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Wall Street Journal Editor Joins Gorbachev in Lindsborg, KS

(Lindsborg, KS) Alan Murray, assistant managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, will appear with former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas on the evening of October 29. Murray, who was chief of the Wall Street Journal's Washington Bureau for many years, will question Gorbachev, in a public forum, about his role and his opinions on the past and present state of world affairs. Murray brings an impressive set of credentials to the Gorbachev address. During Murray's tenure as bureau chief, the Washington bureau won three Pulitzer Prizes. Murray is also a best selling author, who has won numerous press awards. He is married to Lori Murray, a foreign policy consultant and former special advisor to the President for chemical weapons.



Gorbachev became President of the Soviet Union in 1985 and almost immediately began implementing reforms that would lead to dramatic changes within his country and around the world. Within the Soviet Union, Gorbachev and his supporters did away with one-party politics, ended state censorship and replaced the state's economic monopoly with market-based relations.

In that same year, Gorbachev began a series of summit talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan. By 1987, Gorbachev had signed

the Intermediate Nuclear Forces arms reduction treaty with the United States. He continued arms-reduction negotiations, and by 1989, Reagan and Gorbachev announced at the Malta summit that the Cold War was over. Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990 for his part in ending cold-war hostilities.

In early August 1991, a small band of Soviet leaders attempted a coup d'etat against Gorbachev's government, claiming that Gorbachev was too ill to govern. The group banned strikes and rallies; placed severe limits on political activities; and censored the press. Citizens challenged the attempted overthrow of the democracy with mass demonstrations and general strikes. By August 21, the coup leaders were arrested. Gorbachev officially resigned the presidency of the Soviet Union in December 1991.

Gorbachev's appearance will cap a day's activities in Lindsborg that will include a match between former World Chess Champions Anatoly Karpov and Susan Polgar. Admission to the events is available only through advanced ticket sales according to Dr. Mikhail Korenman, director of the Chess for Peace Note: High Resolution Photos Available initiative and the Karpov School of Chess in Lindsborg, 106 South Main, Lindsborg, Kansas 67456 - 785-227-2224

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GORBACHEV ADDRESS: 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29, at Presser Hall. Prime Seating: \$53.50. General Admission \$27. There will be no onsite sales of tickets.

KARPOV-POLGAR MATCH: 3:30 p.m., Oct. 29, at Presser Hall. Adults: \$10.50. Students: \$5.50. Credit cards are welcome. Karpov Chess School, 106 S. Main, phone 785-227-2224.