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East Germany , where humor has long been the only way to express political criticism named:x-c n
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        knee-jerk hardliner many initially thought he was when the 52-year-old Politburo member was selected last week to succeed Erich n:x n:x nuch-many_a:e-p a:e-e v:e-i-h-i pron:x v_id:e-p-i x:e-h-h q:i-h-h a:e-p named:x-c
 But he does n't appear to be ready to make broad changes either c:i-i-i _ neg:e-h v_to:e-i-h _ a:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p-u a:e-p n_of:x-i a_also:e-e
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 , Mr. Krenz spoke to Soviet leader nix named:x-c v_to:e-p p:e-u-i named:x-c n_of:x-i named:x-c n_of:x-i named:x-c n_of:x-i n_of:x
                                                                                                        , Mr. Krenz started overhauling East Germany 's heavily censored and notoriously boring news media n:x named:x-c v_cause:e-i-p v:e-i-p named:x-c named:x-c a:e-e v:e-u-p a:e-e a:e-p n_of:x n:x
The regular nightly news program and daily newspapers are also getting a visible injection of Soviet-style glasnost . q:i-h-h a:e-p a:e-p n_of:x-i a:e-p n_of:x-i a:e-p n_of:x-i a:e-u-x n:x _
  "It was quite a shock , " says a 43-year-old East German shopkeeper pron:x v_id:e-p-i _ q:i-h-h n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h a:e-p named:x-c a:e-p n:x
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