Yeltsin to face new challenges

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MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin kept pro-Soviet protesters from marching on Red Square, but he will find it harder to parry former Communist lawmakers who want to roll back his reforms.

Both Yeltsin and his opponents have been sharpening their rhetoric and consolidating their forces ahead of a session of the Congress of People's Deputies, or parliament, that is scheduled to open Dec. 1.

At stake when the 1,046-member parliament meets are Yeltsin's special powers that expire next month unless the Congress extends them, the fate of his reform government and plans for a referendum on a new constitution.

The session also could determine whether Yeltsin emerges with enough authority intact to keep Russia's increasingly restless regions from breaking away from Moscow's rule.

Yeltsin came under strong attack from the Congress during its last meeting in April, but the Russian president emerged from the 14-day session with his pow-

Police Beat

The following crimes were reported to the University Police Department between the dates of Wednesday, Oct. 28 and Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Misdemeanor Theft

•Agriculture Building - a turquoise, Spalding, 21-speed bicycle was stolen.

*Blocker Building - a Casio calculator, an unknown-brand telephone, \$2 in quarters and a textbook were stolen from a fifth

floor room.
•Francis Hall - a dark purple,
Puch, 12-speed bicycle was stolen.
•Brayton Firemen's Training
School - over a three-week period,
someone has stolen \$330 in cash
from the rooms of several fire
school trainees.

•Parking Area 19 - a security officer observed two juveniles running through the Academic mall area with a set of hubcaps. After investigation, the property was discovered stolen from Parking Area 19.
•Library - a white-speckled, Trek 800 21 append biguely was stolen.

800, 21-speed bicycle was stolen.

•ACC Blocker Building - a
Hewlett-Packard calculator was
stolen.

•Read Building - a purple, 18speed, Murray Fury bicycle was stolen.

Dormitory 12 - a black, Huffy Stalker, 12-speed bicycle was stolen.

Harassment

•Keathley Hall - the victim has received several obscene telephone calls from two different people.

Disorderly Conduct

•Parking Area 50 - a citation was issued to an individual who was urinating in public view.

Fire

*Bugle stand between dormitories 10 and 11 - a small fire was extinguished at the base of the stand. The fire consisting of clothing, boots, gloves and paper stuffing caused some smoke damage to the stand.

Burglary of Habitation

•Dormitory 2 - a subject who was detected entering several unlocked rooms in the dormitory was apprehended by several of the residents.

Criminal Trespass

•Wofford Cain Pool - on-duty personnel at the pool requested assistance with a male individual who had been found inside the women's locker room. According to witnesses, this was the second time the subject was seen in the women's locker room. The subject was incarcerated at the Brazos County Iail

County Jail.

•Cain Hall - a visitor refused to leave the victim's room. The subject was escorted from the dorm by a security officer.

Abandoning or Endangering a Child

•College Avenue Apartments two children ages four and two were found alone by Albertson's. The children were left unattended in a nearby apartment. The children had been frightened during a power outage and had left the apartment in seatch of their mother. The children were turned over to Child Protective Services personnel.

ers and his government intact.

But the economy has weakened in the six months since then, ethnic warfare has erupted on Russian soil and Yeltsin's own popularity has been slipping.

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Elected in March 1990 for a five-year term, the Congress includes a majority of former Communist Party members, many of whom oppose Yeltsin's efforts to dismantle central planning and create a market economy.

These Soviet-style politicians could try to curtail the president's special powers, force him to dump some members of his reform-minded government and slow down the pace of change.

His opponents have already denied Yeltsin's request to postpone the parliamentary session until spring, and are trying to unite pro-Communist forces with Russian nationalists.

Yeltsin has shown little patience with the hard-liners. Last month he banned the anti-reform National Salvation Front and disbanded an opposition-controlled security force

As the 75th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution approached last week, workmen began replacing the worn cobblestones on Red Square, preventing Yeltsin's opponents from demonstrating at Lenin's Tomb on Saturday.

Crime Tips: what to do about prank calls

By CPL. BETTY LeMAY, U.P.D.

Special to THE BATTALION

Most telephone calls are legitimate, but every now and then you may receive a call which is

Texas criminal laws state that a person commits an offense if he/she "causes the telephone of another to ring repeatedly or makes repeated telephone communications anonymously or in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass,

or offend another."

Hear are some helpful telephone tips:
• If the call becomes obscene, abusive or profane – Hang up! What the caller wants to

hear is your shocked verbal reaction.

• If these calls persist, call the police immediately and file a report. Keep a log of the calls, the times, what the caller's voice sounded like, and what was said.

 Don't answer questions you wouldn't respond to if they were asked by a stranger on the street. Never give confidential or personal information over the telephone to someone you don't know, especially credit card numbers.

• Ask the caller to identify him or herself first. If the caller asks, "Who is this?" or "What number is this?" – don't answer. Instead, ask the caller, "What party are you trying to reach?" or "What number did you call?"

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For more information, contact the UPD Crime
Prevention Unit at 845-8900 or 845-6713.

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