

## Sanctions Are 'a Moral Boost,' Defector Says

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Sanctions President Reagan ordered against Moscow are "a moral boost to the Polish nation" and European allies make a mistake by not taking similar steps, a Polish diplomat who defected to America said yesterday.

If the West abandons Poland's struggle, it will be "betraying the ideals of freedom," said Zdzislaw Rurarz, who left his ambassador's post in Tokyo last week to protest the martial law imposed in his homeland.

Rurarz said the seven economic steps Reagan announced this week against the Soviets are "a moral boost to the Polish nation.

"The Poles are yearning to learn how the world is reacting," Rurarz said on the television program "Good Morning America" (ABC, WJLA).

At a National Press Club news conference later in the day, he said he fears Soviet troops will intervene "sooner or later.

"I think the signal will be if the situation deteriorates further. I think economically it will deteriorate," he said. "You can't use the tanks to extract coal. Or to produce."

Rurarz said the army "hardly can be used for this dirty job and sooner or later I think the army may be not following orders. That of course would be the signal . . . Then we would have bloodshed."

The State Department, in its latest assessment of the Polish crisis, said yesterday the situation remains grim and repressive, despite attempts by the military junta to portray life returning to normal.

"The actual situation at this moment is that martial law has not been lifted, thousands of Poles remain under detention, and internal communications have not been restored," a statement said.

"All these happenings in Poland were over democracy. Democracy was really being revived in a country where, I think, everybody in the world believed it was lost forever. It sprang out and it was gaining momentum," Rurarz said.

Asked about the European response, Rurarz noted that despite some public support the governments "are more hesitating. Frankly speaking, I don't understand why they hesitate" to impose the same kind of sanctions. "I think they will understand with time their mistake," he said.