

# Soviet legislature plans to shake up hierarchy

MOSCOW (AP) — The legislature and the Communist Party's policy-making body will shake up the Kremlin hierarchy in extraordinary meetings this week, a high-level source said Thursday.

The policy-setting Central Committee meets Friday and the Supreme Soviet on Saturday. The meetings brought officials rushing back to Moscow and sparked speculation that Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and his opponents would face off over his ambitious economic and social reforms.

Soviet sources said there was no crisis in the leadership, but the abrupt change in plans of several top Kremlin figures clearly indicated urgent or unexpected business.

Tass reported Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze landed in Moscow Thursday afternoon after cutting short a U.N. visit. Defense Minister Dmitri T. Yazov ended a visit to India a day ahead of schedule.

The 1,500-member Supreme So-

viet, the nation's parliament, usually convenes twice a year after meetings of the 300-member Central Committee. It last met May 24-26.

Soviet media reported Sunday that a regular session of the Supreme Soviet would begin Oct. 27, and the announcement Thursday of a special sitting at such short notice was highly unusual.

The Central Committee had been expected to meet by the end of October, but one Soviet source said plans for implementing Gorbachev's political reforms were proceeding "faster than was expected."

The source, a member of the Central Committee staff, said the committee will approve changes in the party and the structure of government outlined at a party conference in June.

The reforms are intended to enhance the status of the party as the leading force in Soviet society.

The source called it "logical" that personnel changes would follow any change in the organizations' format.

He spoke on condition of anonymity.

At its last meeting July 29, the Central Committee adopted a timetable for overhauling the Soviet political system, which also was discussed at the party conference.

That blueprint calls for a new, full-time legislature and a more powerful president, a post Gorbachev could take on.

The first deadline set was October, by which time the Central Committee said a draft law on amendments to the Soviet Constitution and on multicandidate elections of legislators was to be complete. In a Sept. 23 speech, Gorbachev said the party's 13-member Politburo would convene soon to review the draft law.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim P. Perfiliev told a government news briefing Thursday that the Central Committee plenum "will mark another step in realizing the decisions" of the last party conference. The Central Committee source put the focus on changes in the party's structure.

Soviet sources also reported speculation among high-placed officials about possible changes on the Politburo itself, indicating uncertainty even at high levels about the agenda.

The Central Committee is empowered to make personnel changes in the Politburo, the party's ruling body.

The last full Politburo member removed was Geidar A. Aliev on Oct. 21, 1987. Aliev was a protégé of former President Leonid I. Brezhnev, who now is harshly criticized for permitting corruption and stagnation.

The conference of 5,000 Communist Party officials held in Moscow three months ago approved plans to limit terms of Communist Party officials and a review of the party's 20 million members.

At that session, one delegate criticized by name President Andrei A. Gromyko, 79, and fellow Politburo member Mikhail S. Solomentsev, 75, linking them to the abuses of the Brezhnev era.

Some observers speculate that Gorbachev's backers want to remove 60 to 70 Central Committee members.

Gorbachev repeatedly has criticized the party apparatus for being too involved in daily government operations and argues that the party should focus on broad policies and theories.

Personnel changes could give Gorbachev and his backers a chance to move out conservative party bureaucrats they see blocking the Soviet leader's reforms.

In a speech Wednesday, Gorbachev again pressed the case for sweeping reforms.

# Delta flight tapes leave no clear clue to explain crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — The radio exchanges between Delta Flight 141 and air traffic controllers provide no apparent clues into what caused the Boeing 727 to crash last month seconds after it departed Dallas-Fort Worth International airport, according to a tape of the communications released Thursday.

The tape, released by the Federal Aviation Administration, shows the pilots of the Delta jet did not communicate with the tower during the plane's takeoff run down the runway nor during the few seconds it remained aloft.

Immediately after the plane is presumed to have crashed, one of the pilots began to contact the tower, but managed to give only the plane's identification number.

The two pilots and flight engineer were among those who survived the Aug. 31 crash, although all three were injured. Fourteen of the 108 people aboard were killed.

Investigators have said the jetliner seemed to encounter nothing unusual as it sped down the runway, but failed to gain proper lift after it began to leave the ground. The in-

vestigation has focused on whether the crew may have failed to set the plane's flaps properly.

However, nothing in the pilots' exchanges with the control tower indicates whether they did or did not have proper settings for the flaps, which help provide lift on takeoff.

According to the tape and transcript provided by the FAA, the Delta jet took about 22 minutes to taxi from its gate to when it was given the go-ahead by the tower to depart for Salt Lake City, Utah.

The plane was cleared for takeoff shortly after 8:59 a.m. CDT, and the co-pilot acknowledged the clearance.

"Fire at the end of the runway," an unknown voice was heard to say on the tape less than a minute later in the first indication that something unusual had occurred, according to the tape.

Four seconds before the remark and presumably after the Boeing 727 already had crashed, someone aboard the plane attempted to communicate with the tower, but only managed to identify his flight number.

# Bush, Dukakis praise shuttle flight, continue to fight for White House

Associated Press

George Bush and Michael Dukakis chorused praise for America's triumphant return to space on Thursday, then swapped charges over the environment as they resumed daily combat in a hardfought race for the White House.

Dukakis stood with actor and environmentalist Robert Redford at his side as he attacked Bush as a man whom polluters should love. "Calling George Bush an environmentalist is like calling Dan Quayle a statesman," the Democrat said in a two-sided attack against both members of the Republican ticket.

Bush got off a double-edged attack of his own when he scoffed at Dukakis' claims of being tough on crime. "If you believe that, he's got some bottled water from Boston Harbor he'd like to sell you," the vice president said in a crack about Boston's own pollution problems.

Quayle was in Washington getting ready for next Wednesday's nationally televised debate with Democratic vice presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen.

Bentsen campaigned in Tennessee, where he had hoped to watch the launch of the space shuttle with a group of schoolchildren. The Texas senator left before the delayed blast-off, but said later, "It was a spectacular takeoff. OK, Russians, we're back."

Bush had concluded his speech to a campaign crowd in St. Charles, Mo., when he learned from aides the shuttle had been launched. He returned to the platform to tell cheering supporters, "We're going to keep

the edge in space. We're back. America's back."

The vice president's aides spread the word that he intended to travel to California and welcome the shuttle astronauts back to earth when their journey ends on Monday.

Dukakis offered similarly upbeat sentiments in New Jersey, opening his speech on the environment by saying it was a "very successful morning. As all of you know, the space launch was successful. We're very proud of the astronauts."

So much for the nice talk. Dukakis collected endorsements from several environmental groups and had sure-fire crowd pleaser Redford at his side as he criticized the environmental record compiled by the Reagan administration and pledged to step up the pace of toxic waste cleanup.

He said that in Bush's role as chairman of a task force concerned with government regulation, the vice president had blocked proposals to reduce lead in the air and to clean up toxic wastes. He said that in eight years, the administration has begun cleanup efforts at only 137 of 1,200 toxic waste sites identified as national priorities.

"For the foot-draggers and chronic polluters, I have just one message. You better vote for Mr. Bush, because if I'm elected the game is over — no more sweetheart deals and delayed cleanups and half-baked compromises that we've seen over the past seven and a half years."

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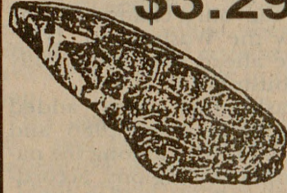
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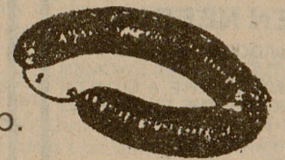
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