

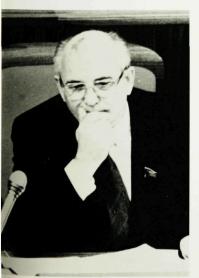
After his dramatic success in the Persian Gulf War, President Bush struggled with a deep and prolonged recession. He faced a tougher than expected 1992 re-election campaign.







Independence Rally In Lithuania



Mikhail Gorbachev



Victory Demo at Red Square



The collapse of communism resulted in Civil War in Yugoslavia and independence for several Eastern European countries.

Boris Yeltsin

In August of 1991 Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of the Soviet Union, was briefly toppled by a coup. Russian citizens yearning for freedom overturned the coup and celebrated their victory in Red Square. Ultimately, the Soviet Union disbanded, Gorbachev resigned and Boris Yeltsin became President of Russia.