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The four-power agreement is the best balance of the sides' interests possible under the present conditions. To change this balance or to disrupt the internal equilibrium of its component parts would mean jeopardizing the implementation of the agreement as a whole. This is precisely why it is necessary to display a careful attitude toward it. Any attempts to test its durability or gradually undermine particular resolutions of it do not accord with the interests of mutual understanding and cooperation and do not serve the cause of consolidating peace and detente in Europe.

The Soviet Union has consistently advocated and continues to advocate strict observance of every part of the four-power agreement. This position is dictated by profound concern for European security and for maintaining good-neighborliness and mutual understanding in the region where the agreement applies. Assessing positively the cooperation displayed on this question with the United States, France and Britain, the Soviet side consistently advocates that the agreement be really respected by everyone and that West Berlin live a calm, normal life.

This is an entirely attainable goal given the renunciation of policy lines based on considerations of expediency and of the fruitless attempts to infringe the legitimate rights of the USSR and the GDR and to obtain any one-sided advantages whatever. West Berlin has not been a part of the FRG, nor will it be one. However, it can and must be transformed from a source of disputes into a constructive element in peace and detente on the European Continent. The conditions for this have been created, as L.I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, stressed in his report to the 25th CPSU Congress. The task consists of utilizing them through joint efforts for the good of peace in Europe.

BERLIN 'CANNOT' BELONG TO WEST GERMANY

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[Georgiy Smelenchuk reports]

[Text] West Berlin--Less than a week has passed since the CDU Saar organization held its illegal rally here, and now another batch of cold war supporters has arrived: members of the (?Hesse) regional organization of the CDU. Tomorrow they intend to hold their working session in West Berlin, far beyond the FRG border. The provocative nature of the actions of the political hacks of the CDU is obvious: they have chosen West Berlin as a bridgehead to incite tension and undermine the basic principles of the historic quadripartite agreement on the city. In defiance of the real state of affairs, they stubbornly try to prove that West Berlin is a part of the FRG. However, the city, as is known, has never belonged, and cannot belong, to the Federal Republic.

TASS: MEMBERSHIP OF ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY GROWS

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[Text] Rome, September 6, TASS--The membership of the Italian Communist Party and the Italian Communist Youth Federation keeps growing. By August 31, the Italian Communist Party had a membership of 1,806,000. Over 170,000 new members joined the Communist Party this year, more than in any of the previous 26 years. The Italian Communist Youth Federation has now a membership of over 140,000.

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PODGORNYI, QATARI AMIR EXCHANGE GREETINGS

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[Text] On the occasion of the national day of Qatar, Independence Day, Niklly Podgorny, chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium, sent a greetings cable to Amir of Qatar Shaykh Khalifah ibn Hamad Al Thani in which he expressed his best wishes to the friendly Qatari people.

In his reply the amir of Qatar expressed his thanks for the congratulations and extended to the friendly Soviet people his wished for further progress and prosperity.

VADER-LED DELEGATION ENDS VISIT TO LIBYA

Meets With Al-Qadhdhafi

Moscow TASS in English 1558 GMT 3 Sep 76 LD

[Text] Tripoli, September 3, TASS--Mi'ammam al-Qadhdhafi, chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council of the Libyan Arab Republic, and a Soviet state delegation led by Artur Vader, vice president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, had a meeting here.

The delegation is staying here to attend celebrations on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the Libyan revolution.

Ends Visit

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[Text] Tripoli, September 6, TASS--The USSR state delegation led by Vice President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet Artur Vader ended its official visit here. The Soviet delegation attended the celebrations to mark the seventh anniversary of the Libyan revolution. In the course of the visit, the Soviet delegation was received by chairman of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council Mi'ammam al-Qadhdhafi, member of the Revolutionary Command Council, prime minister of Libya A.S. Jallud and other Libyan leaders.

AL-QADHDHAFI INTERVIEW IN ROSE AL-YUSUF CITED

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["The Soviet Union Is a Friend of the Arabs"--TASS headline]

[Text] Cairo, September 7, TASS--In an interview to a correspondent of the Egyptian weekly ROSE AL-YUSUF, the chairman of Libya's Revolutionary Command Council Mi'ammam Al-Qadhdhafi stressed that "the Soviet Union is a friend of the Arabs, a friend also of us, Libyans". He condemned the anti-Soviet campaign started by the Egyptian propaganda media. "The Egyptian press attacks friendship between Libya and the USSR in such a manner as though there is no difference between Egyptian newspapers and the New York TIMES, he said. "Has your press become a mouthpiece of America?--Al-Qadhdhafi asked his interviewer.

Touching on the lately aggravated Egyptian-Libyan relations the chairman of Libya's Revolutionary Command Council recalled that Libya had given Egypt much assistance by supplying modern armaments during the October war. Now the Egyptians have moved most of this military hardware to the Libyan border, he said. Al-Qadhdhafi emphasized again that Libya has no intention of fighting with Egypt or any other Arab state.