

Soviets Kidnaped Party Official in Berlin, FDP Says

BERLIN, Feb. 18 (S&S)—West Berlin headquarters of the Free Democratic Party (FDP) confirmed yesterday that a party official and former police major, Wolfgang Hoehner, 39, was kidnaped last Friday by Soviet Zone agents.

An FDP spokesman said Hoehner, an expert on party security matters, had cultivated Horst Kirves, a Soviet Sector administration employee, and had been questioning him concerning illegal East-West trade.

The party spokesman said he suspected that Kirves had given Hoehner some information and then had invited Hoehner to ride in his car. The car bore West Berlin license plates.

The spokesman said he suspected that Kirves gave Hoehner a drugged cigarette and drove him into East Berlin after Hoehner had lost consciousness.

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