

**March 18, 1979**

**Exerpt from Politburo Meeting on Soviet Invasion of  
Afghanistan**

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**Summary:**

CPSU CC Politburo Member Chernenko states that Soviet invervention in Afghanistan will lead to accussation of Soviet aggression

**Original Language:**

Russian

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Translation - English

[At the 18 March 1979 Politburo meeting]: K. U. Chernenko: "If we introduce troops and beat down the Afghan people then we will be accused of aggression for sure. There's no getting around it here"