

Shelepin's Power Cut By Brezhnev Proposal

By HENRY S. BRADSHAW
MOSCOW (AP) — Leonid I. Brezhnev appears to have chopped down the power of the man widely regarded as his possible successor to top authority in the Soviet Union, Alexander N. Shelepin.

Brezhnev proposed here and the Communist party Central Committee adopted, a plan that seemed to reduce the importance of Shelepin's main job. Brief official accounts gave no indication Shelepin was even heard at the committee meeting.

At the same time, the committee promoted into the party top command two men whose

careers linked them with Brezhnev, who as first secretary of the Communist party occupies the most powerful position in the U.S.S.R. They are Ivan V. Kapitonov, 50, who becomes a member of the Central Committee's secretariat, and Vladimir V. Shterenskiy, 47, named a candidate member of the ruling party presidium.

The committee disclosed re-organization of the party and state control, a commission headed by the 48-year-old Shelepin.

The commission has a dual role checking closely on the intertwined workings of party and government. It gave Shelepin, a

former head of the Soviet secret police, a virtually independent pipeline to key spots around the country and influence in virtually every phase of Soviet life.

HOLD BOTH POSTS
Shelepin is a deputy premier, a member of the ruling party presidium and a party secretary. Only he, Brezhnev, Nikolai V. Podgorny and Mikhail A. Suslov hold posts simultaneously on both presidium and secretariat. Weakening Shelepin's commission would have effect of lessening his authority.

Brezhnev told the Central Committee the party and state control title hid the fact control was "people's control," and it would thus be more correct "to re-organize these organs and name them organs of people's control," the news agency Tass reported.

Official accounts did not mention Shelepin or indicate whether he would head the modified organization.

The party's presidium makes its policy, which then becomes government policy. Theoretically, it serves between meetings of the 175-member Central

Committee, supposedly the ruling body, although the committee usually ratifies all important decisions. The party secretariat is responsible for carrying out policy and thus has a large role in shaping decisions.

An announcement on the committee's one-day meeting said it endorsed, "in the main, the draft plan for the development of the national economy of the U.S.S.R. and the state budget of the U.S.S.R. for 1966." The plan and budget will be presented today to the Supreme Soviet for automatic adoption.

149 U.S. Bases Will Be Closed
WASHINGTON (AP) — Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara has ordered 149 more U.S. military bases closed, consolidated or substantially reduced.

McNamara told a press conference the actions, calculated to save \$410,000,000 a year, "will be completed without de-

creasing military effectiveness or limiting our current and future activities in Southeast Asia."

Coupled with 703 previous base closings and reductions ordered since March, 1951, the new moves will bring total savings to \$1,500,000,000 a year, McNamara said.

The affected bases are located in 39 states, the District of Columbia and 10 foreign countries.

The closings will eliminate more than 53,000 military and civilian jobs, most of them military.

CHURCHES
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White Gift Sunday at all congregations. The Sunday School teachers and pupils will conduct all services.

ALBERTON and West Point Presbyterian Services, Dec. 12. Rev. J.S. McBride, interim-moderator. Mr. A.R. Murray, Cate-

chist. Alberton: Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. West Point: Sunday School 2:00 p.m. Worship 3 p.m. Please note change in time.

MONTROSE Pastoral Charge, the United Church. Brown Jardine, minister. Miminezash 11 a.m. Montrose 3 p.m. Elmsdale 7 p.m. White Gift Sunday.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church, North Tryon and Bradshaw Churches. North Tryon: Worship 11 a.m. Mr. Ralph Balderston will conduct the service Sunday School 12 noon. Rev. Raymond L. Gillis, interim-moderator.

ALBERTON Pastoral Charge, the United Church. Rev. David MacDonald, minister. Casumpec: Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Tighish: Worship 2 p.m. Alberton: Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 7 p.m.

BEDEQUE Pastoral Charge, the United Church. Rev. R.M. Cameron, minister. Albany: Worship 7:30 p.m. Bedeque: Church School 10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Annual CGIT Vesper Service will be held at 8 p.m. Borden: Church School 10 and 11 a.m. Worship 3 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD and O'Leary United Baptist Church Services. Rev. Maxwell Nesbitt, pastor. Springfield 11 a.m. O'Leary 7:30 p.m.

PRINCETOWN — Lot 16 United Church Pastoral Charge. Princeton: Worship 11 a.m. Lot 16: 7:30 p.m. Canadian Girls in Training, Vesper and Candle Light Service. Minister, Rev. F. Lloyd.

ANGLICAN Church, Parish of New London. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Mark's, Kensington. 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Mark's, Kensington; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Thomas.

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