

# Company defies Reagan to load parts for Soviets

**United Press International**  
LE HAVRE, France — The American-owned firm Dresser Tuesday bowed to French pressure in the showdown over the Soviet natural gas pipeline and resumed production of its giant compressors, union spokesmen said.

Dresser also agreed to load three 60-ton compressors onto a Soviet-bound freighter, the spokesmen said.

It was the first move by an American firm defying President Reagan's embargo on parts shipments by U.S. firms and their subsidiaries for construction of the mammoth Soviet pipeline to Western Europe. The sanctions were imposed to protest martial law in Poland. Leftist unions had scheduled

a rally for Tuesday in front of the Dresser plant in Le Havre, where a Soviet freighter is waiting to load the three 60-ton compressors built by the Dallas-based firm under a \$16 million contract.

"A management representative," one labor union spokesman said, "informed us this morning that work on the compressors was being resumed."

The union spokesmen said the three compressors already have been moved out of the Dresser plant to storage in Le Havre harbor. They will be loaded shortly into the Soviet freighter Borodin, bound for Riga on the Baltic Sea.

Dresser France management refused immediate comment, but was expected to publish a

statement later in the day.

In Washington, Dresser asked a U.S. district court to rule on which country's law it has to comply with and to bar the Reagan administration from punishing the firm if it bows to the French order based on a 1938 law.

"We're between a rock and a hard place," said Edward R. Luter, a senior vice president of Dresser Industries Inc.

President Reagan believes the pipeline would make western Europe too dependent on the Soviet Union for its energy needs and would reward the Soviets with needed hard currency at a time when Poland is suffering under Soviet-backed martial law.

Dresser France, a wholly own-

ed subsidiary of Dresser Industries of Dallas, was ordered by the government of President Francois Mitterrand to deliver three compressors that were built before Reagan imposed sanctions against the Soviet pipeline June 18.

The sanctions, opposed by France, Britain, West Germany and Italy, were imposed to protest the imposition of martial law in Poland.

Dresser France also was ordered to build another 18 of the compressors as stipulated by its \$16 million contract with the Soviets.

The compressors are needed to keep propelling along natural gas at identical speed along the \$15 billion, 3,600-mile trans-Siberian pipeline.

# Thatcher reminisces on war

**United Press International**  
LONDON — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher remembers Britain's Falkland Islands war against Argentina as a time of loneliness, tears, and constant refueling with bacon and eggs.

"Some of the times were terrible," said Thatcher in a magazine interview released Monday.

Asked if she had ever wept during the 10-week war with Argentina, in which more than 200 British soldiers died, she said, "Oh yes, you can't help it. They just come. But you pull yourself together very quickly. You have to."

Thatcher, who made the comments to the weekly British magazine, Woman's Own, returned to No. 10 Downing Street late Monday following surgery to remove varicose veins at a private London clinic.

Her physicians said it was a minor operation and there were no complications. It was her first health problem as prime minister.

Employees of Britain's state-run hospitals, who have been striking periodically for higher pay, criticized the prime minister's decision to seek private care.

With tens of thousands of Britons on waiting lists for elective surgery under socialized medicine, National Health Service officials said citizens hoping for such treatment in state hospitals have little prospect for several years.

Women's Own said Thatcher came close to tears several times as she spoke of the loss of life in the Falklands war, which ended in June. The interview was conducted earlier this month.

"There's no one else to look to except your own few who are intimately with you," she said. "There are not many people you

can show your innermost feelings to. You need your own family desperately. Yes, it's very lonely."

In a light-hearted memory of her leadership, Thatcher said she survived by eating bacon and eggs constantly.

The prime minister told the magazine her worst moment during the war came June 12, when only she and a few trusted aides knew the order had been given for a final assault on the Argentine position at Port Stanley.

# Female cosmonaut lauded

**United Press International**  
MOSCOW — Cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya and her four male colleagues carried out medical tests and other experiments Tuesday in the orbiting Salyut space station, the official Tass news agency said.

Back on Earth, telegrams of congratulations arrived for the world's second woman space traveler from Soviet worker and student organizations, as well as foreign groups and individuals, Tass said.

One foreign telegram

praised Savitskaya for showing "how far a woman can go in a country in which complete equality between people has been ensured and every condition provided for them to realize their potential."

She is the only woman space traveler since Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova in 1963.

Savitskaya flew to the Salyut 7 space station with crewmates Leonid Popov and Alexander Serebrov. Cosmonauts Valentin Lebedev and Anatoly Berezovoy have been on board the station

since May 13.

Tass said the visitors are carrying out atmospheric research as well as medical experiments concentrating on the cardiovascular system.

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