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MOSCOW, Oct. 16 (Friday) (AP)—Following is the official report carried by Tass

Nikita Khrushchev has been released from his duties as the First Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Leonid Brezhnev has been elected First Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee.

Alexei Kosygin has been appointed Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

It has been announced today that a plenary meeting of the CPSU Central Committee held on Wednesday, Oct. 14, considered Khrushchev's request to be relieved of his duties "in view of his advanced age and deterioration of his health."

*An official announcement about the plenary meeting of the CPSU Central Committee which was made public reads:*

A plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the CPSU was held on Oct. 14, inst.

The plenary meeting on the CPSU Central Committee granted N. S. Khrushchev's request to be relieved of his duties as the First Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, member of the Presidium of the CPSU Central Committee and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. in view of his advanced age and deterioration of his health.

The plenum of the CPSU Central Committee elected L. I. Brezhnev First Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee.

*Tass continued with another announcement of his release from the premiership:*

It has been announced officially that the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., with Anastas Mikoyan in the chair, on Oct. 15 discussed the question of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. granted Nikita Khrushchev's request on his relief and appointed Alexei Kosygin as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

The following official communique on the meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has been published today:

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. met on Oct. 15 this year with Comrade A. I. Mikoyan, the president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., in the chair.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. discussed the question of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. granted the request of Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev for his relief from the duties of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. in view of his advanced age and deterioration of health.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. appointed Comrade Alexei Nikolayevich Kosygin as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., releasing him from his duties as First Vice Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

The decrees by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. on the relief of Comrade N. S. Khrushchev from his duties as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. and on the appointment of Comrade A. N. Kosygin as Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. were adopted unanimously by the members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

The members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. warmly congratulated Comrade A. N. Kosygin on his appointment to the post of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

Comrade A. N. Kosygin heartily thanked the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. for the confidence shown him and gave the assurance that he would do his utmost to discharge his duties.

Appropriate decrees by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. are being published today.