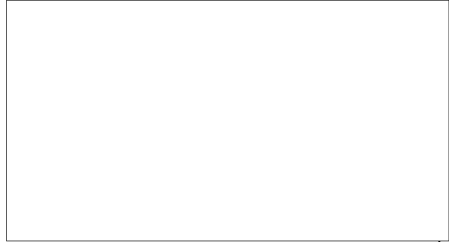


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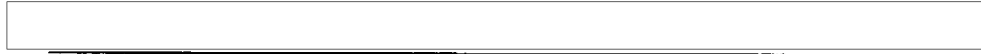
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Changes in Politburo

The Communist Party plenum elected Maj. Gen. Mikhail Surkov, secretary of the newly formed all-army political committee, to the Politburo on Thursday. Gorbachev recommended his appointment at the army party conference last month. The plenum also moved Oleg Baklanov from the Secretariat to take the position of deputy chairman of the Defense Council. [Redacted]

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Comment: These changes show the party's determination to maintain tight control over the armed forces and the military-industrial sector. Surkov is the first military figure named to the Politburo since Defense Minister Yazov was removed last July; his appointment signals a renewed effort to strengthen party-army ties and probably is intended to mollify the traditionalists in the military. [Redacted]

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