

Thursday, February 8, 1990

# Communist Party agrees to allow new parties

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party that for decades swore its red tide would cover the globe gave in to a different revolution Wednesday. The party agreed to allow alternative political parties to compete for control of the Soviet Union.

The decision amounts to an acknowledgment that new political forces have taken root and that it is no longer possible or desirable to crush them with the repressive tactics of the past, which ranged from mass murders under dictator Josef Stalin to the dissident arrests preferred by Leonid I. Brezhnev.

The decision by the party's Central Committee to give up the Communists' constitutional monopoly on power was a triumph of political maneuvering by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. He packed the meeting of the 249-member body with more than 700 other officials, many of them progressives who took the floor to demand radical reform.

In the end, the guests also were allowed to vote on the new party platform, Svyatoslav Fyodorov, a famed eye surgeon and one of the participants, said. He spoke in an interview on Red Square during a break in the closed-door meeting.

"Article 6 will no longer be; there will be a multiparty system," Fyodorov said, referring to the article in the Soviet Constitution that guarantees the Communists a leading role. "There will be a normal democracy."

Politburo member Vitaly I. Vorotnikov said in remarks reported by the official Tass news agency:

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Vorotnikov added that the party will negotiate with any political force that stands for democracy and rejects violence. "We shall speak not only with Communists but

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with the whole people," he was quoted as telling visiting parliamentarians from Brazil.

Fyodorov said that only maverick Communist Boris N. Yeltsin voted against the platform that called for abolition of Article 6, which calls the party the "leading and guiding" force in Soviet society.

Yeltsin favored a more radical program

that demanded a virtual apology by the party for decades of totalitarianism.

After leaving the Central Committee meeting to greet U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III, Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze told reporters the decision by the party's policy-making body "moves us closer to a humane and democratic society."

The Soviets follow the lead set by their comrades in Eastern Europe, where one by one, Communist parties have caved into democratic pressure and relinquished their legal guarantee of political control.

For three days, Gorbachev's draft platform was strongly criticized from both right and left at the Kremlin meeting. Some of the speeches were released by Tass, and participants also described the struggle in interviews with Western reporters.

Tass and Radio Moscow reported the approval of the platform but did not provide immediate details. They said the document

would be published in official newspapers later.

Despite the heated debate, there were few major changes in the document Gorbachev presented, Fyodorov said.

Radio Moscow said the Central Committee also agreed to advance the date of the next party Congress from October to no later than July. The Congress, the most powerful party body, is the only group empowered to choose a new Central Committee.

The Central Committee is considered by reformers to be the bastion of conservatives who are wary of Gorbachev's reform program. The Congress would offer Gorbachev another chance to reform the committee to his liking.

Sources inside the Central Committee meeting said it would recommend to the Supreme Soviet parliament that it delete Article 6 of the constitution in the first step of a two-stage government process.

## Super collider faces construction delays

### Science adviser seeks proof industry can make magnets

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House science adviser D. Allan Bromley said Wednesday that construction work on the super collider should be delayed until the industry proves it can manufacture the specialized magnets required by the massive atom smasher.

Bromley, director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the White House, told members of the House committee on Science, Space and Technology that part of the \$318 million requested for the super collider in fiscal year 1990 will be spent proving that such magnets can be built.

"It is prudent not to move forward until such time that we have demonstrated that we can make the magnets industrially," Bromley said during sharp questioning from members of the house committee.

He said \$300 million is to be used in 1990 for site preparation at the super collider site near Waxahachie, Texas, about 30 miles south of Dallas.

Bromley said the super collider will require 10,000 magnets made of superconducting material. So far, he said, it has not been proven that the industry is capable of making such magnets in such large numbers.

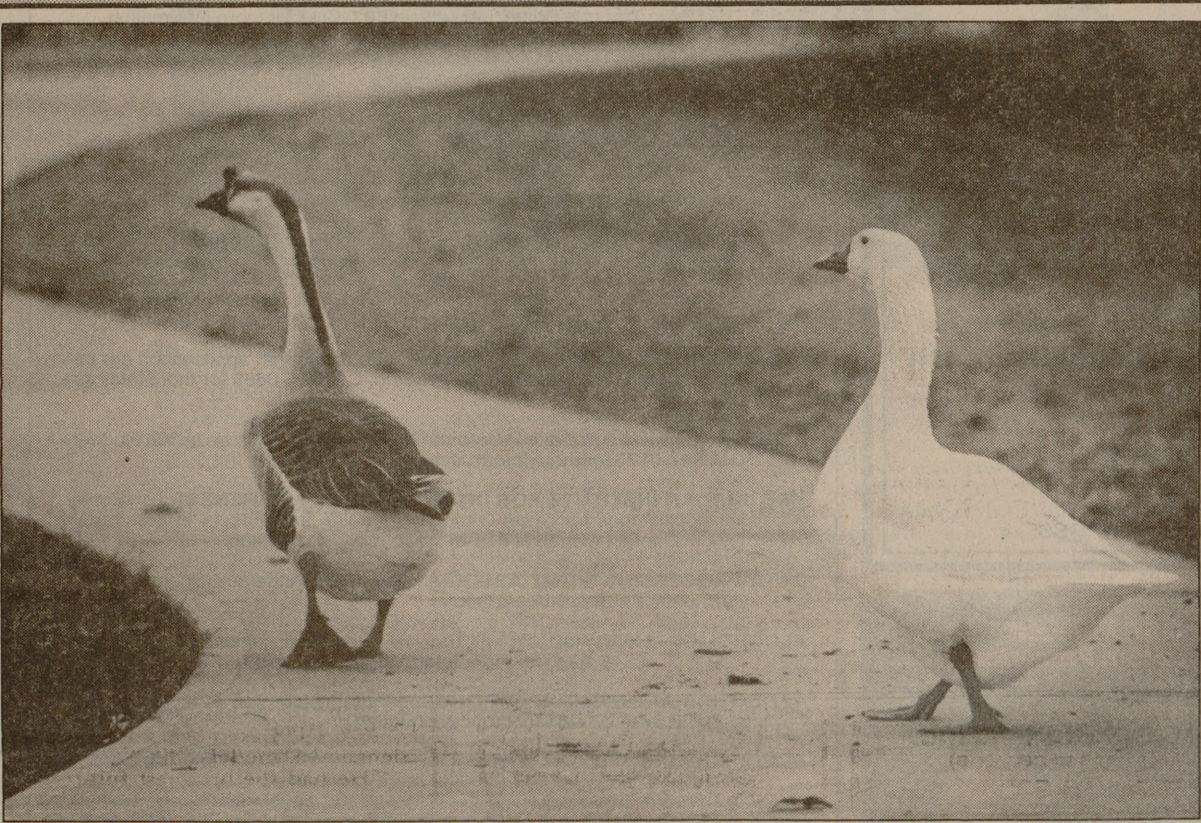
"We're pushing technology to the absolute limit," he said. "It will require tons of superconducting material."

Bromley said a demonstration of magnet manufacturing is expected to be completed within a year and he said no major site preparation for the super collider can begin until then.

The super collider is an underground, 53-mile circular raceway that scientists will use to smash subatomic particles together at very high velocities. The particles will be compressed and accelerated by the powerful magnets placed along the circular tunnel.

By smashing the subatomic particles, scientists hope to answer fundamental questions about the nature and origin of matter, a basic goal in physics.

## Walking is for the birds



Two geese take a stroll along the concrete walking trails at the A&M Research Park Wednesday.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

## Guard duties in Panama transferred

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Responsibility for air defense of the Panama Canal has been transferred from the Air National Guard to an Air Force unit at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, the U.S. Southern Command says.

The Air National Guard has been responsible for air defense of the Panama Canal since 1978. The Virginia ANG was in the middle of its month-long assignment at the Canal when its mission was canceled and it returned home last weekend.

The transfer of duties was confirmed by William Ormsbee, a spokesman for the U.S. Southern Command.

Ormsbee said an Air Force unit based at Bergstrom near Austin, will handle air defense of the canal. He also said units at Howard Air Force Base, located at the Pacific entrance to the canal, will assume a greater role in defense of the canal.

Ormsbee characterized the cancellation of the Air National Guard's mission as part of a reduction of forces in the canal.

The Virginia unit, the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group based near Richmond, began its recent assignment in mid-January.

The first group of 57 Virginia guardsmen completed its two-week stint and returned home over the weekend. The second group, which was to start its assignment last Saturday, was not sent to Panama.

# SPRING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

## Registration is Now in Progress

### Call 845-1631 for Info

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

**Stained Glass:**  
Thurs. Feb 20 - March 27  
6-9pm  
Wed. April 4 - May 2  
6-9pm  
\$28/student \$30/nonstudent

**Leaded Stained Glass:**  
Mon. March 19, 26 April 2, 9, 16  
6-9pm  
\$28/student \$30/nonstudent

**Calligraphy Sampler:**  
Wed. March 28 - May 2  
7-9pm  
\$22/student \$24/nonstudent

**Etched Glass:**  
Tues. Feb. 13  
6-9pm  
Tues. March 20  
6-9pm  
Tues. April 10  
6-9pm  
\$12/student \$14/nonstudent

**Jewelry Casting Seminar:**  
Sat. & Sun. Feb. 24 & 25  
9am-12noon & 1-4pm each day  
Sat. & Sun. March 3 & 4  
9am-12noon & 1-4pm each day  
\$40/student \$42/nonstudent

**Knitting & Framing:**  
Sat. Feb. 10, 17, 24 March 3  
9-11am  
Wed. Feb. 14, 21, 28 March 7  
7-9pm  
Wed. March 21, 28 April 4, 11  
7-9pm  
\$25/student \$27/nonstudent

#### WOODWORKING

**Decoy Carving:**  
Tues. Feb 20 - March 27  
6:30-9:30pm  
\$32/student \$34/nonstudent

**Beginning Woodworking:**  
Mon. March 19, 26 April 2, 9  
6-8:30pm  
\$27/student \$29/nonstudent

**Advanced Woodworking:**  
Sunday March 25 - April 29  
6-8:30pm  
\$30/student \$32/nonstudent

#### POTTERY

**Pottery - Wheel Throwing:**  
Mon. March 26 - April 30  
5-7pm  
Mon. March 26 - April 30  
7:30-9:30pm  
Wed. Feb 14 - March 28  
7:30-9:30pm  
Lat. Pottery:  
Tues. March 27 - May 1  
6:30-8:30pm  
\$28/student \$30/nonstudent

#### THREADS

**Knitting:**  
Mon. Feb 19 - April 2  
6-9pm  
\$35 class fee

**Counted Cross Stitch:**  
Mon. April 9, 16, 23, 30  
6:30-8pm  
\$12 class fee

**Sewing:**  
Mon. March 19 - April 16  
6-9pm  
\$35 class fee

**Smocking:**  
Mon. March 19, 26 April 2, 9  
6-9pm  
\$24/ class fee

**Quilting:**  
Mon. Feb. 12, 19, 26 March 5  
6-8pm  
\$22 class fee

#### SPECIALTY EXERCISE

T/Th, March 20 - April 28  
8:30 - 9:30pm  
\$22/student \$24/nonstudent

**Intermediate Yoga:**  
M/W, March 19 - April 25  
8:30-9:30pm  
\$22/student \$24/nonstudent

**Bellydance / Exercise:**  
T/Th, Feb 13 - April 12  
7-8pm  
\$30/student \$32/nonstudent

**Hawaiian Dance:**  
Tues. Feb 13 - April 10  
6-8:55pm  
\$15/student \$17/nonstudent

**Tae kwon do:**  
T/Th, Feb 20 - April 5  
8-9:30pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

#### COMPUTERS

**Intro to Macintosh Computers:**  
T/Th, March 20, 22  
6-7:45pm  
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

**Macintosh Graphics:**  
Tues. Feb 27  
8-9:45pm  
\$10/student \$15/nonstudent

**Macintosh Word Processing:**  
Thurs. Feb 15, 22 March 1  
6-7:45pm  
Thurs. Feb 15, 22 March 1  
8-9:45pm  
Tues. March 27 April 3, 10  
6-7:45pm  
\$20/student \$25/nonstudent

**Macintosh Data Management:**  
Thurs. March 29, April 5  
6-7:45pm  
\$12/student \$15/nonstudent

#### HEALTH

**CPR:**  
M/W, March 19 & 21  
6-10pm  
M/W, April 16 & 18  
6-10pm  
\$18/student \$20/nonstudent

**Healthy Eating in the USA:**  
Mon. Feb 19, 26 March 5  
7-9pm  
\$12/student \$14/nonstudent

**First Aid:**  
M/W, Feb 19, 21, 26, 28  
6-9pm  
M/W, April 2, 4, 9, 11  
6-9pm  
\$22/student \$24/nonstudent

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

**Beginning Photography:**  
Thurs. Feb. 15, 22 March 1, 8  
6-9pm  
\$28 class fee

**Thurs. March 22, 29 April 5, 12  
6-9pm  
\$28 class fee**

**Camcorder Techniques:**  
Thurs. March 22, 29 April 5, 12  
7-9pm  
\$18/student \$20/nonstudent

**The Visual Art of Photography:**  
Thurs. March 22, 29 April 5, 12  
7-9pm  
\$18/student \$20/nonstudent

**Beginning B&W Darkroom:**  
Tues. Feb 13, 20, 27  
6-9pm  
Tues. March 20, 27 April 3  
6-9pm  
Tues. April 10, 17, 24  
6-9pm  
\$25/student \$27/nonstudent

#### GUITAR

**Beginning Guitar:**  
M/W, Feb 12 - March 7  
7:30-9pm  
\$28/student \$30/nonstudent

**Intermediate Guitar:**  
Thurs. Feb 15 - April 12  
8:30-10pm  
\$28/student \$30/nonstudent

#### LANGUAGES

**American Sign Language II:**  
Mon. March 19 - April 30  
6-8 pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Conversational Chinese:**  
M/W, Feb. 19 - April 4  
6:30-8pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**English as a Second Language:**  
M/W, Feb. 12 - March 28  
6:30-8pm  
\$40/student \$42/nonstudent

**Conversational French:**  
M/W, Feb. 12 - March 28  
6:30-8pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Conversational German:**  
M/W, Feb. 12 - March 28  
6:30-8pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Conversational Italian:**  
T/Th, Feb. 13 - March 29  
6:30-8pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Conversational Japanese I:**  
T/Th, Feb. 6 - March 8  
6:30-8:30pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Japanese II:**  
T/Th, March 27 - April 28  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Conversational Russian:**  
M/W, Feb. 19 - April 4  
6:30-8pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Conversational Spanish:**  
M/W, Feb. 12 - March 28  
7-8:30 pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

**Intermediate Spanish:**  
T/Th, March 27 - May 3  
8-9:30 pm  
\$35/student \$37/nonstudent

#### PLANTS

**Flower Drying and Arranging:**  
Tues. Feb. 20, 27 March 6  
6-9pm  
\$18/student \$20/nonstudent

**Herb Gardening:**  
Tues. March 20, 27 April 3, 10, 17  
7-8:30pm  
\$10/student \$12/nonstudent

**Potpourri:**  
Mon. March 26  
6-9pm  
\$12/student \$14/nonstudent

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