

Glasnost Massacre



Gorbachev did this. What will we do?

"All the actions of the [Soviet] president, the government, and other institutions, including the army, could not have been otherwise," Mr. Gorbachev said. "No other action could have been taken and no one had the right to expect anything else."

The new commandant of Vilnius, Maj. Gen. Vladimir N. Uskhochnik, had told reporters at a press conference hours before this morning's violence that he derived his authority from Mr. Gorbachev and served only the President.

Gorbachev no longer serves the interests of freedom and democracy. That means writing off the Communist Party, and opening up diplomatic contacts with the democratic alternatives, especially on the republican level.

The task now is to help ease Mr. Gorbachev and the Communists out of power. The status quo is merely a recipe for more massacres.

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