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TUESDAY'S NEWSCASTS WERE DOMINATED BY THE FIGHTING IN CHAD

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AND THE U.S. AID GIVEN TO FORMER NAZI KLAUS BARBIE TO ESCAPE TO SOUTH AMERICA AFTER WW II. OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS INCLUDED THE SITUATION IN POLAND, THE DECREASING EXCHANGE RATE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR, THE VISIT OF GDR CHIEF OF STATE HONECKER TO POLAND, THE ANNOUNCED REORGANIZATION OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY, THE VISIT OF ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER ARENS TO BEIRUT, FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN, THE ARRIVAL OF AN SPD DELEGATION IN ISRAEL, FIGHTING IN ANGOLA, THE RETURN OF OPPOSITION LEADER NKOMO TO ZIMBABWE, THE VISIT OF LIBYAN LEADER GADDAFI TO TUNESIA, AND THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAKISTAN. DOMESTIC NEWS INCLUDED THE DIFFICULTIES OF FRG SHIPYARDS, INCREASING GASOLINE PRICES, THE FRG'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PEACEFUL OPPOSITION AGAINST THE STATIONING OF U.S. INF'S IN THE FRG, SPD PARTY CHIEF VOGEL'S SUGGESTION TO INVITE A DELEGATION OF THE GDR PARLIAMENT TO BONN, AND THE HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN FRG STATES. CHANNEL ONE'S POLITICAL JOURNAL "MONITOR" INCLUDED A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FRG PEACE MOVEMENT DURING AIR SHOWS AT U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN RAMSTEIN AND HAHN AND A REPORT ON THE SPD'S OPPOSITION AGAINST THE STATIONING OF U.S. INF'S IN THE FRG. THE REPORTS INCLUDED INTERVIEWS WITH U.S., FRG POLICE, AND PEACE MOVEMENT OFFICIALS. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS HANS N. TUCH OF THE EMBASSY IN BONN, WOLFGANG LANDGRAEBER ASKED: "GIVEN THE EVENTS IN RAMSTEIN, ONE COULD HAVE THE IMPRESSION LHTHAT THE U.S. FORCES CANCELLED THE BASIC RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ON THEIR TERRITORY." TUCH SAID: "OF COURSE NOT. IN ORDER TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, I WANT TO MENTION TWO BASIC POINTS: IN OUR VIEW, THE SO-CALLED PEACE MOVEMENT AND THE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE NATO TWO-TRACK DECISION IN THIS COUNTRY ACTUALLY CONSTITUTE A GERMAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND SOCIAL MATTER. OUR U.S. FORCES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT AND THEY DO WANT TO BE DRAWN INTO THAT DISCUSSION. SECONDLY, A NATO AGREEMENT SAYS THAT THE HOST COUNTRY - IN THIS CASE THE FRG - IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR U.S. FORCES, THEIR FACILITIES, THEIR BASES AND STAFF, AND WE HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPABILITY OF THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO SUCCESSFULLY FULFILL THAT TASK." "MONITOR" ALSO INCLUDED AN EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER PRESIDENT AND SPD DEPUTY LEADER JOHANNES RAU. (AVAILABLE ON VIDEO) U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR BARBIE BOTH CHANNEL ONE NEWSCASTS REPORTED WITH FILM ON THE U.S. AID TO NAZI WAR CRIMINAL KLAUS BARBIE TO ESCAPE TO SOUTH AMERICA AFTER WW II. CHANNEL ONE'S FRITZ PLEITGEN (U.S.) REPORTED IN THE MAIN NEWSCAST ON THE FINDINGS OF A U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT COMMISSION INVESTI-GATING ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. AID FOR BARBIE AND SUGGESTING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THE U.S. SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO THE FRENCH FOR AIDING BARBIE. PLEITGEN SAID: "ACCORDING TO THE REPORT TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE THAT KLAUS BARBIE, WHO IS CHARGED FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF 4000 FRENCH JEWS DURING WW II, WAS ABLE TO AVOID TRIAL IN FRANCE UNTIL NOW. BARBIE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE CIC AFTER THE WAR. THE CIC DID NOT REALIZE UNTIL 1949 THAT BARBIE WAS A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL BUT EVEN THEN DID NOT INFORM THE FRENCH. THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE WAS PROBABLY AFRAID THAT BARBIE WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE CIC. EVEN THE U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER OF GERMANY WAS MISINFORMED TO

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COVER BARBIE. THE COMMISSION MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DID NOT DIRECTLY ORDER SUCH CIC ACTION NOR WAS IT INFORMED, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT DOES BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY AND MUST THEREFORE EXPRESS ITS REGRETS TO FRANCE."

CHANNEL ONE'S FRITZ PLEITGEN (U.S.) REPORTED IN THE LATE NEWSCAST ON THE IMMIGRATIONS OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS FROM GERMANY AND RUSSIA TO THE U.S. PLEITGEN CONCLUDED HIS REPORT BY SAYING: "FORMER RUSSIAN NAZI OFFICIALS WORKED FOR RADIO LIBERTY AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND WERE IN TURN ALLOWED TO LEGALLY ENTER THE U.S. MANY DOCUMENTS ON SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES. THE U.S. PRESS AND THE POPULAR TV PROGRAM '60 MINUTES' HAVE TRACED SUCH COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CONCLUDED THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF FORMER NAZIS MUST STILL BE RESIDING IN THE U.S. BUT NOT ONLY THE AMERICANS USED SUCH UNDERCOVER CONTACTS. THE BRITISH, FRENCH, RUSSIANS AND EVEN THE GERMANS DID THE SAME."

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