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Gorbachev's rival plans radical reform

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin, the nearly worthless ruble and propresident of the Russian republic, viding disaster relief. It would lose seized the initiative for radical reform Monday with a plan that would give the republics control of their economies and drastically reduce the

power of the national government.

According to a copy of the 250page plan obtained by the Associated Press, most decisions regarding the economy would be made by the 15 sovereign republics.

If approved by the Russian republic's legislature, the proposal would dramatically constrict the power of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Yeltsin's rival. Gorbachev's national government would control only a fraction of the planned transition from communism to a market

Russia, the largest of the republics, would legalize private ownership of land and give away huge numbers of state-owned apartments and residential lots to try to solve critical shortages of food and hous-

In the long run, the Soviet gov-ernment would be limited to such matters as defense, strengthening ground.

the power to tax and would have to rely on dues from the republics.

Since Russia contains half of the Soviet Union's people and three-quarters of its land mass, the national legislature would be unable to ignore a decision by Russia to embark on a more radical reform than favored by Gorbachev.

Many Soviet citizens consider the country an empire well on its way to disintegration. Thirteen of the 15 republics have declared themselves independent or "sovereign," with the right to veto national laws.

Gorbachev is discussing a new union treaty that would loosen the bonds of the Soviet Union into a confederation of sovereign states, but he has not offered a specific proposal for public discussion.

Gorbachev and Yeltsin have clashed repeatedly over Yeltsin's de-mands for faster reform and control of the Russian republic's plentiful resources. Recently, however, they have been trying to find common

CDF: Day-care centers fail to protect health of children

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lax laws governing day-care centers in many states are failing to protect children, the Children's Defense Fund said Monday.

The CDF, a private organization, said its national survey of child-care centers and day-care homes shows "inexcusable failures to protect the health and safety of children."

Thirteen states fail to require that children in day care be im-munized against childhood dis-eases and 22 states don't require periodic fire drills, according to the fund survey.

Thirty states don't insist that children 18 months and older in licensed child-care centers receive vaccines to protect them from

Twenty-four states fail to require such centers to have energyabsorbing surfaces as a safety feature beneath swings, slides and structures on which children

The report said four states — Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana and South Carolina — failed to require that even one of those stan-

It said 19 states allow child-care centers to operate with five or more infants per adult, although experts cited by the fund say one person should care for no more than three or four.

Thirteen states, it said, allow one person to care for five or more infants or toddlers in family

Georgia and North Carolina permit one person in a child-care center to care for up to seven infants, while South Carolina allows eight and Idaho sets the limit at 12, the report said.

Thirty-three states allow one person to care for more than 10 4-year-olds. The limit is 18 in Georgia and 20 in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas, the fund said.

The report said more than 6 million children, including more than 2 million who are younger than 3, spend part or all of their day in out-of-home child care About half of those children

are cared for by people providing family day care in their own homes

The report urged support for legislation pending in Congress that would provide \$1.75 billion in federal funds for child care, require states to develop minimum requirements, expand tax credits for low-income working families, and guarantee parents the right to make unannounced visits.

F-16 fighter crashes; pilot bails out safely

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Air S63rd Tactical Fighter Wing at Shaw Force F-16 fighter crashed in south- Air Force Base in South Carolina ern Saudi Arabia on Monday, but and was deployed as part of Operathe pilot, who was alone aboard the tion Desert Shield. aircraft, bailed out safely, a Pentagon official said.

The crash happened around 5:51 released, the official said. a.m. CDT during a "routine training mission," the official said, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The plane was assigned to the said.

The pilot, who was not identified, was taken to a local hospital and later

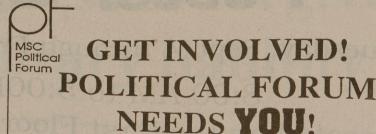
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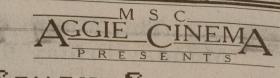
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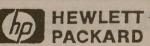
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