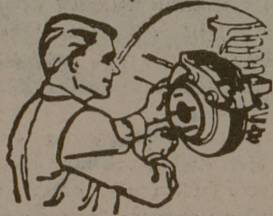


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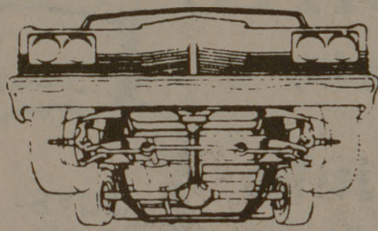
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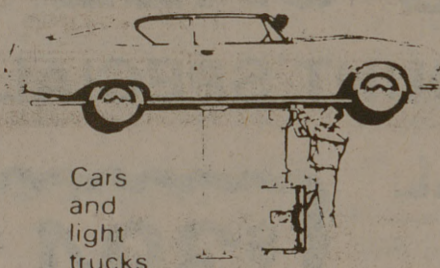
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## Soviets ready for elections — no upsets expected

United Press International

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union is gearing up for a theatrical performance unparalleled in the world of politics.

On March 4, the people will elect 1,500 deputies to the Supreme Soviet — the nation's rubber-stamp parliament.

The figures alone, when tabulated, will be enough to bring tears to the eyes of the most hardened American ward heeler.

The turnout will approach — and perhaps exceed — 99.9 percent. All of the party-endorsed candidates probably will win.

Leonid Brezhnev will be returned to parliament by a mind-boggling margin the same way Nikita Khrushchev was returned in the parliamentary elections of 1962, two years before it was decided by ouster that his mandate was somewhat overstated.

All across the Soviet Union, candidates will walk off with mandates exceeding 99 percent. Most go into the elections assured of victories by such margins. That's the way elections — officially proclaimed as the most democratic in the world — have always been in the Soviet Union.

From the selection and nomination of candidates to the casting of votes, it is all calm and procedural, almost as though the Communist party controlled it all, which is not technically true.

Nor will all of the victors be members of the Communist party. In the current Supreme Soviet only 72.2 percent, or 1,096 members, are party members.

Candidates do not run against one another in the 750 voting districts where delegates to the Soviet of the Union and Soviet of Nationalities will be elected.

However, there are provisions for challenges at the nominating level before the name reaches the ballot. It is possible for two or more candidates to be in contention for a nomination, although this rarely happens. Such challenges are settled before nominating time.

When it comes to voting, a citizen votes for a candidate, crosses out candidate's name in protest, or writes in another name. Crossouts and write-ins are rare, but it happens.

In the 1974 parliamentary election, there were 332,644 votes against candidates for the Soviet of the Union and 245,750 votes against candidates for the Soviet of Nationalities. These figures represent, respectively, 00.21 percent and 00.15 percent of the votes cast.

At the parliamentary level such negativism has no impact. But in elections to local Soviets, candidates have been defeated. In 1967, 2 million delegates to local Soviets were elected, but 122 faced the unique infamy of being so disliked they actually lost.

In that rare instance — the defeat of a candidate who fails to draw 50 percent "yes" votes — the election machinery must reorganize itself for special contests to fill the seat.

The upcoming elections will take place under an updated election law ratified when the new Soviet constitution was rubber-stamped in 1977.

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## what's up

Thursday

**AGGIE PLAYERS:** Bertold Brecht's play "Threepenny Opera" will be performed at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. Ticket prices are \$2 for Texas A&M students and \$3 for all others.

**PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:** TAMU's impact on Latin American countries is the subject of discussion. President Jarvis Miller to the Pan American Round Table at 7 p.m. in Room 206, MSC.

**TAMU HUMAN FACTORS CLUB:** Dick Reamer will speak on "Human Factors Aspects in Aircraft Accident Investigation" at 7 p.m. in Room 342, Zachry.

**TAMU WATER SKI CLUB:** There will be an exhibition all day at the MSC Fountain.

**CLASS OF '80 COUNCIL:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 350, MSC.

**BRAZOS VALLEY ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF:** There will be a meeting for educators, students, deaf persons and parents of the deaf at 7 p.m. at 2806, Normand Drive.

**METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT:** Jim Wild will lead a discussion on "Ethics of Genetic Manipulation" at 7 p.m. in Room 350, MSC.

**RESIDENT HALL ASSOCIATION:** Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 204, Harrington. All RHA members are urged to attend.

**SUPERVISING TEACHERS CONFERENCE:** Will be held in Rudder Tower. The conference is designed to aid the supervising teacher in doing a better job with the student teachers they have in the field.

**ROTARACT CLUB:** Dale Webb of the Civil Engineering Department will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 501, Rudder Tower.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Larry Collier will speak on "Hope in a Hopeless Time" at 7 p.m. in Room 308, Rudder Tower.

**MSC TRAVEL COMMITTEE:** There will be an informational meeting for those who want to study, work or live overseas at 7:30 p.m. in Room 205, MSC.

**TAMU FENCING CLUB:** Will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 261, G. Rollie White Coliseum.

**SWIM TEAM:** The women's team will compete in the TAMU Championships in Lubbock today through Saturday.

**CEPHEID VARIABLE:** "The Point," an animated film that tells the story of a kingdom in which everything and everybody has a name — except a boy named Oblio, will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m. in Room 601, Rudder Tower. Admission is 50 cents.

**PLACEMENT OFFICE:** Graduating seniors who wish to interview for the following companies may begin signing up today for interviews on March 8: Amoco, Army Corps of Engineers (Ft. Worth and Galveston), Arthur Young, Brazos Electric Power Co., Conoco, Drilco, Global Marine Drilling, Houston National Bank, Howard Nettles Tammen & Bergendoff, Johnson and Johnson, Kentucky Central Life, Kroger Co., Linbeck Construction, Lincoln Labs, Manhattan Construction Co., Marsuco, Monarch Homes, Reed Tubular Production Co., Southwestern Electric Power, Temple Associates Inc., Texas Instruments (Science Services Division), United Energy Resources.

Friday

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**TENNIS TEAM:** The tennis team will compete against Southwest Texas here at 1:30 p.m.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "FM," a contemporary story of the goings-on behind the scenes of a popular FM station; accompanied by a terrific sound track, will be shown in Rudder Auditorium. (PG)

**PLACEMENT OFFICE:** Graduating seniors who wish to interview for the following companies may begin signing up today for interviews on March 9: Amoco Steel, Army Corp of Engineers (Ft. Worth), Conoco, Construction Management, Data Resources Inc., Deans Food Co., Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Discovery Lab Inc., Federal Highway, Fox & Jacobs, Hicks and Bagland, Hays, Hays, Hughes Tool, Jones & Carter Inc., Jones Graduate School of Business, Kansas Department of Transportation, Mestek Corporation (Data Processing), Temple Associates Inc., Temple Park Bureau Insurance Co., United Energy Resources, H.B. Zachry.

Saturday

**AGGIE PLAYERS:** Bertold Brecht's play "Threepenny Opera" will be performed at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater. Ticket prices are \$2 for Texas A&M students and \$3 for all others.

**JUNIOR BALL:** "Around the World in 80 Days" will be the theme of this year's Class of '80 Ball, to be held in the MSC Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are on sale in the MSC and Rudder Box Offices. The entertainment will be "Dialogue."

**PLANT SALE:** There will be a plant sale at the horticulture greenhouses from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**TENNIS TEAM:** The tennis team will play Southwest Louisiana here at 1:30 p.m.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "Coming Home," starring Jane Fonda, Jon Voight and Bruce Dern in a tale about wounded Vietnam veterans, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. (R)

Sunday

**HILLEL CLUB:** There will be a Bagel Brunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Foundation Building. There will be an admission charged. For reservations call Sandy at 846-1492, Mark at 845-5670, or Ben at 845-3070.

**AGGIE CINEMA:** "Jonathan Livingston Seagull," based on the best-selling novel by Richard Bach, brings into sharp focus the intense determination of Jonathan to find a world where one does more than live in order to survive, will be shown at 2 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (G)

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