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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S. MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A DAILY BASIS. IT IS NOT PART OF THE DAILY MEDIA REPORT SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

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REVIEW - WEST PRESS  
HEADLINES/LEAD STORIES:

. A CABLE DATED JULY 22, 1942 SUGGESTING AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM'S INVOLVEMENT IN NAZI CRIMES (DW), AND A STRIKE BY DOCTORS AND NURSES IN CALGARY, CANADA BECAUSE THE CITY'S MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR THE OLYMPICS ARE INADEQUATE (BZ) ARE THE LEAD STORIES TODAY.

. OTHER FRONT PAGE NEWS INCLUDES BONN FDP CRITICISM OF CSU LEADER STRAUSS' SOUTH AFRICA VISIT (DW), THE EUROPEAN INDUSTRIALISTS MEETING PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEKEND IN STUTTGART (DW), A DIE WELT INTERVIEW WITH BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG STATE PREMIER SPAETH ON HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND DEMANDS BY BONN GOVERNMENT SOCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WINFRIED SCHMAEHL THAT TAXES BE LEVIED ON PENSIONS AND THAT EVERYONE BE PERMITTED TO WORK UNTIL AGE 70 (B).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

. THE WEST GERMAN MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL TODAY PUBLISHES A CABLE DATED JULY 22, 1942, WHICH MIGHT REVEAL A CONNECTION BETWEEN AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM AND NAZI CRIMES. THE CABLE, WRITTEN IN SERBO-CROATIAN, SUGGESTS THAT WALDHEIM ORDERED THE DEPORTATION OF MORE THAN 4,000 PERSONS TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP. WHILE HISTORIAN DUSAN PLENCA SAYS THE CABLE IS AUTHENTIC, THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE SAYS IT WAS FABRICATED AT THE END OF WW II WHEN WALDHEIM WAS SECRETARY TO FORMER AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GRUBER AND NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE YUGOSLAV-AUSTRIAN BORDER WERE UNDERWAY. THE CABLE WAS SUPPOSED TO EMBARRASS THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND WEAKEN ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION, THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE SAID (DW ET AL.).

NATIONAL NEWS:

. "UNREST IN GDR CHURCHES -- WILL STATE SECURITY CHIEF BE TOPPLED?" READS THE HEADLINE OF A BILDZEITUNG FRONT PAGE STORY TODAY, POINTING TO A RECENT EAST BERLIN GETHSEMANE CHURCH SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS WHO WERE ARRESTED FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN AN OFFICIAL SED RALLY. THE PAPER SAYS THAT RESISTANCE TO GDR AUTHORITIES AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS IS INCREASING AND BISHOP FORCK OF THE BERLIN-BRANDENBURG DIOCESE CALLED PUBLICLY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE DISSIDENTS. THE PAPER ALSO CITES EXPERTS AS SAYING THAT 80-YEAR OLD STATE SECURITY MINISTER MIELKE IS LIKELY TO BE REPLACED BECAUSE OF THE PROTESTS (B, DW. ALL BERLIN PAPERS AND MANY FRG PAPERS OVER THE WEEKEND REPORT EXTENSIVELY ON TRIALS OF DISSIDENTS AND THE ARRESTS IN EAST GERMANY).

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BERLIN NEWS:

. "WHAT I THOUGHT, WHAT I FELT, WHAT I HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY SHOT AT ME" HEADLINES A BZ STORY ON ONE OF THE TWO MEN WHO ESCAPED TO WEST BERLIN LAST WEEK AFTER BEING SHOT AT BY EAST GERMAN GUARDS AT THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 USBERLIN 00316

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SOVIET-AMERICAN DEMARCATION LINE.

. "NEW BOTTLENECK TO THREATEN SUMMER AIR TRAFFIC" READS THE DER TAGESSPIEGEL MAIN HEADLINE ON SUNDAY. THE PAPER REPORTS THAT AIR TRAFFIC EXPERTS PREDICT CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS IN WEST GERMAN AIR TRAFFIC, ESPECIALLY AT THE FRANKFURT AND MUNICH AIRPORTS. THE PAPER SAYS THE PROBLEMS WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL LOSS FOR THE AIRLINES, ADDING THAT THE FRANKFURT AIR TRAFFIC COORDINATOR APPROVED AN 18.4 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS, DESPITE LAST YEAR'S LONG DELAYS.

-- "ALMOST NO CHANCE LEFT FOR MORE BERLIN FLIGHTS" IS A SUBTITLE OF THE ABOVE DER TAGESSPIEGEL ARTICLE. THE PAPER SAYS: "THE RUSH ON WEST GERMAN AIRPORTS, ESPECIALLY AT FRANKFURT AND MUNICH, IS HARDLY GIVING THE AMERICAN AIRLINES WANTING TO SERVE BERLIN FOR THE FIRST TIME A CHANCE TO GET THEIR REQUESTED 'SLOTS' APPROVED. EVEN AIRLINES WHICH HAVE SERVED BERLIN FOR DECADES FACE DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THEIR DESIRED TAKE-OFF AND LANDING SCHEDULES APPROVED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR BRITISH AIRWAYS...WHICH NOW ALSO WANTS TO OFFER FLIGHTS TO MUNICH AND FRANKFURT. AIR TRAFFIC CIRCLES IN BERLIN ASSUME THAT THE ALLIED AIR ATTACHES MAY, IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, EXTEND THE CURRENT WINTER AIR TRAFFIC SCHEDULE AND DEFER ALL OTHER REQUESTS."

. "TEGEL - U.S. AIRLINES LINING UP" HEADLINES A LENGTHY BERLINER MORGENPOST ARTICLE (P.25) ON SUNDAY, REVIEWING THE EFFORTS BY AMERICAN AIRLINES TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES IN BERLIN.

. AUSTRIA'S AIR TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES HAVE DENIED A REQUEST BY PAN AM EXPRESS OF WEST BERLIN FOR A TEGEL-VIENNA SERVICE. THE GDR "INTERFLUG" AIRLINE

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ALREADY OFFERS CONNECTING FLIGHTS BETWEEN SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT AND VIENNA AND AUSTRIA'S AUA AIRLINE HAS SERVED THIS ROUTE SINCE 1972 (TGS SATURDAY).

. DER TAGESSPIEGEL ON SATURDAY REPORTS THAT CDU CAUCUS LEADER BUWITT, IN VIEW OF THE ALLIED AIR ATTACHES' DECISION ON NEW AIRLINES IN BERLIN EXPECTED TO BE MADE ON FEB. 1, HAS CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT TEGEL AIRPORT. HE SAID THE AIRLINES MUST BE ABLE TO STATION THEIR AIRCRAFT IN BERLIN (ALSO OTHER PAPERS).

. "MORE AND MORE TROUBLE WITH FRIENDS -- GDR LEADERSHIP WORRIES ABOUT INTEGRATION OF SOVIET SOLDIERS" HEADLINES A LENGTHY DER TAGESSPIEGEL ARTICLE SUNDAY ON GROWING PUBLIC OPPOSITION IN THE GDR TO THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET SOLDIERS IN EAST GERMANY.

. WELT AM SONNTAG, IN ITS BERLIN SECTION, REVIEWS JOINT EAST-WEST BERLIN CULTURAL EXCHANGES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR, POINTING OUT THAT EAST GERMANY WANTS WEST BERLIN'S PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA DIRECTED BY HERBERT VON KARAJAN TO PERFORM IN EAST BERLIN.

. DER TAGESSPIEGEL'S "WELTSPIEGEL" SECTION ON SUNDAY INCLUDES A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE BY SCIENCE SENATOR GEORGE TURNER ON BERLIN'S UNIVERSITIES, THEIR BUDGET PROBLEMS, CUTS IN THE DURATION OF STUDIES, AND THE FOUNDATION OF NEW INSTITUTES.

. BERLINER MORGENPOST ON SUNDAY FEATURES AN ARTICLE BY CULTURAL AFFAIRS SENATOR VOLKER HASSEMER ON BERLIN'S GOALS THIS YEAR AS CULTURAL CAPITAL OF EUROPE.

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. LEAD STORIES INCLUDE GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER'S ARRIVAL IN MADRID ON SUNDAY FOR OFFICIAL TALKS WITH HIS SPANISH COUNTERPART FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ (ND).

. OTHER PROMINENT NEWS INCLUDES THE NON-ALIGNED

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COUNTRIES' CALL ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO SEND AN OBSERVER TEAM TO ISRAEL TO CHECK COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (ND) AND NEW CLASHES BETWEEN ISRAELI FORCES AND PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATORS ON THE WEST BANK THIS WEEKEND (ND, NZ).

NEWS BRIEFS:

. PRICE INCREASES OF 40 FOR BASIC FOOD ITEMS AND 100 FOR DIESEL FUEL TAKE EFFECT TODAY IN POLAND. THE AVERAGE PRICE INCREASE ANNOUNCED FOR THIS YEAR IS 27.3. INCREASES IN WAGES AND RETIREMENT PENSIONS ARE PLANNED TO EASE THE EFFECT OF THE PRICE HIKES (ALL PAPERS).

. CONCLUDING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRIA, GDR CULTURE MINISTER HANS-JOACHIM HOFFMANN ANNOUNCED A DEEPENING OF GDR-AUSTRIAN CULTURAL COOPERATION FRIDAY IN VIENNA. TOGETHER WITH AUSTRIAN MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, ARTS AND SPORT HILDE HAWLICEK, HE HAD OPENED THE GDR EXHIBIT "THE ARTS AND WORK" IN VIENNA (ND, SATURDAY).

. A GREEN PARTY CAUCUS STATEMENT THURSDAY IN THE FRANKFURT MUNICIPAL PARLIAMANET INDICATED THAT **ADOLF HITLER'S** HONORARY CITIZENSHIP IN 1500 CITIES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS NOT YET BEEN REVOKED. THE FRANKFURT CITY PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN URGED TO TAKE FORMAL STEPS (ND, BRL, SATURDAY). JOACHIM BOELKE SAYS UNDER THE HEADLINE "POLITICS AND ETHICS -- A CASE STUDY": "FOR MANY, THE GDR'S ACTION AGAINST GROUPS OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN EAST BERLIN AND IN THE GDR SINCE JAN 17. CAME AS A SURPRISE AND SEEMS STUPID, EVEN FROM THE GDR POINT OF VIEW. BUT THOSE WHO SHARE THIS VIEW FAIL TO SEE THAT THE GDR HAS MANAGED TIME AND AGAIN TO ERASE SUCH BEHAVIOR FROM THE MIND OF THE WEST WITH A LITTLE CONCESSION HERE AND THERE. EVEN THE VICTIMS AT THE WALL AND BARBED WIRE ARE TO SOME DEGREE SEEN AS A THING OF THE PAST...

. "THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS' GROUPS WORKING UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH HAVE EXCEEDED THE LIMITS TACITLY AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GDR AUTHORITIES AND THE CHURCH. TIME AND AGAIN THEY TRIED TO EXCEED THESE BOUNDS AND FINALLY UNDERTOOK THEIR OWN 'SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.' THAT WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE STATE AUTHORITIES. THE ARRESTS AND TRIALS CONSTITUTE A WARNING TO THE GDR CHURCH LEADERS WHICH FAILED TO FULFIL THE CONTROL FUNCTION...

. "THE GDR'S BALANCING ACT IS CURRENTLY PARALLELED BY A STRANGE DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST. THOSE WHO

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DEMANDED THAT THE GDR TAKE A SOFT LINE TOWARD CRITICAL CITIZENS DID NOT FORGET TO CALL ON THE FRG TO STAY RELAXED. THEY SAY: ONE SHOULD NOT ENDANGER THE IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE GDR WITH EXCESSIVE PROTESTS, SINCE THE LONG RUN GOAL OF THESE RELATIONS IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION OF GDR RESIDENTS. THOSE DEMANDING THIS ACT AS IF PROTEST RALLIES WERE STAGED IN ALL CORNERS OF THE FRG. ESPECIALLY THE SPD, UNAWARE OF HOW THE SED WOULD INTERPRET THE JOINT SED-SPD 'DIALOGUE PAPER,' DEMANDS THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT OBSERVE RESTRAINT. BAHR BOTH COMMENDS AND ADMONISHES... EVEN IN THE SPD, FROM BRANDT ON DOWN, ENOUGH MEMBERS HAVE DEMANDED THAT A SPADE BE CALLED A SPADE. THE WORDS FROM WRITERS AND ARTISTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE GDR, UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 USBERLIN 00316

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HAVE APPARENTLY TAUGHT THEM A LESSON."

. THE INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST SAYS UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE CALL FOR JUSTICE": "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO CALL BACK ITS HOUNDS, IF IT COULD DO SO WITHOUT LOSING FACE. IT IS EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING FOR A MAN SUCH AS ERICH HONECKER, WHO IS KNOCKING AT THE DOORS OF WASHINGTON AND LONDON TO IMPROVE HIS COUNTRY'S INTERNATIONAL STANDING, THAT PEOPLE FROM HIS OWN SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CONFIRM HIS VIOLATIONS OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS.

. "NO ONE IN THE WEST CAN BE INTERESTED IN ESCALATING THE SITUATION WHICH WOULD ONLY HURT THOSE WHO ARE NOT FREE. BUT ONE CAN CERTAINLY SPEAK OUT, WHAT THOSE BEHIND THE WALL CANNOT DO."

. PRO-SPD VOLKSBLATT SAYS SUNDAY UNDER THE HEADLINE "MUCH AT STAKE": "CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES WHICH, AFTER THE MANY DECADES OF HOSTILITY, HAVE BECOME TOO VITAL FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE GDR AND THE FRG TO BE PUT AT STAKE. WHAT DOES 'HOOLIGANISM,' AND 'ILLEGAL ASSEMBLY' MEAN WHEN YOUNG CRITICS ARE ACCUSED OF QUOTING ROSA LUXEMBURG. A COUNTRY SEEKING RECOGNITION CANNOT BEHAVE IN SUCH WAYS, NEITHER TOWARD THE CRITICS IN

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ITS OWN COUNTRY NOR TOWARD THOSE ABROAD, AND AT THE SAME TIME ARGUE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF TWO GERMAN STATES..."

. TABLOID BZ SAYS MONDAY UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE WOLF AGAIN LOOKS LIKE A WOLF": "THE SED REGIME'S ACTION AGAINST YOUNG PEOPLE HAS TRIGGERED A SMALL AVALANCHE. THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT THOSE TREAD UPON CAN BE EASILY INTIMIDATED."

COMMENTARY - EAST PRESS

. COMMENTARIES DISCUSS THE 9TH GDR EDUCATORS CONGRESS PLANNED FOR JUNE 1989, AND THE GDR'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM (ND), WELCOME THE PLEDGE BY KARL-MARX-STADT COMPANIES TO SURPASS TARGETS FOR CONSUMER GOODS BY PRODUCING AN ADDITIONAL 300 MILLION MARKS WORTH OF GOODS (ND) AND CRITICIZE WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR THEIR INEFFECTIVE DRUGS POLICIES (ND). GILMORE

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