

# TO DO:

## FRIDAY MARCH 1

1. Class: turn in homework in English, check grade in History
2. Read assignments for Monday
3. Go to grocery store

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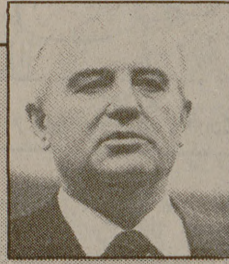
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# 10 WORLD and NATION

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## Gorbachev blasts Yeltsin



**The nation's political crisis "threatens to push us off the road of reforms onto the path of confrontation, right up to a civil war."**

**Mikhail Gorbachev, Soviet leader**

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev fired back at Boris Yeltsin on Tuesday, saying his political rival is not working toward "the goals of perestroika," Tass reported.

Gorbachev, speaking to tractor factory workers in Minsk, made his first public comments about Yeltsin since the Russian federation president called for the Soviet leader's resignation a week ago.

Gorbachev got an earful of complaints about the economy from workers at the Minsk Tractor Works in the Byelorussia capital. He also said he would spend two of his three days in the republic, visiting areas contaminated by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident.

At the factory, Gorbachev was asked about a Feb. 12 interview on national television in which Yeltsin accused Gorbachev of abandoning perestroika, his economic restructuring policies, for personal political power.

Gorbachev replied that Yeltsin's own objectives "are at odds with the goals of perestroika," the official Tass news agency reported.

"It would be very simple if everything boiled down to our personal relationship. What is at issue is two political lines and associated strategic goals," he said. "That's where the difference is."

Since Yeltsin's harshly critical

speech, he has been condemned by Communist Party hard-liners and the Communist media. But more than 100,000 people also rallied on his behalf Sunday in central Moscow, and radical newspapers have been filled with letters of support.

Gorbachev lashed out at radical reformers such as Yeltsin and Moscow Mayor Gavriil Popov in a speech to Byelorussian intellectuals later Tuesday, saying they want to dismember the Soviet Union.

"There is no need to wonder that

these 'democrats' enter a political alliance with separatists and nationalist groups," Gorbachev said. "They have one common goal: to weaken and, if possible, dismantle the union."

"Recently the so-called democrats have embarked on a frankly anti-Communist road, calling for proclaiming the Communist Party of the Soviet Union a criminal organization and staging a trial," he added. "This supercilious mocking hides the desire to lead the people astray. ... If

Boris Yeltsin and Gavriil Popov claim themselves democrats, millions of Communists have by far more reasons to call themselves such."

Gorbachev said the nation's political crisis intensified the past 12 months and "threatens to push off the road of reforms onto a path of confrontation, right up to civil war."

Gorbachev also told the factory workers on a draft agreement with the 15 republics on setting prices was completed Tuesday. "The date of the price increase will be set after the agreement signed by leaders of the republics this week, he said.

The Soviet television news program "Vremya" showed assembly line workers amid shiny red banners arguing about the economic crisis with the fur-hatted Gorbachev, who wagged his finger back at them. "I don't even have boots!" one worker.

"There is no food, no goods," a woman told Gorbachev. "I have a booklet of shopping coupons, but there is not a single coupon that has been clipped out. I can't buy anything after work. The shelves are bare!"

Gorbachev responded by saying he has issued decrees trying to curb economic sabotage and speculation, which he blamed in part for shortages.

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### Ribbon

women in the Middle East. This is a support-the-troops effort."

Students interested in participating can contact John Ansbach at 847-6657 or Student Government at 845-3051.

Garrett says volunteers will use yellow survey tape to tie the record ribbon around both cities and the A&M main campus.

"The survey tape will be laid down at hazardous intersections before the event begins," Garrett says. "Volunteers will form a human link at non-hazardous locations."

The ends of the ribbon will be connected to a huge yellow bow during a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Post Oak Mall. The

mayors of Bryan and College Station also will attend the ceremony.

"We wanted to hold the ceremony this weekend because Saturday is Texas Independence Day," Garrett says. "Ann Richards has declared the day Yellow Ribbon Day to honor the event."

Garrett says he hopes the rest of the United States and the troops in the Middle East will be helped by this "Texan message."

Thirty-one miles of ribbon can be expensive, he says. Organizers commissioned a Texas manufacturing company to provide the ribbon, which cost more than \$1,000.

"It is a Texan statement, so we

wanted to use a Texan company," Garrett says.

Kelley Durham, marketing director at Post Oak Mall, says activities at the mall will coincide with the ribbon-tying ceremony.

"At the moment we have a picture display of the soldiers," Durham says. "Pictures will also be taken of events at the mall. These pictures and parts of the ribbon will be sent overseas to the units."

"We have invited members of the Chamber of Commerce to join in the activities," Durham says.

Volunteers will come from all areas of the community to help with the day's activities, Durham says.

Dr. Bruce Prevatt, director of A&M's employees assistance program, is the spokesman for a local support group called AggieLand Family Support.

"The AggieLand Family Support is the largest group in the area and our members will be definitely taking part," Prevatt says.

Garrett says volunteers also will come from the Corps of Cadets, churches, Boy Scouts of America and individuals.

A volunteer hotline has been set up for people who want to participate. Those interested can call 776-4753 and leave a name and address where they can be reached.

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### Energy

hanced oil recovery, I expect domestic production could be increased at most by one to 1.5 million barrels a day," Moroney said.

An energy strategy method of reducing domestic oil consumption is to explore alternative energy sources.

The plan calls for increased use of natural gas and nuclear power, and deregulation of oil and gas pipelines where a competitive market exists.

Bentsen and Moroney said alternative fuel sources must be explored more intensively than the "meager efforts" outlined in the energy plan.

Bentsen said the United States has a 400-year supply of coal and the "know-how" to make it burn cleaner.

He said the nation has abundant stocks of natural gas and should get serious about finding new ways to use it.

Moroney said clean-burning

methanol could be used as a fuel, even though it burns twice as fast as gasoline.

Both said energy consumption in the United States is extravagant, more than twice as much as the next-highest energy consuming country.

Both agreed conservation is a big part of the answer to the energy question.

The energy strategy does not call for new taxes on gasoline or oil.

Moroney said a federal excise on gasoline would contribute to conservation by raising the price of fuel.

"The National Energy Strategy falls short in my view by lacking sufficient price incentives to reduce consumption of oil and oil-based products," Moroney said. "The strategy has no teeth."

He added that gasoline taxes are successful in reducing oil consumption in other countries.

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### Date

Carlson said traditional roles of men and women in society and fears about being alone "make it more scary to leave than to stay in a relationship where getting hurt is a sure thing."

The panel said violence in a dating relationship is not a "one-way street." Men usually are thought to initiate violence, but almost 50 percent of the women involved in a violent dating relationship are the aggressors.

Carlson said the reasons for initiation are different between women and men. Women are more likely to

become violent in self-defense than in anger.

Carlson said men traditionally are in control in this society, but now women are expected to share in decision-making. This sets the stage for violent conflicts.

The panel said different factors cause violence to start.

Hurst said stress is frequently a cause, especially in college. For some people, violence is the only way they know to relieve stress.

Carlson said jealousy is another cause. But drugs and alcohol can exacerbate the problem. A study done at Towson State University showed

that of the 12,000 responses, those who initiate violence reported a greater use of drugs or alcohol.

The panel offered several warning signs that might signal the need to end the relationship: poor communication, constant arguing, jealousy or possessiveness, excessive use of alcohol or drugs, a low sense of self-esteem, withdrawal from friends and family or increased dependence by your partner.

Chickering said colleges and universities need to have explicit policies against violent behavior to solve the problem. Another strategy en-

courages men to talk to women about their feelings so they will be able to deal with them non-violently.

Carlson said correcting "imbalance" in a relationship is another strategy. She said in most violent relationships, power is equally distributed between the man and woman.

Hurst said colleges and universities need to take a clear stand on what kind of behavior is and is not acceptable. But he said if victims do not have the courage to take a stand, it will be difficult to solve the problem.

### War

Aside from demanding immediate and unconditional withdrawal, the measures call for release of detained foreigners, raise the possibility of war reparations and urge nations to collect evidence of human rights abuses, presumably for use in war crimes trials.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said "We're very pleased with the progress to date but ... it is not over so it will continue until it is over."

Bush said Saddam had not announced his claim on Kuwait or accepted all the mandates of the U.N. "Nor is there any evidence of remorse for Iraq's aggression or any indication that Saddam is prepared to accept the responsibility for the awful consequences of that aggression," Bush said.

He said Saddam also had not complied with demands for the release of prisoners of war and other detained persons or to put "an end to the pathological destruction of Kuwait."

"The coalition will therefore continue to prosecute the war with undiminished intensity," he declared.

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