

TURMOIL & TRIUMPH

THE GEORGE SHULTZ YEARS

Timeline

- 1920** George Pratt Shultz born in New York City; grows up in Princeton, New Jersey
- 1942** Graduates Princeton; enlists in U.S Marine Corps to serve in Pacific Theater, WWII
- 1962** Appointed Dean, University of Chicago School of Business
- 1968** Appointed Secretary of Labor by President Richard Nixon
- 1970** Appointed Director of the Office of Management and Budget by President Richard Nixon
- 1972** Appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Richard Nixon
- 1973** Becomes President of Bechtel Group, Inc.
- 1982** Appointed Secretary of State by President Ronald Reagan
September: Israel controls Beirut, Lebanon. Massacre of PLO refugees, Marines return to Beirut
November: *Newsweek* announces US overseeing training of Contras
December: Boland amendment prohibits use of Defense or CIA funds to overthrow government of Nicaragua
- 1983** *February:* Secretary Shultz arranges meeting between Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin and President Reagan
March: President Reagan reveals “Star Wars”
August: Philippine dissident, Ninoy Aquino assassinated
September: White House authorizes secret aid to Contras
October: 241 Marines killed by suicide bomber in Beirut, Lebanon
November: President Reagan announces willingness to reduce nuclear weapons
- 1984** *January:* Secretary Shultz testifies before Foreign Relations Committee against withdrawal from the Middle East
October: 2nd Boland Amendment prohibits third parties from sending funds to Contras
November: President Reagan reelected
- 1985** *March:* Konstantin Chernyenko dies; Mikhail Gorbachev becomes new General Secretary of the Communist Party of Soviet Union
November: Geneva Summit between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev
- 1986** *February:* Philippine election; Marcos flees to Hawaii
September: Arms delivered to Iran
October: Reykjavik summit begins

- November:* Revelation of Iran/Contra activity, discovered by Attorney General Edwin Meese, Secretary Shultz appears on *Face the Nation*, Reagan orders investigation
- 1987** *March:* President Reagan makes nationally televised speech on Iran/Contra
April: Secretary Shultz attends Jewish Seder at US embassy in Moscow
June: President Reagan delivers “Tear Down this Wall” speech at Berlin’s Brandenburg Gate
October: Jews and other minorities win appeal, and are allowed to leave the Soviet Union for Israel
December: General Secretary Gorbachev in Washington to sign INF treaty eliminating 49% of U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals
- 1988** *February:* General Secretary Gorbachev announces Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan
May: Moscow summit
November: George W. Bush elected president
- 1989 - Present**
George Shultz awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom, retires as Secretary of State, becomes Distinguished Fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University
- George Shultz continues to travel, write and speak in support of nuclear non-proliferation and free market economics

