

POLAND: SANCTIONS VS. THE USSR

U.S. sanctions against the USSR, announced by the President on December 29, 1981 in response to the imposition of martial law in Poland, include:

1. Suspension of Aeroflot service to the U.S.;
2. Closure of the Soviet Purchasing Commission;
3. Suspension of issuance of licenses for export of electronics, computers, and other high-technology items;
4. Postponement of negotiations on a new Long-Term Agreement (LTA) on grain;
5. Suspension of negotiations on a new Maritime Agreement, and enforcement of tighter port-access regime;
6. Suspension of issuance of licenses for export of equipment for the oil and gas industries; and
7. Decision to allow three exchange agreements (Energy, Space, Science & Technology) to lapse in mid-1982:

On June 18, the President announced the extension of the sanctions on oil and gas equipment to cover foreign subsidiaries and licensees of U.S. firms. On October 18, the President said that if we can get a better set of restrictions other than the sanctions, we will be willing to lift those sanctions.