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**1st GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
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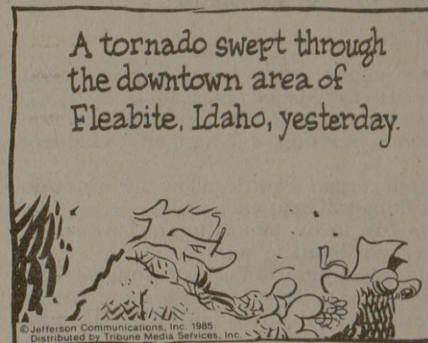
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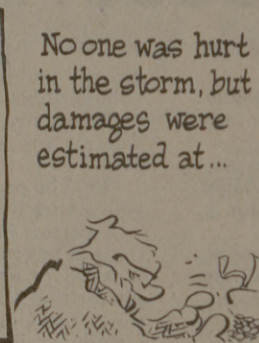
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### SHOE

by Jeff MacNelly



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## Soviets launch new assault against Afghan guerrillas

Associated Press  
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Soviet commandos battling Afghan guerrillas fought their way to within 1 1/2 miles of the Pakistan border Tuesday as a major Soviet task force launched new assaults against the insurgents.

The Communist government of Afghanistan, in an unusually detailed radio broadcast Tuesday night, said that its security forces had inflicted a major defeat on the guerrillas and killed huge numbers of the insurgents.

Islamic guerrillas are fighting the Afghan government, which is supported by an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops.

Afghan rebel commanders said Soviet commandos had reached Ghulam Khan just across the Pakistan border in Afghanistan's Paktia province. The sound of artillery fire and air strikes inside Afghanistan could be heard across the border in the Pakistani town of Miran Shah, guerrillas there said.

Heavy fighting was raging across much of Paktia province as about 10,000 Soviet troops continued an offensive against guerrilla supply

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routes used to bring arms and ammunition across the border from bases in Pakistan, said the commanders, speaking on condition they not be identified.

Radio Kabul said large numbers of guerrillas had been killed and their units had been wiped out.

The report only mentioned Afghan government forces and did not refer to Soviet troops that guerrillas and other sources said were doing most of the fighting.

The Radio Kabul report was unusual because the Afghan government rarely gives much information on the war and almost never com-

ments on an offensive in progress. The Kabul government plays down the war, insisting that the guerrillas are nothing more than scattered bands of bandits.

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Soviet commandos were being dropped by helicopter to attack guerrilla positions and block supply routes into Paktia, officials of the information center said.

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said there have also been reports of heavy fighting in Nangarhar and Lowgar provinces.

He added that Soviet gains, if any from two previous summer offensives were of a "limited and temporary nature" and that the casualty level on both sides was high.

"This new offensive highlights once again the high cost of the Soviet venture in Afghanistan and underscores the need for a negotiated political settlement to get the Soviet forces out and the suffering ended," Redman said.

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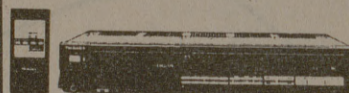
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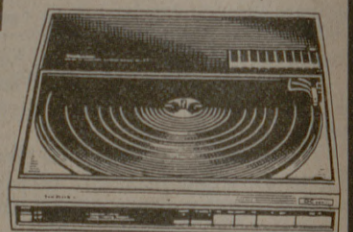
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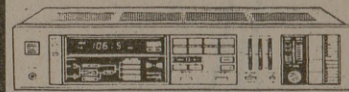
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