Dana E. Smith of Avon, Conn., and Rebecca B. Kidd, of Orange, Conn., are scheduled for a pretrial hearing Wednesday on the loitering for prostitution charges.

Setting it Straight

Incorrect dates

Because of a production error, the page top dates on Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan and today's Fashionations are incorrect.

Misquote

Because of a production error, an article titled "Proposed merger draws opposition at hearing," (DN, March 12) Richard Kafonek, chairman of the construction management department in the College of Engineering and Technology, was incorrectly quoted.

Kafonek actually told an ad-hoc budget review committee that his department had not discussed the merger of the construction management department and the interior design program into the College of Architecture with Cecil Steward, dean of the architecture college, before Tuesday.

Marcos reportedly hid \$800 million in account

MANILA, Philippines — A government commission has discovered that ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos hid \$800 million in a Swiss bank account, a major step toward locating up to \$10 billion he allegedly spirited out of the Philippines, an official said Thursday.

President Corazon Aquino, meanwhile, ordered Philippine banks to freeze all assets held by Marcos, his wife, Imelda, and 31 of his associates.

Ramon Diaz of the new Commission on Good Government announced discovery of the Swiss bank account Thursday but refused to provide details or say how the commission learned of its existence.

Commission head Jovito Salonga has estimated that Marcos and his asso-

ciates illegally diverted \$5 billion to \$10 billion in national assets to overseas accounts and investments.

Raul Daza, also a commission official, told a news conference that the Aquino government is "optimistic and hopeful" it will regain any wealth Marcos invested illegally in the United States "in line with pronouncements previously made by the United States that they will cooperate with the Philippine government."

Salonga began a 10-day visit to the United States on Wednesday. He plans to collect evidence of Marcos' holdings, consult U.S. legal experts on ways to regain the funds and meet with State Department officials, Daza said.

Marcos allegedly bought property in New York City and Long Island.

Soviets send up first mission since Challenger

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union launched two veteran cosmonauts Thursday on the first manned space mission since the Challenger disaster at Cape Canaveral, sending them to work aboard a new orbiting lab.

State television broke with custom and provided live coverage of the Soyuz T-15 blasting off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Soviet central Asia at 3:33 p.m. Moscow time (6:33 a.m. CST). U.S. television networks also broadcast the launch live.

The first live coverage of an all-Soviet mission showed the red and white craft streaking into slightly overcast skies above the space center in Kazakhstan. It carried commander Leonid Kizim and engineer Vladimir Solovov to a rendezvous with the new orbiting station named Mir, which means Peace in Russian.

Tass, the official news agency, said the docking would occur in two days. The Mir was launched unmanned from Baikonur on Feb. 20.

unusual as televising the launch when it happened. Soviet officials have not explained the departure from customary practice.

Soviet television was quick to show film of the Jan. 28 Challenger explosion, which took the lives of all seven astronauts aboard. It shocked many viewers and prompted some to question why a foreign disaster was reported in detail at once while Soviet space launches, as well as major accidents and natural disasters, get scant coverage that usually is delayed.

Whatever the Kremlin's purpose, the contrast between Thursday's successful launch and the Challenger tragedy was a way to illustrate the Soviet space program's achievements to audiences here and abroad.

Marsha Smith, executive director of the U.S. National Commission on Space, said in Washington that the Soviets could be "trying to demonstrate that their space program is peaceful. That's why they named their space station 'Peace'."

Reporting the docking date was as "Peace!"

In Brief

Ag authority

LINCOLN — The Legislature gave initial approval Thursday to a bill intended to guarantee plentiful long-term credit for agriculture, pushing aside doubts about whether the proposal actually would help financially stricken farmers.

"I can't promise that it will get directly down to a farmer searching for capital today," said Sen. Rod Johnson of Sutton, chairman of the Legislature's Agriculture Committee and floor manager of LB849.

Johnson, a farmer, said the bill indirectly would benefit farmers by relieving pressure on banks, especially in rural areas, to provide adequate loans to a capital-intensive agricultural sector.

The bill, proposed by the Kerrey administration, was advanced to the second stage of floor debate on a 30-0 vote.

The nine-member authority, headed by the state agriculture director, could purchase farm loans held by Nebraska banks. The authority would sell general obligation bonds to guarantee the loans.

Motorcycle safety

LINCOLN — The Legislature gave 27-0 first-round approval Thursday to a bill designed to improve motorcycle safety education in Nebraska. LB1004 would require the director of the state Department of Motor Vehicles to establish and approve safety courses for Nebraskans who drive motorcycles.

The director also would approve courses for people teaching motorcycle safety courses. A Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee would help the director set requirements for the safety courses and training for the instructors.

Dogfight award

ASPEN, Colo. — Actor Jack

Nicholson has been awarded \$760.20 in connection with a neighborhood dogfight in which his pet dog was fatally mauled.

Pitkin County Judge Tam Scott last week ordered local dentist Bruce Carlson to pay Nicholson for veterinarian's bills, and to build a fence for his German shepherd. The judge also ordered Carlson to send the dog to obedience school, and to stay out of trouble with animal control officers for a year.

According to Pitkin County animal control reports, Carlson's German shepherd attacked Nicholson's small Lhasa apso on a road southwest of Aspen.

Carlson pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of "dog running at large."

Dog sled record

NOME, Alaska — For the second year in a row, a woman has won the grueling Iditarod Trail sled dog race, and her record-setting performance has fans looking toward a possible match between the two women champions next year.

Susan Butcher, who has competed in the race since 1978, crossed the finish line in Nome early Thursday, 11 days, 15 hours and six minutes after leaving Anchorage and an hour ahead of the runner-up, Joe Garnie.

Storm ends search

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — An Atlantic storm forced most of Challenger's recovery fleet to retreat to port Thursday, one day after searchers brought to shore more astronaut remains, parts of the flight deck and two unused space suits.

The USS Preserver, which docked Wednesday night with the new debris, headed for the search site again Thursday, but turned back after winds gusting up to 40 mph churned the seas into 10-foot swells. The ships may be tied up for two or three days.

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