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Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

US President Carter calls emergency meeting with key staff

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World holds it's breath as Soviet Union goes against the Helsinki agreement



“Hello, here is what we know so far. Last April, 1978, a pro-Soviet government took control in Afghanistan taking economic assistance. This government was toppled by Amin who was initially at least supported by Moscow. Amin and his new government became very unpopular with pro-Muslim groups trying to over throw him.

It became clear that Amin was talking to the USA about possible American support which our sources tell us got Soviet leader Brezhnev concerned!”

You are all newspaper reporters, Summarise the background to the invasion from above and the following BBC interview ready to write your front page...

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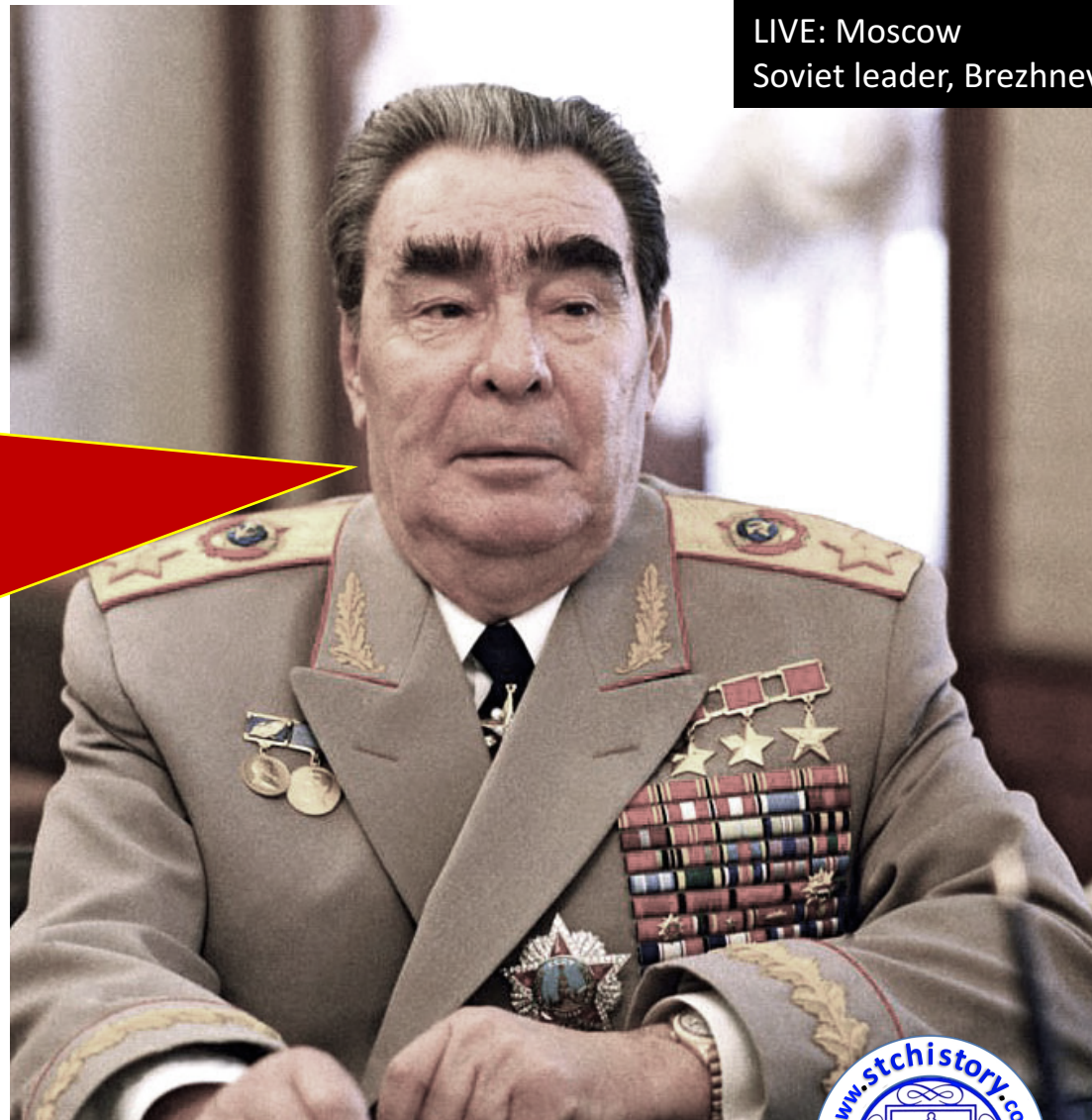
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My forces were invited to invade Afghanistan by Amin against the terrorists.

I understand some of you in the West might dispute this, but it is the truth!

On 24th December, I ordered the invasion.

LIVE: Moscow
Soviet leader, Brezhnev



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Mr Brezhnev, we hear that you say you were invited in to Afghanistan by Amin, so what are your thoughts about the assassination of Mr Amin last night?

I am sure you can understand, some might question your involvement in this, especially as it is convenient that the new leader Mr Barak Kamal is a very vocal supporter of your Soviet Union?

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Listen, I do not have to justify myself to you or anyone! You will print what you want anyway!

We will stay in Afghanistan as long as it takes to remove the Muslim terrorist threat against the Soviet Union!

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With respect Mr Brezhnev, you signed the Helsinki agreement promising to respect borders and not interfere in other countries affairs, is this not doing just that?

Also, this invasion can't be good for concluding the SALT 2 agreements? Do you think they can still go ahead?

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Ask your United States special friends about that! I believe it is their congress that has failed to agree on the agreements!

I am disgusted that your propaganda would try to pin this on me, but typical I guess!

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Mr Brezhnev, what is Afghanistan so important to you?

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Afghanistan is a key neighbour, it provides a buffer to Iran. As you know, they had a revolution last year with their new leader, a Muslim fundamentalist terrorist.

I am determined not to allow this Muslim threat to spread. We have many Muslims living in Soviet Union, it is vital that we have a pro Soviet government in Afghanistan

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Mr Brezhnev, thank you very much for your time!

Following the invasion, there have been several conflicts in Afghanistan.

Let's cross over to our reporter to talk to the Mujahideen leader...

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Brezhnev claims Afghanistan must provide a buffer to Muslim fundamentalists spre

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11:08am

Mujahideen vow to remove Soviets at "any cost" – Brezhnev anger at US support of

LIVE: Afghanistan



Hello, thank you from a very cold Afghanistan, it has not been 3 full days since Christmas eve and the Soviet invasion, but already the tension here is incredibly high.

The mujahideen who you've just seen have vowed to fight as long as it takes to get rid of the Soviets from their country and are adopting guerilla style tactics, much like those adopted by the Vietnamese against the United States.

A really important piece of information leaked to us is that the United States are providing the mujahideen weapons and billions of dollars, some saying \$8b a year!

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Brezhnev anger at US support of mujahideen – President Carter disgusted at Soviet

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Thanks a lot for that, well as tensions continue to rise, we have exclusive access to the White House where President Carter is giving an address to his staff...

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Well it is clear, this is another example of the Soviets spreading their communism, just like they did in Czechoslovakia!

This invasion is the biggest threat to world peace since the end of WW2!

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White House



Mr President, there are suggestions that you are funding the mujahideen and providing weapons? Is this true? And if it is, how do you expect Brezhnev to take that?



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Listen, since Truman's Doctrine, we have had a vital role to play in preventing the spread of communism, I intend to continue that promise to the free world!



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Mr President, what about the SALT 2 talks?
There has been so much progress over the
1970s, I need to report to the Senate your
instructions.



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White House



You can tell the Senate I am withdrawing the SALT 2 proposals, I am also increasing spending on our arms programme!

I promise the American people this very simple vow, I will repel, by force if needed, any threat to American interests in the Gulf!

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Mr President, this sounds very much like a Doctrine of your own, shall we report this as the "Carter Doctrine?"

Also sir, do you deny funding the mujahideen and providing weapons?



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I said in my 'Carter Doctrine', whatever it takes didn't I?

Brezhnev will not be allowed to invade and influence a foreign country for their own gains!

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Ok, there you have it, a very clear and determined US President.

One can only think this invasion will undo all of the good work of the Détente years.

We'll bring you the important details as soon as we get them, for now, here is the weather where you are...

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Carter promises to do whatever it takes to stop communist expansion

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To get a front page out as soon as possible, it is vitally important that our paper is the first leading with this story!

You need the key people, the issues, the causes and the consequences!

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1980 Olympics

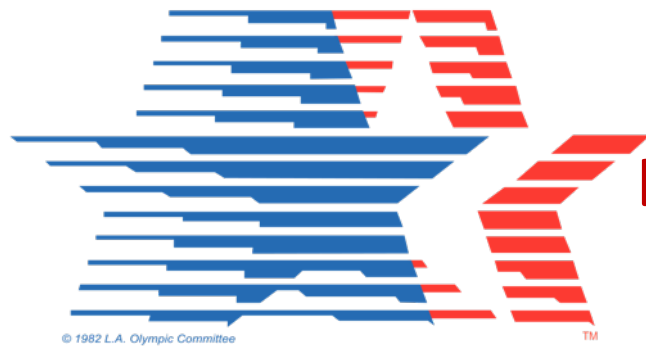
Moscow

Игры
XXII Олимпиады
Москва
1980

- In protest to the invasion of Afghanistan, the USA led a boycott of the Olympics in Moscow
- 60+ nations supported the USA
- Brezhnev was hoping to use the Olympics to promote communism to the globe
- The support for USA clearly showed the influence of America around the world
- USA threatened to take athlete's passports if they tried to go, Britain let athletes go but encouraged them not to take part, other countries let athletes compete as independents.
- The Olympics was obviously poor and looked worse on television
- Soviets were angry that they had been undermined and made to look foolish
- This was a significant moment in Cold War 2

Explain why?





1984 Olympics

Los Angeles



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Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad Los Angeles 1984



- Four years later, the Soviets led their own boycott of the US Olympics with support from 15 communist countries



Stick this consequences chart into your book and rank from least to most significant...

Then write a paragraph for your top 3 explaining why they are so important