Gorbachev Calls for a New ‘Global Government’

By Eric Harrison

Proclaiming that the nations of the world are at an historic turning point, former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev called Wednesday for creation of a new “global government,” a structured and greatly strengthened United Nations that would reorder the world events in the new epoch and end the Cold War.

“Humanity is at a major turning point,” he said. “We live in a watershed era. One epoch has ended, and a second is commencing… No one yet knows what it will bring.”

Speaking on the college campus where Winston Churchill delivered his famous “Iron Curtain” speech 46 years ago, Gorbachev sought to present a vision of the new era where the British prime minister had defined the essence of the Cold War.

In a speech that both acknowledged Churchill’s greatness while gently criticizing what Gorbachev called the limitations of his vision, the deposed Soviet leader called for a “major international effort” to make irreversible the shift toward democratization throughout the world.

While his speech contained no arresting image on the order of Churchill’s “barricades to shake hands.”

The fate of Soviet short-range, or cruise, nuclear weapons has been of great international concern because of their high mobility and high lethality—estimated by the Pentagon at 17,000—and because their relatively small size and great mobility makes them susceptible to theft or diversion.

In a news conference at the National Press Club, Kravchuk said that after taking into account the control of which is in dispute between Russia and Ukraine, Ukraine's previous commitments to finance the modernization or decommissioning of risky nuclear power plants.

Gorbachev also called for the United Nations to finance the modernization of risky nuclear power plants.

Proposed a powerful consortium under the auspices of the United Nations to finance the modernization or decommissioning of risky nuclear power plants.

Gorbachev also called for the end to the export of all conventional weapons by the year 2000; creation of a special United Nations body with the right to employ “political, diplomatic, economic and military means to settle and prevent” regional conflicts; a stronger United Nations stance on human rights violations; an international effort to enforce ecological standards; and a world conference to be held next year to deal with food and economic assistance to countries in need.

Gorbachev said that both the West and the Soviet Union had

major errors after World War II that led to 50 years of escalating tension.

He warned, though, that the United States should not narrowly interpret the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War as a victory of the Western Communism. Calling Communism a distinctive “scheme” for the development of humanity, he said, “This was altogether a victory for common sense, reason, democracy and common human values.”

Callng All MIT Students & Members!

Coop Top 200 Always on Sale!

$10.99 CDs $6.99 TPs*

Imagine, you’ll be saving good money by using your MIT Anniversary Music Coupon, and you may also go home with a free gift! Choose from promotional CDs & Tapes or popular posters. One per customer, while supplies last.

• Classical, Pop, Jazz, Rock, Folk, R&B, and more.
• 15% discount for all Coop members/students (with Coop card).**
• We’ll meet any competitor’s coupons or advertised sale price of featured titles, with presentation of competitor’s ad.***

Shown, just five hot sounds on sale now at The MIT Coop at Kendall!