

KGB Spy War With U.S. Falls Victim to Glasnost

Soviet Intelligence Chief to Revamp Agency

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MOSCOW, Oct. 2—Abandoning the shadowy anonymity favored by his predecessors, the Kremlin's new spymaster declared an end today to the secret intelligence war with the United States and promised to put a stop to the practice of sending Soviet agents abroad under journalistic cover.

Yevgeny Primakov, who was nominated as the Soviet Union's top spy two days ago by President Mikhail Gorbachev, told a news conference that he was in favor of greater *glasnost*, or openness, in the intelligence business. He said that his agency would follow the example of the U.S. CIA by making some of its information available to scholars and businessmen in addition to the government.

"If you think that spies are people in gray coats, skulking around street corners, listening to people's conversations and wielding iron bars, then my appointment is unnatural," said Primakov, 61, a former journalist and academic who served as Gorbachev's chief diplomatic trouble-shooter. "We must use analytical methods, synthesize information. This is scientific work."

As the first civilian to head the Soviet Union's foreign intelligence service in its 70-year history, Primakov has been given the task of splitting the agency off from the KGB security police and turning it



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into a professional intelligence-gathering organization along the lines of the CIA. His appointment comes at a time when both the KGB and its foreign intelligence arm are in the throes of major internal upheavals following August's abortive coup by hard-line Communists.

The First Chief Directorate, as the foreign intelligence service has been known until now, has traditionally been the jewel in the KGB crown, attracting the best and the brightest of the annual KGB intake. Primakov's predecessors as head of the directorate include former KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov, now lan-

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