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**Food riots in Gdansk** — Over two hundred people were arrested last weekend in the Polish port city during protests against higher food prices. The Polish government announced 200 to 400 percent increases in food prices to take effect yesterday. Reacting to the demonstrations, the ruling Military Council ordered a stricter curfew in Gdansk from 10pm to 5am.

Nineteen civilians shot in El Salvador — Armed men, identified as Government troops, shot 19 persons after forcing them from their homes outside San Salvador, Sunday morning. The Salvadoran army claimed that troops had killed 20 guerrillas in their attempt to eliminate "subversive cells" of insurgents. The army said five soldiers were injured in the operation.

**Israeli Cabinet agrees to European peace-keeping troops** — British, French, Italian, and Dutch troops will participate in the 2,900-man Sinai peace-keeping force. The force will begin operation after Israel withdraws from the Sinai peninsula April 25.

**Syrian coup attempt failed** — Several hundred army and air force officers from a unit of the air force's discovery of a military plot to overthrow the government of President Hafez Assad. Although several dozen officers are reported to have been executed, the Syrian government has officially denied the existence of a conspiracy.

**China wants to talk about arms** — The Chinese government stated its interest in negotiating an end to US arms sales to Taiwan, according to China's official news agency. Diplomatic sources claim that China has proposed 1985 or 1988 as the cutoff date for arms sales to Taiwan.

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**Reagan to cover Poland's debt** — The Reagan Administration will repay $71 million owed by the Polish government on Agriculture Department loans. The loans were guaranteed by the US government, which could have asked American banks to declare Poland in default. The decision will allow the Administration to repay $396.5 million more that will be due this year from a $1.6 billion total of Agriculture Department loans to Poland.

**More military aid for the Middle East** — The Reagan Administration will ask Congress for an increase in military aid to Israel by $400 million to Egypt and $300 million to Israel for the fiscal year 1983. In the 1982 fiscal year, Egypt will receive $99 million in military aid, part of a $91 billion aid package. Israel will receive $4.1 billion in military aid and $800 million in economic grants.

**International slave ring discovered** — The Justice Department claimed last week that it had uncovered an organization providing Indonesian illegal aliens to Los Angeles and Beverly Hills residents. Federal officials alleged that the aliens were being sold for $1,000 to $5,000 each and were forced to work for two years. A lawyer for families suspected of buying the slaves claimed that many of his clients were Indonesian.

**Soviets ask for a break** — The government of the Soviet Union has asked West German and Japanese companies to stretch payments for goods that have already been delivered. Several experts believe that the Soviets are short of hard currency to pay their bills. The Soviet Union has also asked for an additional $137 billion in credits from Western banks to finance a gas pipeline from Siberia to Europe.

**Kodak to introduce new camera** — Eastman Kodak Company is expected to unveil a new amateur camera tomorrow. The camera should be about the size of a cigarette package. It will use a film disk rather than a cartridge; rumors say that future equipment will be able to display the developed photographs from the film disk on a television screen.

**Brock advocates toughness on trade** — US Trade Representative William E. Brock declared in a speech delivered yesterday in Florida that the US will not "continue to tolerate unfair trading practices which adversely affect either our domestic market or our opportunity to trade elsewhere." Many US officials fear that the US will enact protectionist trade policies, as suggested by Brock's statements.

**Reagan Administration considers utility boon** — The Department of Energy has endorsed a proposal to allow electric utilities to charge their customers for plants under construction. An electric utility in-