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Communist Party conference hosts ex-Gorvachev protege

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris N. Yelt-sin, the Communist Party firebrand and fallen protege of Mikhail S. Gor-bachev, has been elected to attend a party conference where he and other reformers may square off against conservatives because of Gorbachev's reforms.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gen-nady I. Gerasimov said Thursday that Yeltsin will attend this month's 19th Communist Party Conference.

The presence of the outspoken, acid-tongued Yeltsin, who was ousted in November as Moscow party boss, may make for lively debate at the nationwide conference, the party's first in 47 years. The election of Yeltsin to the

party conference continues the roler-coaster career of the 57-year-old Russian who was fired as Moscow party boss and stripped of his post as a non-voting member of the Politburo because of a speech he gave to the Central Committee in October. Prominent advocates of Gorba-

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chev's reform drive allege that mid-dle-echelon apparatchiks in the 20-million member Communist Party have maneuvered to bar many Gor-

bachev allies from the meeting. The newspaper of the Moscow city party, Moskovskava Pravda, complained Thursday that election of the candidates has not every-where been conducted in the atmo-sphere of broad openness.

The nominating procedure should be changed because some party and non-party members could not voice their opinions, it said.

The conference is considered cru-cial because it will consider poten-tially radical changes that remove vestiges of Stalinism from the Soviet political and legal system. Those changes could be in doubt if conservatives dominate the 5,000 delegates.

The conference is scheduled to convene in Moscow on June 28.

Among changes they will consider is a proposed limit on the terms of

Communist Party officials, who been virtually assured of lite tenure.

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However, a set of propos proved by the party's policy Central Committee, publish May 26, advocates a limit of year terms for all party offi cluding Gorbachev, the part eral secretary.

Such provisions, as well as chev's campaign for "persu or economic and social rean-ing, threaten the power and ilege of many party officials.

The contest for election 19th Party Conference has b no other party balloting in with disputes openly aired in media, a petition drive on l one reformist candidate in M Pushkin Square, and a stream Leningrad that reportedly 1,500 people.

World briefs

Court ends Army ban of homosexual

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate passed and sent to President Reagan on Thursday legislation that would limit the use of lie-detector

tests by private employers. The legislation, which was approved 68-24, also would prevent employers from taking adverse actions against employees solely on the

basis of the test results. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, said the legislation will put an end to decades of injustice.

Kennedy said the measure carefully balances the interests of employers and employees, based on the known scientific evidence regarding lie detectors and their potential for abuse

The House approved the bill last week on a 251-120 vote. The Office of Technology Assess-ment estimated two million poly-graph tests were administered in 1987, with 90 percent given by pri-untownpherent

vate employers. Most of those tested were job applicants, although tests also were given to workers under investigation.

Twenty-two states prohibit the tests in the private sector, and 19

The accuracy of test results has been questioned, and so has the com-

The compromise legislation,which followed passage of separate polygraph bills by the House and

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Thurs-day set aside its landmark ruling that removed the Army's ban on homosexuals.

In response to the govern-

Suzuki fires back at Samurai criticism

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A consumer group's accusation that the sporty Suzuki Samurai is prone to roll over was denounced Thurs-

day by the Japanese automaker as "inaccurate and defamatory." Test results announced last week by Consumers Union, the New York publisher of Con-sumer Reports Magazine, un-faich werget the peruhar form fairly suggest the popular four-wheel drive vehicle is unsafe un-

der normal driving conditions, said Doug Mazza, vice president and general manager of American Suzuki Motor Corp. "If the magazine had acted re

sponsibly and reviewed the avail-able information it would have been aware that the Samurai has one of the best records on file," Mazza said.

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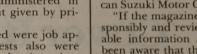
PITTSBURGH (AP) — A high fluent, suburban Erie Coun school senior says he told classtrict, decided earlier this week cancel Wednesday's fina mates their graduation would be memorable, but he just intended Thursday's baccalaureate semi a practical joke, not the violence

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Senate, would permit private sector testing of applicants for only two types of jobs.

Those applying for security guard positions could still be tested, as could prospective employees who would have direct access to the manufacture, storage, distribution, or sale of controlled substances.

In addition, an employer could test an employee during an ongoing investigation involving economic loss or injury to the company.

feared by administrators who canceled final exams and graduation exercises.

Neal Loeslein, 18, who witnessed a friend's suicide, denied that some students at Fairview High School, troubled by the death, had made a suicide pact.

"There wasn't one," he told the Pittsburgh Press in a story pub-lished Thursday. "That was just a rumor

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about 150 seniors because munity felt they could not guarantee safety of students and guests. yet to 1

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