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## **Nicaragua: Soviet Union To Terminate Petroleum & Food Donations**

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On March 16, Soviet trade representative in Managua, Vasily Voennov, told Barricada that Moscow would cut off its free supply of oil to Nicaragua if president-elect Violeta Barrios de Chamorro does not negotiate at once a new trade agreement with the Soviet Union. Barricada is the Sandinista National Liberation Front's official newspaper. Voennov said his government was also considering terminating \$60 million worth of free food shipments it sends Nicaragua every year. He added that a three-year trade agreement between Moscow and Managua expires at the end of March, and there has been no sign from the incoming government indicating a desire to renew it. On March 18, Barrios de Chamorro's newspaper, La Prensa, reported that Venezuela will resume supplying oil to Nicaragua in April. (Basic data from AFP, 03/16/90; Xinhua, 03/19/90)

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