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Last four Giersek men ousted in Poland

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WARSAW, Poland — In a massive purge of the ruling Politburo, Poland's Communist Party ousted the last four prominent supporters of disgraced former leader Edward Giersek and brought back to power the nation's former police chief with a reputation for ruthlessness.

In a further humiliation in the long-forecast purge that took place amid reports of heightened Soviet military pressure on the borders, Giersek was ousted from the Central Committee, depriving him of his last power base in the party.

Observers said the purge strengthened the hand of Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania, who replaced Giersek on Sept. 6 after the settlement of the mass August strike, which allowed the formation of labor unions independent of the Communist Party.

Kania, who has been labeled a reformist, has urged the new independent unions to be cautious, but has promised to try to coexist with them.

But the chief personal beneficiary of the purge, the fourth since the August labor strife, appeared to be former Interior Minister Mieczyslaw Moczar, who was elevated to the Politburo from which he was dropped in 1971 on the initiative of Giersek.

As interior minister, Moczar instigated the massive "anti-Zionist" purges of the late 1960s that led 30,000 Jews to emigrate from the country and cost thousands of Jews their position in public life.

In recent weeks, however, he has tempered his hard-line image in an apparent attempt to emerge as a central figure and praised the new unions and mentioned the suffering of the Jews during World War II.

Statistically, the Tuesday purge ousted four full Politburo members, replacing them with two, thus lowering the membership of the policy-making body from 12 to 10.

Deputy Premier Tadeusz Grabski, who like Moczar was ousted

from the Politburo by Giersek in 1978, was promoted back to the top body in the nation.

For the two, the promotions culminated their rise back to power that began when Kania took over.

The ousted Politburo members, all supporters of Giersek, were Wladyslaw Kruczek, a former official labor union boss; Stanislaw Kowalczyk, an official Giersek brought in from his own native Silesia; Andrzej Werblan, an "old-fashioned" party ideologist, and Alojzy Karkoszka, first party secretary in Gdansk during the riots of December 1970 when dozens of workers were killed.

Also dropped were two deputy central committee members, Giersek's former building minister, Adam Glazur, and former coal mining minister, Wlodzimierz Lejczak.

The Central Committee also decided to investigate former Prime Minister Piotr Jaroszewicz, ousted last February, for abuse of power and other offenses.

Two new deputy Politburo members were named, and they too

reflected Kania's grasp of power — Tadeusz Fiszbach, first party secretary in Gdansk, and Roman Ney, who was elevated from the party secretariat.

Moczar's appointment drew special attention. As former interior minister and security chief in Lodz, he is known to have files on many party and government officials detailing incriminating facts.

The purge came a day after Western military reports said the Soviet Union closed Poland's western border to Western military observers, and sealed parts of its eastern frontier with Soviet troops on the highest alert, in moves recalling the 1968 Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The reports were denied by Moscow, but the White House warned any Soviet military intervention in Poland would have "serious and adverse" consequences on both East-West and U.S.-Soviet relations.



A new angle

Staff photo by Jeff Kerber

Paul Willett, a member of the Pepsi Cola SKATE team, performs for a large crowd in front of Rudder Fountain Monday afternoon. The skating team members were on campus sponsored by MSC Outdoor Recreation. The purpose of their performance was to promote skating safety.

Weinberger said to be in cabinet

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — Ronald Reagan is not ready to reveal his top Cabinet choices, but widespread reports indicate he has pegged Caspar Weinberger as secretary of defense and possibly Gen. Alexander Haig as secretary of state.

"The leaks are starting," said Joe Holmes, Reagan's spokesman on the West Coast. "We will not confirm or deny any of the reported choices until we are ready to announce" the selections at the end of the week or early next week.

The New York Daily News quoted Republican sources as saying Reagan has picked Walter Wriston, chairman of New York's Citicorp, to be secretary of treasury.

Weinberger, former HEW secretary and Reagan's longtime trusted ally, has been mentioned in all the speculation as Reagan's choice to head the defense department.

Weinberger, general counsel of the Bechtel Corp. of San Francisco, flew to England Tuesday and will be back in Washington at the end of the week.

Haig, former White House chief of staff and NATO supreme commander, has figured prominently in the speculation as secretary of state. Reagan's campaign manager, William Casey, also has been widely reported to be the next CIA director, succeeding Adm. Stansfield Turner.

Others who may win spots in the Reagan Cabinet are former Wyoming Sen. Clifford Hansen as secretary of interior; William Brock, chairman of the Republican National

Committee, as commerce secretary; Betty Southard Murphy, former National Labor Relations Board chairwoman as secretary of labor; and UCLA professor Thomas Sowell, a black, as housing secretary.

While the names are being tossed around in anticipation of Reagan's new administration, the president-elect is keeping a low profile and not tipping his hand. No one expects the Cabinet to be announced until Reagan's top adviser Edwin Meese arrives in Los Angeles this weekend.

Holmes said announcements will be made at a news conference and those appointed will be present.

Reagan remained in seclusion most of Tuesday, making telephone calls and trying to catch up on his correspondence. He does not have any appointments scheduled for today.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, he and wife Nancy were the guests of honor at dinner parties hosted by their close inner-circle friends in California.

Monday, Reagan plans to fly to New York and meet with Wriston and other members of New York political and financial circles. He also will be seeing his son Ronald, a ballet dancer, and his new daughter-in-law Doria.

The Reagans will spend two days in New York and will go to Washington Wednesday, remaining there until Saturday when they will fly back to California for the Christmas holidays.

Mafia moves in on quake victims

United Press International
NAPLES, Italy — Mafia profiteers trafficking in stolen relief supplies have set up black markets in the earthquake-ravaged mountain villages of southern Italy, where thousands of refugees are refusing to evacuate tent cities and move to coastal areas.

Authorities also said in some cities and towns ravaged by the quake, looters were foraging in the ruins of homes and stealing from supply centers.

Police spokesmen said Tuesday a Naples-based organized crime group known as the Camorra was intercepting coffins, tents, blankets and food and operating black markets in the devastated mountain villages east of Naples "where destitute villagers are easy prey."

"Unfortunately, these episodes exist and we are trying to limit them as best we can," Naples police spokesman Mario Profili told reporters. "We have already dispatched to the affected areas a special squad of police whose sole duty is to guard against this type of exploitation, which seems cruel at a time like this."

The mountain villagers, most of them sheltered against the cold in shabby tent cities and house trailers, were refusing to leave the area despite continuing aftershocks from Italy's massive Nov. 23 earthquake.

Search squads were still digging out around 50 bodies a day, but

the official toll of Italy's worst earthquake in 65 years was left unchanged at 2,915 confirmed dead and 1,547 missing.

Relief officials said the Camorra also was buying — and in some cases stealing — sheep and cattle from villagers at knock-down prices and trucking them to slaughterhouses in Salerno and Naples, police said.

The reports of widespread profiteering came as private and official relief efforts were mired in a crush of supplies backed up in collection points and on country roads. Police said 20 people were arrested in the mountain areas for looting and six more looters were arrested in the Naples area.

In Rome, Justice Minister Adolfo Sarti warned looters will be dealt with "quickly and firmly."

"It is a particularly odious crime in dramatic circumstances such as this, but we have to admit that looting exists," he told a news conference.

In the Naples area, homeless families invaded public buildings, monasteries and apartment blocks under construction and installed their families in them.

Maurizio Valenzi, communist mayor of Naples, sympathized with the "extreme need" of the refugees and said the occupation of empty buildings was "understandable."

Today's college student

Issue parties, teddy bears sign of changing times

The following article is part of a **United Press International series on current campus fads. The last two parts will run in The Battalion the rest of this week.**

"Issue" parties are a new rage at some colleges.

Making the rounds of some schools, two examples come from the University of Florida: a "Teddy Bundy Affair" — featuring party-goers dressed as prison inmates or guards — and an "Invade Iran" party, where students dressed as hostages or Iranians.

Sociologists have said that a reflection of a society's character are the games its members play.

With the dedication and seriousness of James Bond, students are playing a game of pseudo-death called "Assassins" or "Killer."

It starts with a \$5 registration fee. Aspiring assassins receive a picture of their intended victim, a plastic dart-gun

Screamers

If you didn't see the movie, go to Cornell.

Like a scene out of "Network," each night at 11, students throw open dormitory windows and lean outside to scream their heads off.

It's the "Primal Scream Club."

It started in September with one student yelling to blow off steam. Now, ear-splitting screams follow the signal whistle every night.

"It's just five minutes, but it's very, very loud," said 21-year-old senior Jon Landsman.

If you couldn't sleep that racket, why not pay someone 99 cents to read you a bedtime story, tuck you in and kiss you good-night?

That's how some students at the University of Connecticut earn money for their pharmaceutical fraternity. They earned \$120 in two weeks.

It's been conducted elsewhere. Members of both sexes participate.

The scenario: About 11 p.m., two guys, in pajamas and carrying teddy bears, walk across campus to your dorm.

One sits by your bed. You clutch the teddy bear. He reads your choice of four stories — Goldilocks, Sleeping Beauty, The Ugly Duckling or Snow White. The number two man provides sound effects.

One says, "If they want, they even get a good-night kiss."

They report many repeats among some women who enjoy the routine.

One such club, Tiger Inn, dominated by sports enthusiasts, heralds a game called "Trees and Trolls."

After "quaffing a few brews," they clear out the living room. They line up according to size: those over six feet are Trees, those under are Trolls. Those falling in the middle are T'weens.

At a signal, the groups have a giant free-for-all wrestling match until parched throats turn for beer.

According to Tiger's social chairman, Jack Evans, the game has been going on for years.

"We do it for club spirit. We get to blow off some steam and some aggression and just have a good time."

Happy Hour' computer bill to be considered by senate

By **NANCY ANDERSEN**
Battalion Staff

Long lines to run computer programs, an international student senate seat, extended library hours and money for a student conference are some of the issues the student senate will be considering tonight in its last meeting of the fall semester.

The "Happy Hour" bill would recommend extending happy hour — the hours computing centers can be used without charge — from 7:30-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday to 5:30 p.m. - 6 a.m.

The Data Processing Center has the ability to extend happy hour at minimal cost, said Steve Crumley, bill sponsor. The bill would also recommend distributing pertinent information about locations and hours of all computer facilities to computerized classes.

Tim Clavell, College of Liberal Arts graduate senator, said his bill to create a senate seat for international students would be a symbolic gesture.

Over 1,500 international students from 40 countries attend Texas A&M University, Clavell said, and "passing the bill would be a positive, active attempt at incorporating the international student body into the mainstream of life at Texas A&M.

The attitude in the past of students to-

ward international students has been passivity and indifference," Clavell said at the last senate meeting.

The bill, if passed by the senate, would go to the student body as a constitutional amendment.

The "Biblioteque" bill would extend the library so students can study longer, said bill sponsor John Varney.

The hours would be changed to Thursday 8 a.m.-1:30 a.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.-1:30 a.m. with the reserve room open for studying 9 a.m. to noon.

The bill would also keep the main library open continuously during finals week.

The "COSGA Budget Appropriations" bill would grant the external affairs \$400 from the program development fund for its first Student Government associations conference in February. Forty schools from a five-state area have been invited to the conference, which will address student service-related issues.

In non-legislative action, the senators will hear three bills on first reading.

The "Clarification of an Aggie Tradition" bill would establish policy concerning whether or not classes will be held the Monday following an Aggie victory over the University of Texas.

This would end confusion about classes being held, said bill sponsor Greg Hood. If the administration were to honor the tradition of dismissing classes, the bill also would inform faculty of the policy at the beginning of the semester and would students the week preceding the game.

The bill would also request that the administration instruct faculty not to penalize students for missing classes Dec. 1 due to any confusion about classes being held.

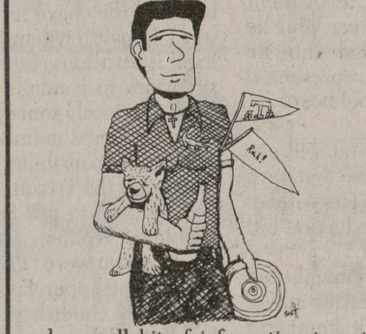
The "Bicycle Parking" bill would recommend that any possible action, such as more bike racks, be taken to improve or remove areas of congestion of bicycle parking. Bill sponsor Ron Palomares said the continuous parking of bicycles along sidewalks and in front of buildings detracts from the beauty of Texas A&M's campus.

The bill would also recommend extending the bike route on the west side of Spence Street along the length of Spence south to the Commons. The route now ends in front of the Agriculture Building, Palomares said.

The last bill involves some University Rules and Regulations Revisions.

Unless placed on emergency no action will be taken on bills on first reading.

The meeting is in 204 Harrington at 7:30 p.m.



and a small bit of information to get them going.

Players often number in the hundreds. Two preliminary rounds reduce competition to a deciding third round.

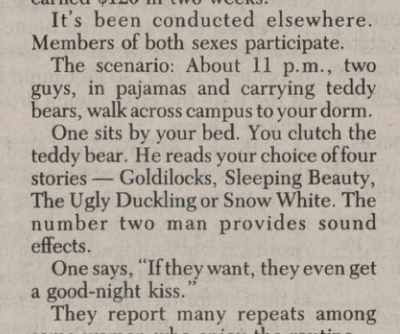
For safety, all shots must be made between the torso and neck.

At the University of Calgary in Canada, game organizer Mitch McCormick said, "The response has been overwhelming. We've had more than 250 people who wanted to play the game."

It's "a match of intellect against intellect," says McCormick.

But University Chaplain Bill Wiegert and some students oppose it, claiming students shouldn't make a game of killing.

McCormick responds, "It's just a silly little game. We started it so students can have some fun before exams."



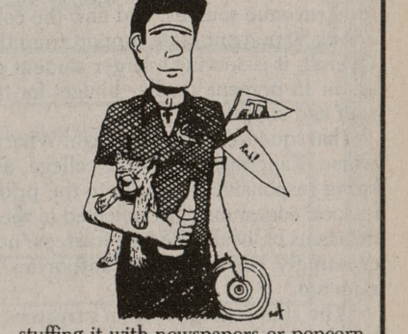
Gating

Say goodbye to the Twist, the Crawl, the Jitterbug. Make way for "Gating."

The relatively new dance, apparently native to Princeton, is performed lying on your back while you move your legs wildly in a crazy pattern. The dance is meant to resemble an alligator lying on its back.

Two rival clubs at Princeton, the Tower Club and the University Cottage Club, disagree on the origins of the dance. The Tower members claim it migrated north from the South. Cottagers argue it's their creation.

Princeton, by the way, doesn't have fraternities. They have eating clubs.



Pranks, old and new

In Massachusetts, some students at Williams like to turn a friend's living room upside down, (furniture only), stuffing it with newspapers or popcorn and squirting shaving cream under the door for the final touch.

Methods of retaliation include breakfast in bed — corn flakes between the sheets or discovering your bed down four flights of stairs, or your underwear on display on the bulletin board.

There also is sending out invitations to your friends' party when they don't know they are having one.

Also, there are water fights, with or without fire extinguishers.

At the University of Massachusetts, some students favor blowing baby powder, via a hair blower, through the cracks of a friend's door.

By far, the most grotesque was a pig fetus under a pillow at Georgetown University.