

Perestroika and Glasnost

1985-1991

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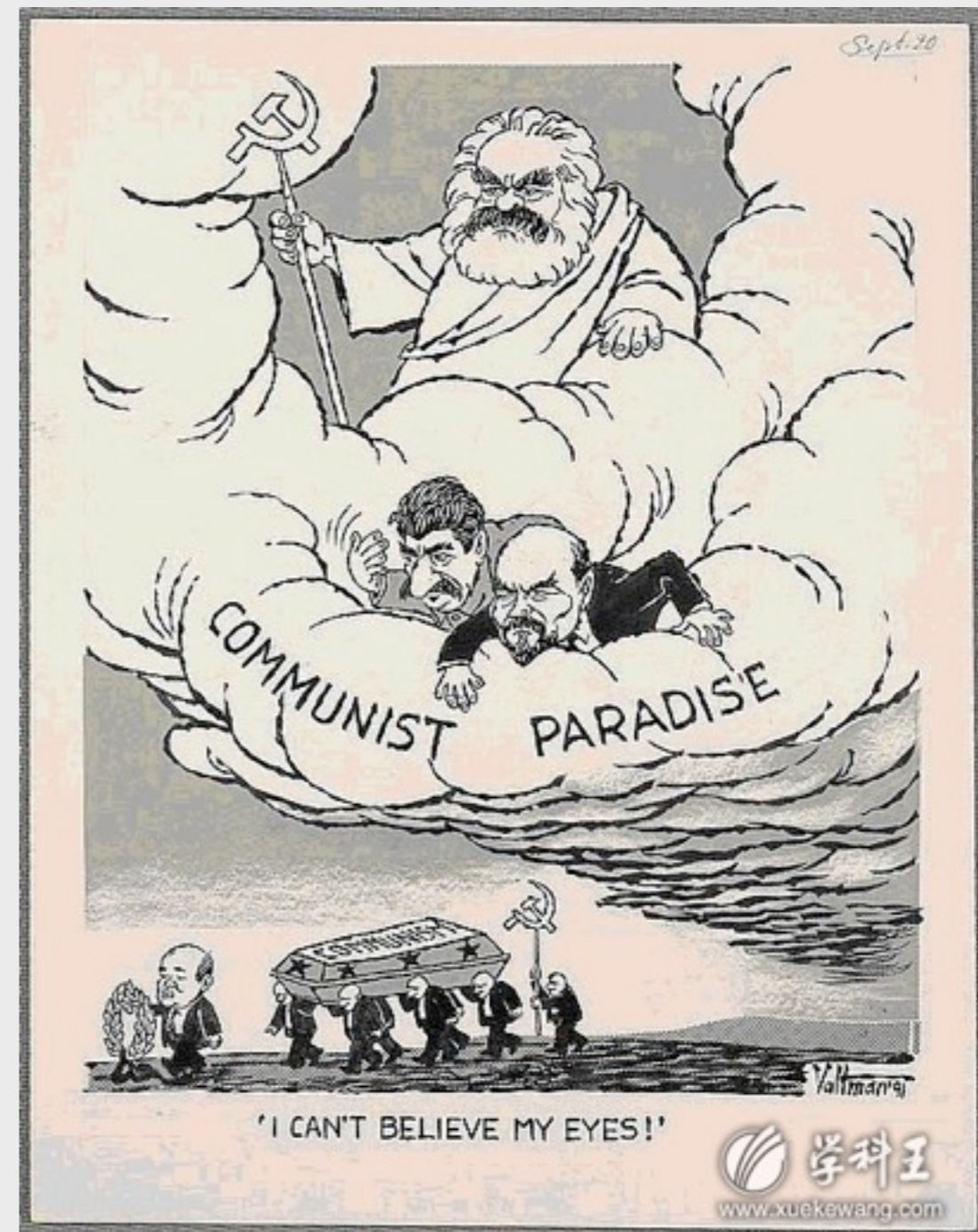
Regime

- ▶ Devolution
- ▶ Federalist, authoritarian
- ▶ More accountability
- ▶ Political transparency
- ▶ Consensus – illiberal democracy
- ▶ Legitimacy: balanced
- ▶ Perestroika – “restructuring”
- ▶ Glasnost – “openness”
- ▶ Demokratizatsiia

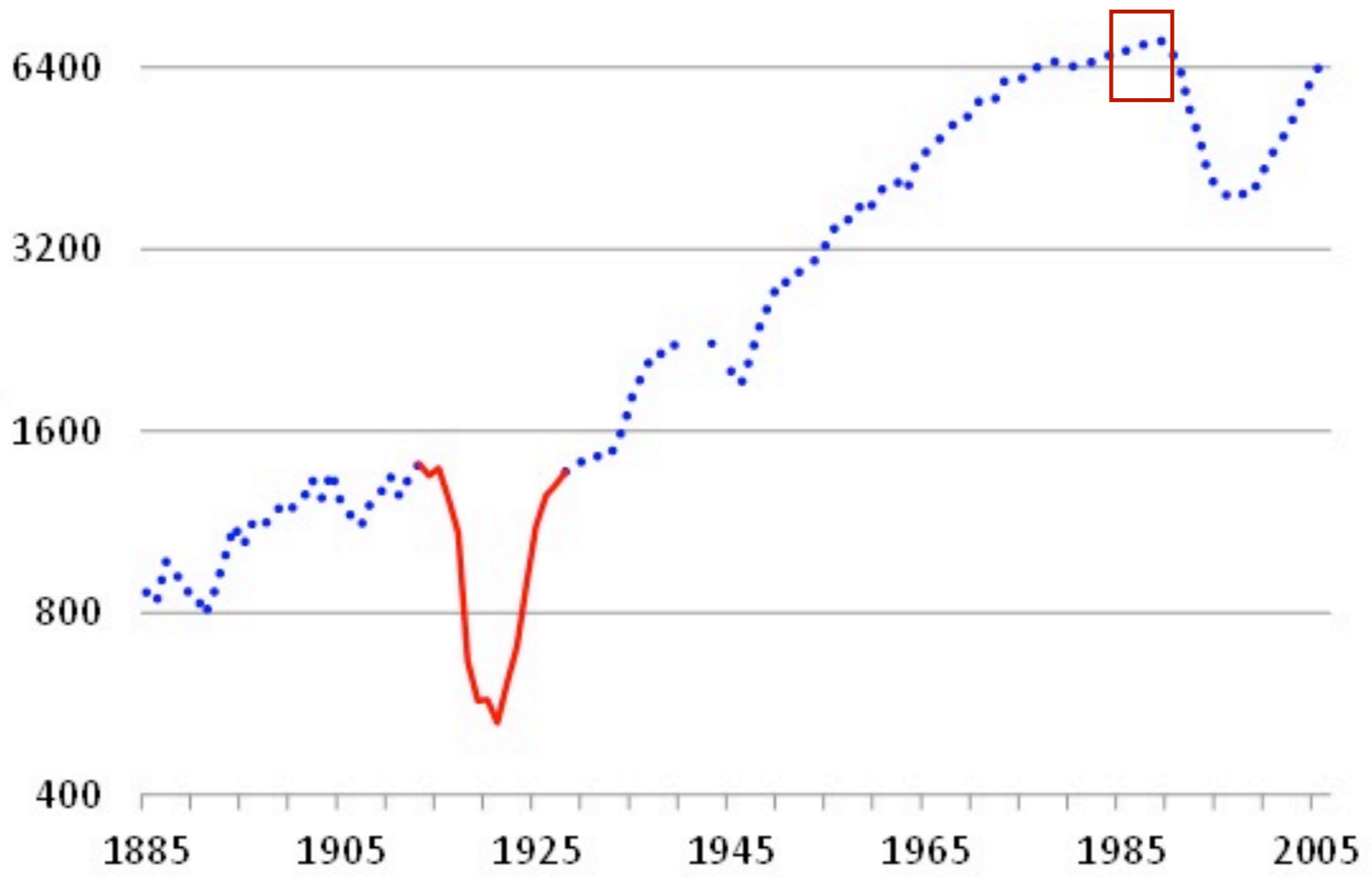


Economy

- ▶ Perestroika
 - ▶ Deregulation
 - ▶ Mixed economy
 - ▶ Socialism
 - ▶ 1988: Law on Cooperatives
- ▶ New Thinking
 - ▶ Joint ventures

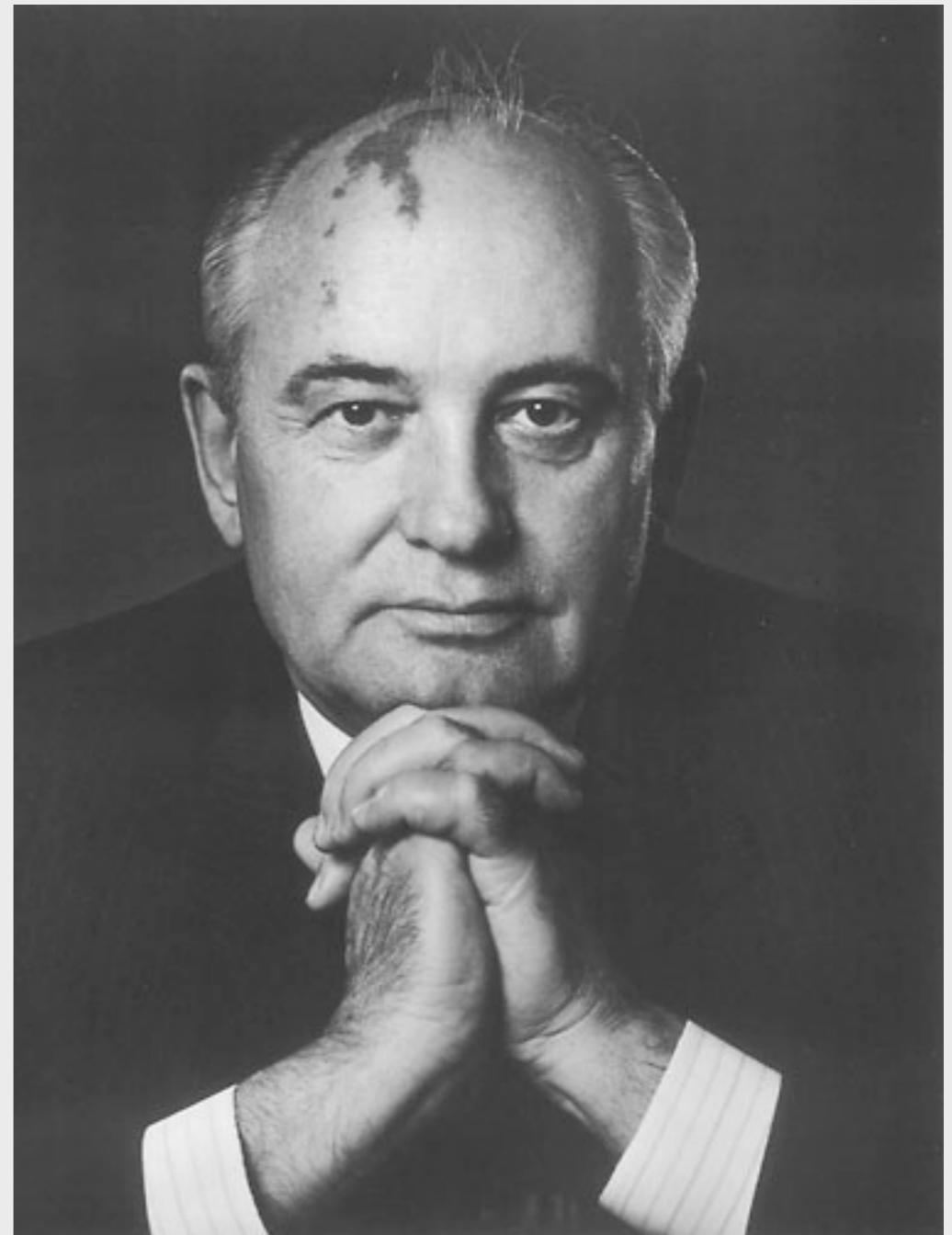


GDP per head, international dollars and
1990 prices



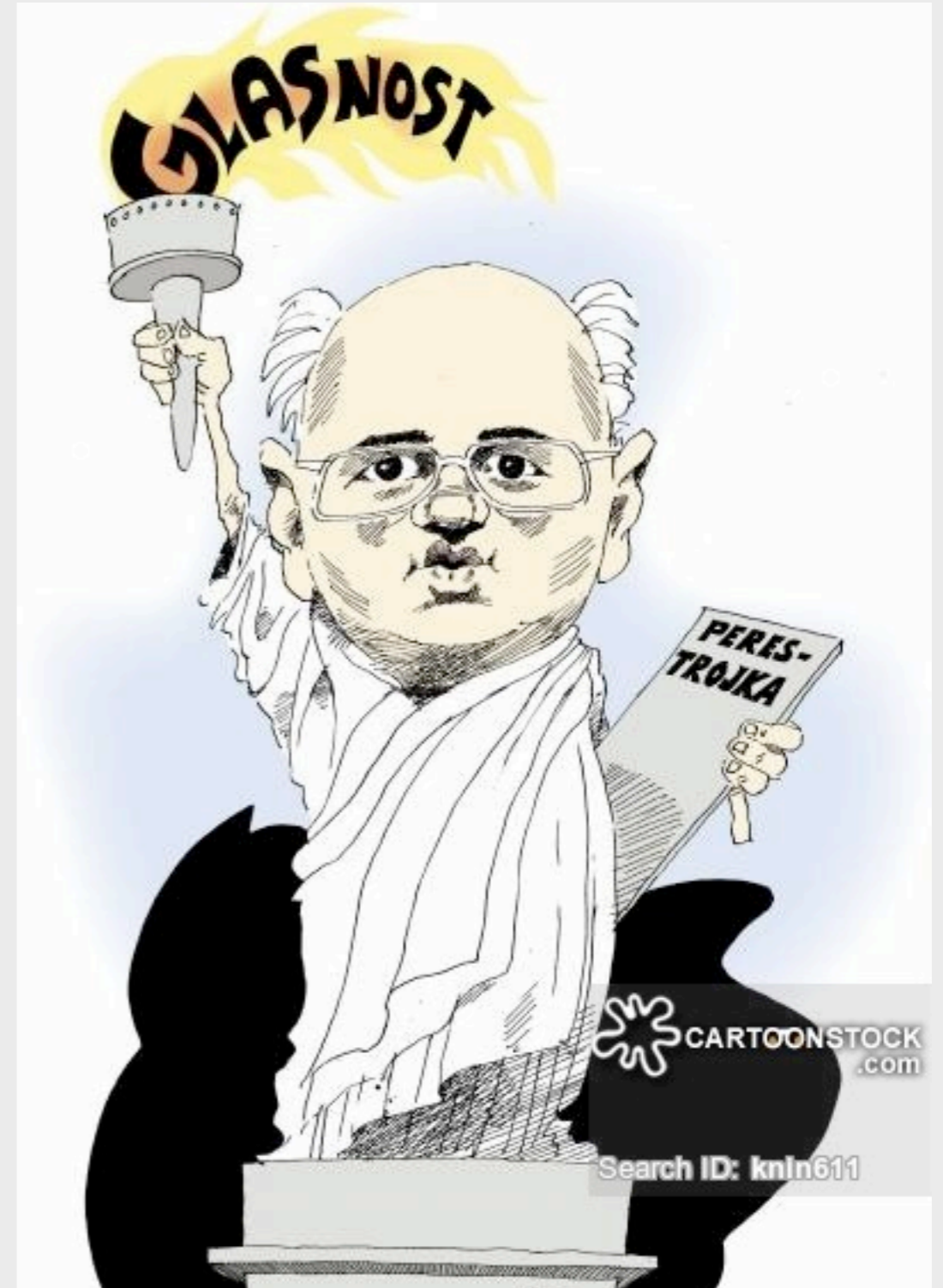
Mikhail Gorbachev

- ▶ March 1985: Gorbachev takes office
- ▶ Relatively young (53)
- ▶ 1991: Nobel Peace Prize
- ▶ Ended Cold War
- ▶ Began disintegration of Soviet Union



Ideology

- ▶ Liberal
- ▶ Reform programs
- ▶ ~1990: Conservative
- ▶ Stalinism -> Leninism



Changes

- ▶ Unintended consequences
 - ▶ Dissolution of USSR
 - ▶ Civil society challenged power
 - ▶ Political parties -> multi-party system
 - ▶ “Separatism mania”





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