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Britain to defend her firms against US pipeline restrictions — The British government announced Wednesday it would try to protect companies against American penalties if the firms choose to defy the Reagan Administration’s ban on the sale of US-licensed equipment for the proposed Soviet gas pipeline to Western Europe. Spokesmen for the Conservative Party government, noting the government would not order companies to defy the ban, felt it could not interfere in the affairs of private companies by forcing them to take action which could lead to a costly legal battle with the US. The company chiefly affected by the US ban, John Brown Engineering, is continuing to work on its pipeline contract, the production of turbines worth about $200 million.

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Reagan predicts slow recovery — At his press conference Wednesday evening, President Reagan announced that although the present economic recovery will be "more or less permanent," it will also be a slow one. "It’s slow now," he added. He placed part of the blame for the slow growth upon Democrats in Congress, asserting that recovery would have been much faster had they approved all of his proposed budget cuts and passed the income tax reductions exactly as he proposed them. Reagan also blamed the Carter Administration for the state of the economy, calling our economic troubles "the direct result of the mistakes of the past."

Reagan downplays pipeline controversy — The President described the conflict with Western Europe over the sale of US technology to the proposed Soviet pipeline as "a fight inside a family, but the family is still a family." He added, however, that the Administration would approve the continuation of the sale of American grain to the Soviet Union. On other foreign policy questions, the President expressed uncertainty as to the possibility of a summit meeting with Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev in the near future, said he wanted to develop US-China relations while adding that he would not abandon "our longtime friends and allies on Taiwan," and defended this week's decision to certify El Salvador for continued US aid.

Volcker sees higher budget deficit — In testimony before the Senate Budget Committee, Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker backed the budget forecast issued by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) which showed a budget deficit nearly $40 billion higher than Reagan Administration forecasts. Volcker estimated the federal government would have to borrow about $100 billion by the end of 1982 to cover spending. This estimate was confirmed by the Treasury Department. The CBO presented its forecast, which estimates next year's deficit at $140 billion to $150 billion as compared with the Administration's $114 billion estimate, on Tuesday before the Senate Budget Committee. The CBO further predicts deficits through 1985 ranging from $140 billion to $160 billion. The Administration, however, predicts a $100 billion 1984 deficit and a $70 billion 1985 deficit.

House links draft registration to student aid eligibility — The US House of Representatives, by a 303 to 95 vote Wednesday, approved an amendment to the $177.1-billion military authorization bill which would prohibit students who have not registered for the draft from receiving financial aid from the federal government. The Senate has already passed a similar measure. Critics of the amendment argued it would create enormous problems for the Education Department and the universities administering federal loan and grant programs. Some representatives argued this action discriminated against poorer students, allowing wealthy students who could attend college without federal aid to ignore draft registration. A proposed amendment allowing students to register for the draft at the time they apply for financial aid was defeated 241 to 161.

Approximately 700,000 eligible Americans have not signed up since registration was reintroduced in 1980.

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