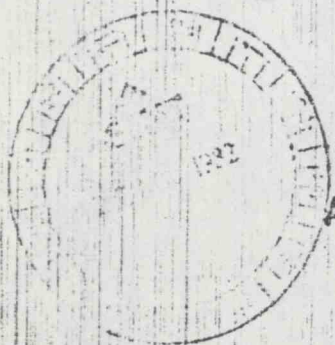


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CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

1. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET IN PLENARY SESSION ON 22 NOVEMBER. THE MEETING WAS THE OCCASION FOR A MAJOR SPEECH BY ANDROPOV ON DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (FOR DETAILS AND COMMENT SEE MY TWO IFTS).
2. THE PLENUM PROMOTED ALIEV, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE AZERBAIJAN PARTY, FROM CANDIDATE TO FULL POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP AND "RELEASED" KIRILENKO FROM MEMBERSHIP ON HEALTH GROUNDS AND AT HIS OWN REQUEST. ANDROPOV NOTED KIRILENKO'S LONG YEARS OF WORK IN PARTY ORGANS SAYING THAT "WE GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO HIS SERVICES TO THE PARTY AND COUNTRY".
3. THE PLENUM ALSO ELECTED N I RYZHKOV, A FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COSPLAN, TO THE POST OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY. IT UPGRADED THREE EXISTING CANDIDATE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO FULL MEMBERSHIP.
4. THE PLENUM APPROVED THE DRAFTS OF THE 1982 PLAN AND BUDGET. THESE GO FORWARD TO TODAY'S PLENARY MEETING OF THE SUPREME SOVIET FOR APPROVAL.
5. A DECREE WAS PROMULGATED BY THE PLENUM WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF BREZHNEV'S NAME. THESE INCLUDE THE RENAMING OF A TOWN AND CERTAIN OTHER PLACES AND THE ERECTION OF A BUST OVER

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6. COMMENT ON THE PERSONNEL CHANGES ALSO FOLLOWS.

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