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world beat

Retaliation against Nicaragua includes total trade embargo

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, retaliating against Nicaragua's "aggressive activities in Central America," has decided to impose a total trade embargo against that country and to abrogate a U.S.-Nicaraguan friendship treaty, it was learned Tuesday.

Reagan was to sign the executive order for the embargo either late Tuesday on his way to Europe for an economic summit, or this morning while he is there, said an aide to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar.

Lugar was told by Secretary of State George Shultz that the embargo will not go into effect until May 7, because of various legal requirements, aide Mark Helmke said. Lugar said the move "an important step in the the process of implementing a comprehensive policy. It is not the end-all and be-all, but it is a first step," Helmke reported.

According to a White House announcement, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, Reagan also planned to order a suspension of service to the United States by Nicaragua's airline, Aeronica, and by the country's national flag vessels.

The statement said the activities of Nicaragua, "supported by the Soviet Union and its allies, are incompatible with normal commercial relations."

Nicaragua's trade with the United States has declined sharply since 1981, reflecting the deterioration in relations between the two countries. Nicaragua imported about \$110 million in U.S. goods last year while exporting about half that much to the United States, mostly bananas, coffee and other agricultural products, according to official figures.

The decision came less than a week after the House killed administration efforts to resume U.S. aid to the Contra insurgents seeking to overthrow the leftist Sandinista government.

The draft statement said the administration believes there is far greater support for economic measures against Nicaragua in the Congress than there is for military involvement.

"Direct pressure represents the only effective means of moderating Nicaraguan behavior," the statement said.

It said the measures should be seen as "unmistakable evidence that we take seriously the obligation to protect our security interests and those of our allies."

Lugar said the administration move was a direct outgrowth of what he called the consensus in Congress that emerged during the Contra funding debate that

"we needed to hit the Nicaraguan government with some sanctions."

"How can we give money to freedom fighters when we are carrying on business as usual with the Sandinistas?" was a key question during the congressional debate, Lugar said.

"Both Republicans and Democrats were very supportive of taking this approach," Lugar said.

The statement said that, in addition to Nicaragua's alleged attempts to export its revolution elsewhere in Central America, the administration has learned that Nicaragua has established military ties with Iran.

According to newly declassified intelligence information, Iranian arms and ammunition are at a North Korean port awaiting shipment to Nicaragua.

In addition to the trade embargo, Reagan also planned to suspend a U.S.-Nicaraguan Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation. U.S. diplomatic ties with Nicaragua, however, will remain intact as an expression of U.S. willingness to resume a dialogue with Nicaragua should present conditions change.

According to a secret memorandum from the State Department to White House national security adviser Robert McFarlane, also made available to the AP, the administration is studying additional sanctions against Nicaragua.

These include a default declaration on Nicaragua's official debt; a freeze on Nicaragua's assets in the United States; restrictions on travel by U.S. citizens to Nicaragua; the closing of a Nicaraguan trade office; and a "broader ban" on all transactions, according to the document.

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