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By Charlie Olsen

During a disarmament treaty signing in Washington in 1987, President Ronald Reagan gave Mikhail Gorbachev the maxim “Dovyai no Provyai,” which means: “Trust but Verify.” The Soviet president shot back, with a grin, “You repeat that at every meeting.”

This past Monday, Gorbachev got in some more gibes at an American president, the current one, during a speech at the Sovereign Bank Arena. The former Soviet leader also gave advice about America’s role as the remaining superpower and recalled perestroika (political restructuring) 20 years after it started on March 11, 1985.

“At the time I was 55 years old, but I was the youngest, as strange as it may seem, in the Politburo,” Gorbachev said. “As a young person I had the quality of being able to work with others, now they call it leadership qualities.”

Reagan and Gorbachev had their first meeting in Switzerland, because they wanted to meet as equals, Gorbachev said. When they interrupted the one-on-one meeting for the day, his delegation asked what Reagan was like. “I said to them, ‘This guy is a real dinosaur,’” Gorbachev said. “Soon after I learned that President Reagan was asked the same question—he said, ‘Gorbachev is a diehard Bolshevik.’”

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By Nicole Southern

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According to Robinson, the support of the Rider community was an inspiration to him throughout his journey on American Idol.

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