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The emblem of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union

Twenty–two years ago today, on Nov. 6, 1991, then–Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued a decree banning all Communist Party activities in Russia. He had earlier suspended the party during an investigation into the abortive August Coup, though Mikhail Gorbachev argued that the party as a whole wasn't responsible for what had happened.

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