

Schwarzenegger, Gorbachev Discuss Improving U.S.-Russian Ties Over Lunch

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Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and cult action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger held an informal meeting in Moscow during which they discussed events in Russia, U.S.-Russian relations and Schwarzenegger's latest film.

"We talked yesterday. It was a meeting between old friends. We have long known each other and took part in many events together when Raisa [Gorbachev's late wife] was alive," Gorbachev told Interfax on Friday.

Gorbachev said that Schwarzenegger was especially interested in the current situation in Russia. "I told him that although there has been a certain amount of progress, there are still a lot of problems waiting to be solved," he said.

The Soviet reformer said that the pair discussed ways to improve U.S.-Russian ties. "It's unacceptable to leave them in their present state," Gorbachev said, adding that they also

talked about their charity work and "The Last Stand," the former California governor's latest film, which he was in Russia to promote.

"And at the end of the meeting we had lunch. A really decent one. Although neither of us can drink at the moment," Gorbachev said.

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