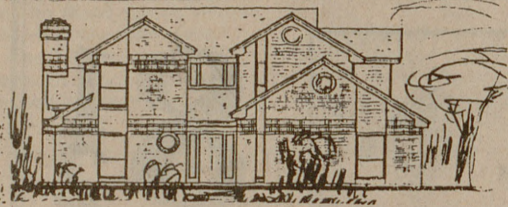


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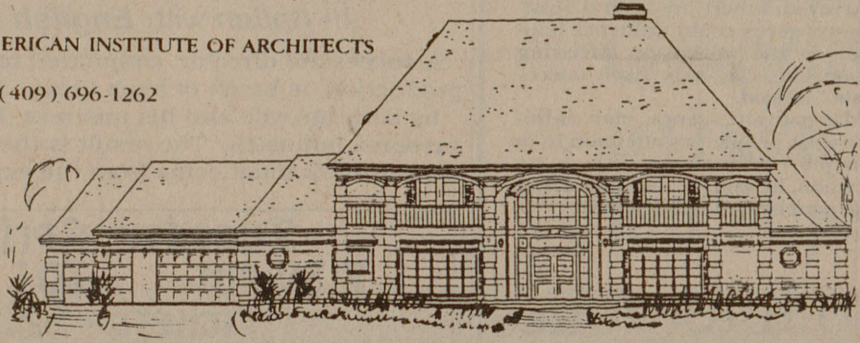
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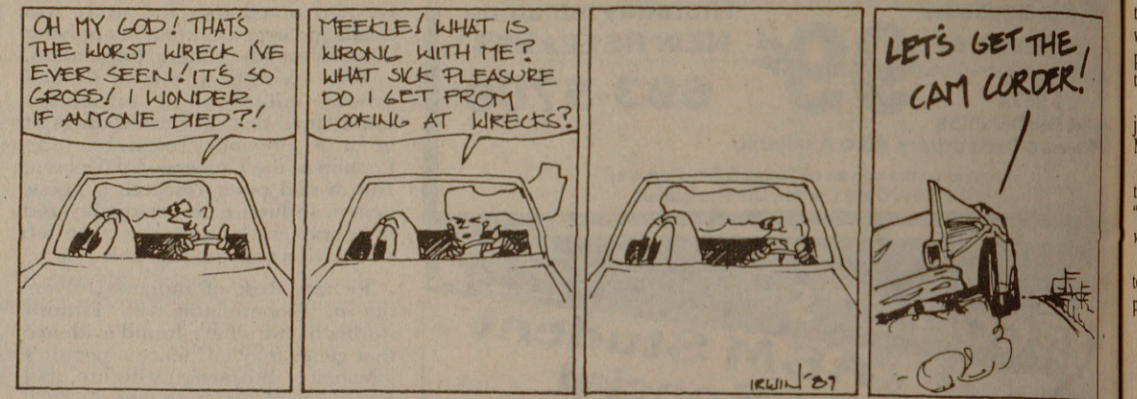
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**Communist Party faces  
decision on nationalities**  
Spokesman says committee won't address issue

MOSCOW (AP) — Four years into Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms, the Communist Party leadership must decide how to handle restive nationalities, how much power to give a new legislature and other questions perestroika has raised.

Some of them, including the fate of political maverick Boris N. Yeltsin, may come up at a Central Committee meeting that begins Tuesday.

Gennady I. Gerasimov, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, told reporters no agenda had been announced for the Central Committee, which has more than 300 members, but said the nationalities issue would not be on it. A Western diplomat said the question probably would come up, however, at least briefly.

At least 20 people were killed in ethnic violence last month in Soviet Georgia and more than 90 were killed last year in Armenia and Azerbaijan, neighboring republics in the Caucasus region.

Gorbachev, 58, has said an entire Central Committee meeting this summer will be devoted to policy toward the more than 100 nationalities in the Soviet Union.

He indicated in a meeting Jan. 8 with scientific and cultural figures that a separate plenum would focus on "conception of social-economic development of the country." Gorbachev may have been referring to the session that begins Tuesday.

Tass, the official news agency, said Tuesday a Central Committee panel meeting Monday worked out ways to increase the effectiveness of capital investment and management in the social-economic area. It gave no details.

This will be the first full Central Committee meeting since the March 26 elections, when at least three dozen top local officials across the country lost bids for seats in a new parliament that will choose a smaller legislature.

Among the losers were Yuri Solov'yev, a candidate member of the ruling Politburo, the premiers of Latvia and Lithuania, the mayor and party chief of Kiev, and the mayor and No. 2 party leader of Moscow.

Defeats in elections to the Congress of People's Deputies were particularly embarrassing for Communists who ran unopposed. Multiple-candidate races were the first since the Bolshevik Revolution 70 years ago.

The Central Committee could dismiss members who lost campaigns for parliament, but that would not affect Ukrainian party boss Vladimir V. Shcherbitsky, the only Politburo holdover from the leadership of Leonid I. Brezhnev. Shcherbitsky, 71, won his seat.

Another winner was Yeltsin, who ran an anti-establishment campaign and got 89 percent of the vote. At its last meeting, the Central Committee opened an investigation of Yeltsin, who was dismissed as Moscow party chief after saying Gorbachev's reforms had not accomplished enough.

Vadim A. Medvedev, the Communist Party's chief ideologist, has said a committee examining the charges would report at the next plenary meeting. The Central Committee has the power to discipline Yeltsin, who still is a member.

Gorbachev portrayed the March election as a referendum on reform. He said party and government officials lost because they "were restructuring slowly."

The Western diplomat, who spoke privately, said Tuesday's meeting might focus on political reform and plans for the 2,250-seat parliament, whose first meeting is scheduled for May 25. It is to elect a president as well as a full-time legislature.

**Psychiatrists protest leeway  
given to army psychologists**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Psychiatrists are up in arms about a new law allowing the military to train its psychologists to prescribe powerful drugs for depression and mental illness.

It's the newest battlefield for a long-running dispute over who is qualified to write prescriptions. Psychiatrists, who have medical degrees, say their qualifications are indispensable. But psychologists, who don't have M.D.'s, suggest money is really at the heart of efforts to keep them out.

Currently, no state permits psychologists to prescribe psychotropic drugs, which range from mild tranquilizers to anti-psychotic medications that can affect the cardiovascular and motor systems.

The new provision on military psychologists, pushed by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, was included in a House-Senate conference report on the fiscal year 1989 appropriation for the Defense Department. Congress approved the measure Sept. 30, 1988, and it was signed by then-President Reagan the next day.

"Given the importance of addressing 'battle fatigue,' the conferees agree that the department should establish a demonstration pilot training program under which military psychologists may be trained and authorized to issue appropriate psychotropic medications under certain circumstances," according to a legislative report accompanying the provision.

Courtney Welton, an Army spokesman, said the service "is considering" the issue, including training procedures, but he did not know when such a program might be begun.

Inouye's efforts on behalf of psychologists have been spurred by his administrative assistant, Patrick DeLeon, a trained psychologist and member of the board of the American Psychological Association.

DeLeon, in a written presentation last December, said it is "absurd, to put it mildly," to "proclaim that one needs to go to medical school and take all of their courses" in order to write prescriptions for psychotropic drugs.

In a telephone interview, DeLeon said the Defense Department "seems a perfect place for this expansion" of psychologists' authority to prescribe drugs because of its training facilities and a high incidence of mental health problems in the military.

That's not how the medical community sees it.

"To attempt to provide military psychologists with prescribing privileges without accredited medical education and postgraduate clinical residence training... trivializes medical diagnosis and judgment," said Dr. Melvin Shabshin, medical director of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Donald Bennett, director of the drug division at the American Medical Association, said simply, "We think it is inappropriate for psychologists to prescribe psychoactive drugs."

"These drugs are not to be used lightly," added Dr. Donald Klein, a professor of psychiatry at Columbia University. One hazard, he said, is the "potential interactions between the psychiatric drugs and medical drugs — those interactions at times can be dangerous."

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