

A NEED FOR CHANGE

Perestroika's origins

Why changes?

- What do you think was wrong with USSR?
- What needed to be changed?
- Politics – old members of Politburo should give a way to fresh blood
- Economics – growing wealth proved disadvantages of command economy
- Corruption and global alcoholism – death of nation
- Global image – find peace with US and end war in Afganistan

Brezhnev's death

- 10th november 1982
- 12th november – new leader of state – Yuri Andropov

Yuri Andropov (1914 – 1984)



- General Secretary of CPSU - 12 /11/1982 – 9/02/1984
- Chairman of KGB (1967-1982)
- Soviet ambassador in Hungary (1954 – 1957)

Hungarian revolution of 1956

- Was attempt to overthrow communist regime
- Led to violent uprising
- Interrupted by Soviet invasion on advice of Andropov

Andropov's reform

- POLITICS purge in party's leadership
- ECONOMICS work discipline
- OPENNESS assault on dissidents grow stronger
- FOREIGN AFFAIRS continues war in afganistan

Konstantin Chernenko (1911-1985)



- ◉ Secretary of State (13/02/1984 – 10/03/1985)
- ◉ Chief of Staff (1960-1984)
- ◉ Secretary of Propaganda (1968-1984)

Chernenko's stay in power

- Corruption cases were closed
- More attention to consumer goods and agriculture
- Continuing Cold War and boycotted Olympic in 1984

Mikhail Gorbachev



- ◉ General Secretary (11/03/1985 – 24/08/91)
- ◉ Member of Politburo (1980-1985)
- ◉ Chairman of standing committee on youth affair (1974-1980)

