

Defeat Of Communism Not Victory For Democracy, Says Expert

ORLANDO, Fla. — The collapse of communism in the former Soviet Union and central Europe is not the same as a victory for democracy, former presidential national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski said here recently. Winning the victory for democracy, he said, will require "a long-haul effort not unlike the cold war itself."

Addressing the conclusion of the 63rd annual meeting of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Brzezinski said it is not certain that the outcome of efforts to build market-based democracies will be fully known before the end of this decade.

"The challenge — to make certain that the defeat of Communism becomes a victory for democracy — will be with us as long as we live," he said.

While it is important to offer short term food assistance to the people of the former Soviet republics, he said, "more critical than immediate relief will be the longer-range reconstruction of these countries from bottom to

top."

Brzezinski referred to the meeting of more than 40 western and industrial countries in Washington this week to coordinate relief efforts as "a conference of well-meaning governments" but added that "a competition of sending food packages will help some, but will not address the long-range problem."

He said the United States and other western countries must learn to work with "new power centers" and not just "the bureaucrats in Moscow who already are losing control" over the changes in their former republics.

Brzezinski believes the best opportunities for successful reform are in Poland and Hungary but observes that many of the conditions in those countries — existing private trade, Poland's rural cooperative tradition and Solidarity union, Hungary's favorable climate for foreign investment — do not exist in the former Soviet Union. He said that attempts to reform a communist economic

system on a piecemeal basis do not work, as former President Gorbachev's efforts in the USSR demonstrated, because the economy is a "seamless web."

He said there has been no experience in history to show examples of successful conversion of a com-

munist state to a democratic one, but that Poland's experience with radical reform might some day provide at least a partial example. However, "we do not yet know whether this will work or not," he said.

"We need to develop new con-

cepts, new solutions," he said. "We need to focus more on creating a new safety net for the millions who will be unemployed and on building a new infrastructure — transportation, communications, banking and a new entrepreneurial spirit."

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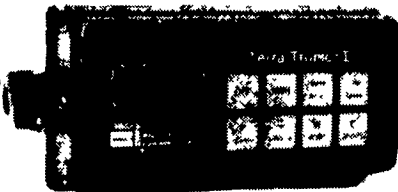
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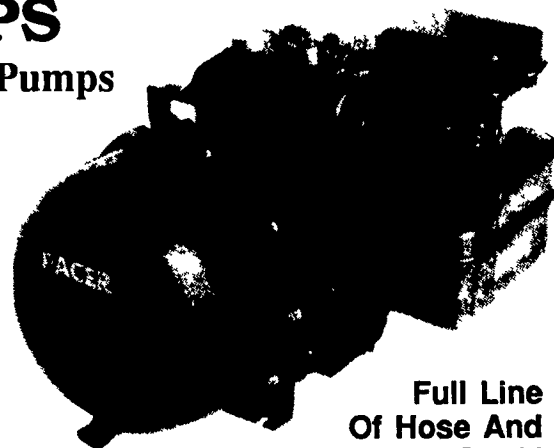


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