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

TOP NEWS TODAY:  SED CHIEF IDEOLOGIST HAGER VISITS
MOSCOW; MOSCOW DEMANDS SED COMPROMISE.

BERLIN HEADLINES

TGS: KARLSRUHE (CONSTITUTIONAL COURT) STOPS FOREIGN RESIDENT SUFFRAGE
BMP: SED CHIEF IDEOLOGIST: DIALOGUE, YES -- BUT NOT WITH ALL

VB: FOREIGN RESIDENT SUFFRAGE SHELVED FOR THE TIME BEING

TAZ: TINY CRACKS AMONG THE SED HARDLINERS

BZ: YES, MY CHILD, THE LITTLE BLUE STAR IS OUR MIRACLE

D: HONECKER. WEDNESDAY WILL BE HIS LAST WORK DAY

WH: THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE POLICY OF DETENTE

ND: WE WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE POPULACE WITH MANY IDEAS AND MUCH ENERGY

OTHER FRONT PAGE NEWS INCLUDES UNCERTAINTY ABOUT POLISH BORDER GUARDS' APPROACH TO GDR REFUGEES (TGS), EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS IN THE FRG BEYOND THE NORMAL 18:30 DEADLINE (TGS), THE NOMINATION OF BONN PROFESSOR WOLFGANG PAUL AS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE (MOST PAPERS), THE SWEDISH COURT DECISION UNCLASSIFIED

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REVOKING THE COURT SENTENCE ON CHRISTER PETTERSSON, SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME'S CONVICTED ASSASSIN (TGS, ET AL.), WARSAW'S PLAN TO COPE WITH ITS ECONOMIC CRISIS BY ADOPTING THE WEST'S MARKET SYSTEM (BMP), AND UNEXPLAINABLE SKIN DISEASES IN THE VICINITY OF RAMSTEIN AFB, THE SCENE OF LAST YEAR'S AIRSHOW DISASTER (TAZ).

MOMPER ON GDR: COMMENTING IN A SPEECH AT THE ABGEORDNETENHAUS ON RECENT SIGNS OF CHANGE IN THE GDR GOVERNMENT, GOVEMBERING MAYOR WALTER MOMPER SAID THE TIME OF FEAR IN THE GDR IS OVER. THE GOVERNMENT IS BREAKING UP OLD PATTERNS OF THOUGHT, BUT THIS IS NOT YET THE EXPECTED BREAKTHROUGH TOWARD DEMOCRACY, HE SAID. RECENT REJECTIONS OF WESTERN VISITORS AT BERLIN CROSSING POINTS BY EAST BERLIN GUARDS CONSTITUTE A GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE VISITORS AGREEMENT AND OF THE
FOUR POWER AGREEMENT, HE STATED, BUT HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE SENAT WILL CONTINUE TALKS WITH THE GDR GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS IN ALL AREAS (VB, TGS, BMP, TAZ, FAZ).

GDR REINFORCES SECTOR BORDER INSTALLATIONS. EAST BERLIN BORDER GUARDS HAVE BEGUN RAMMING POLES INTO THE RIVER BANK AT ARM'S LENGTH DISTANCE FROM THE SPEERE, NEXT TO THE REICHSTAG. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THEY ARE BUILDING AN UNDERWATER FENCE TO PREVENT THEIR PEOPLE FROM SWIMMING TO THE WEST (TGS).

NEUES FORUM WEST: AN ASSEMBLY OF ABOUT 70 PEOPLE IN WEST BERLIN FAILED YESTERDAY TO CREATE A CONSTITUTION FOR A NEUES FORUM WEST. TO ACT AS A
SUPPORT ORGANIZATION OF THE EAST GERMAN NEUES FORUM OPPOSITION MOVEMENT. THE GROUP WAS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON WHAT EXACTLY COULD BE DONE TO HELP (BMP, TAZ).

HOUSING SHORTAGE: WITH THE HOUSING SHORTAGE IN THE CITY GETTING ACUTE, THE SENAT IS NOW CONSIDERING PLANS TO USE STILL-EXISTING WW II BOMB SHELTERS AND OTHER AIR SHELTERS IN THE CITY FOR PROVISIONAL HOUSING PURPOSES. SENAT SPOKESMAN WERNER KOLHOFF SAID THESE INSTALLATIONS CAN HOUSE UP TO 21,000 PEOPLE (BMP).


COMPROMISE ON ELECTRICITY GRID: SUPPORTERS OF A COMPROMISE ON THE PLANNED ELECTRICITY GRID HAVE GAINED THE UPPER HAND IN THE AL CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES. THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO CREATE A STUDY GROUP TO DISCUSS WITH SPD REPRESENTATIVES WHAT OPTIONS FOR AN ELECTRICITY GRID ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE CURRENT EFFORTS TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY CONSERVATION (TGS, VB, BMP, TAZ).

FLIGHT NOISE RECORDS TO BE PUBLISHED: THE SENAT ENVIRONMENT OFFICE (SENATSUMWELTVERWALTUNG) ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AT THE ABGEORDNETENHAUS COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AFFAIRS THAT RECORDS ON FLIGHT NOISE WILL BE MADE.
PUBLIC FROM NOW ON, CHAIRMAN REINHARD FUEHRER INFORMED
THE COMMITTEE THAT THE ALLIES HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO
THE PROJECT. SIXTY (60) PERCENT OF THE AIRCRAFT
CURRENTLY USED BELONG TO THE NOisy CLASS 2, AND 40
PERCENT BELONG TO THE NOISy-REDUCED CLASS 3 OF THE
MEASURING SCALE. BERLINER Morgenpost says (BMP).

FOREIGN CITIZEN SUFFRAGE: FIRST RESPONSES TO THE
FEDERAL COURT DECISION AGAINST FOREIGN CITIZEN SUFFRAGE
SHOW SPD AND AL REPRESENTATIVES TO BE UNIMPRESSd. SPD
CAUCUS LEADER DITMAR STAFFELT SAID THE DECISION WAS
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CLEARLY OF A FORMAL NATURE, AND THAT HE CAN SEE HIS
PARTY SUPPORTING THE RESPECTIVE DRAFT IN THE CITY JUST
THE SAME (TGS, BMP, TAZ).

KUENAST ATTACKS LIMBACH: AL DELEGATE RENATE
KUENAST ACCUSED SENATOR FOR JUSTICE JUTTA LIMBACH OF
UNORGANIZED ACTIVISM, SPELLING OUT A 'CHRONIQUE
SCANDALEUSE' OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (TAZ).

NO LONGER A REPBULIKANER CAUCUS IN SPANDAU: SINCE
FORMER REPUBLIKANER CHIEF BERNHARD ANDRES' WIFE MONIKA
HAS LEFT THE PARTY AS WELL, ONLY ONE MEMBER OF THE
PARTY REMAINS IN SPANDAU'S DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, AND
THEREFORE A CAUCUS CANNOT BE FORMED (VB).

NATIONAL NEWS:

SED UNDER PRESSURE: GDR DEPUTY STATE STATE COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN GOETTING, THE GDR'S ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, AND
THE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (KULTURBUND) OF THE GDR
YESTERDAY CALLED FOR MORE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, MORE
TOLERANT AUTHORITIES AND A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF
THE CAUSES WHICH LED TO THE MASS EXODUS OF GDR
RESIDENTS TO THE WEST (MOST PAPERS).

EC PARLIAMENT DEMANDS REFORMS IN THE GDR: AN
UNUSUALLY LARGE MAJORITY OF THE EC PARLIAMENT PLENUM
ENDORSED AN EC RESOLUTION YESTERDAY RECOGNIZING
HUNGARY'S ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXODUS, AND
UNDERSCORING THE BURDENS FOR POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA
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CAUSED BY THE EXODUS. THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS
OPPOSED BY ONLY ONE PARLIAMENT MEMBER, DEMANDS THAT THE
EC SUMMIT MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE IN DECEMBER FOCUS
ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE GDR AND ON THE
REFORM MOVEMENTS IN THE ENTIRE EAST (TGS).

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SZ-SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG; FR-FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU;
EAST PRESS: BRL-BERLINER ZEITUNG; NAT-NATIONAL
ZEITUNG; NZ-NEUE ZEIT; ND-NEUES DEUTSCHLAND).

COMMENTARIES

MOST PAPERS INCLUDE COMMENTARY ON THE FRG
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECISION OPPOSING, FOR THE TIME
BEING, NEW LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD GRANT FOREIGN
RESIDENTS THE RIGHT TO VOTE. OTHER EDITORIALS DISCUSS
GDR DEVELOPMENTS (TAZ, BERLINER MORGENPOST, DIE
WAHRHEIT), THE "CELLE HOLE" INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE SCANDAL OF 1978 IN LOWER SAXONY (DER
TAGESSPIEGEL), AND THE "COURAGEOUS" SWEDISH COURT
DECISION REVOKING A PREVIOUS COURT SENTENCE ON CHRISTER
PETERSSON, WHO HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSASSINATING
PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME (VOLKSWBLATT)

THE GDR

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST,
UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE SED STICKS TO ITS POWER:"
FEATURES AN EDITORIAL BY RUDOLF STIEGE WHO Says: "ONE
SHOULD REALLY NOT BELIEVE THAT THE OVERTUE REFORMS IN
THE GDR DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT GDR LEADER HONECKER IS
AT THE HELM..ONE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT HONECKER, IN
THE CIRCLE OF OLD ORTHODOX HARDLINERS SUCH AS HAGER,
AXEN AND MIELKE, APPEARS LIKE A LIBERAL. WESTERN GDR
EXPERTS KEPT ON WHISPERING AMONG THEMSELVES FOR A LONG
TIME THAT SOME DAY, EVERYBODY WILL LONG FOR THE GOOD
OLD TIMES UNDER HONECKER.

...IS ALL THIS SUPPOSED TO BE DIFFERENT NOW? TO BE
SURE, THE SED POLITBURO OBVIOUSLY DEMANDED, IN A RATHER
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RUDE TONE, THAT HONECKER SWIFTLY PREPARE A REPORT ON
THE SITUATION, AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS CANCELLED
A TRIP TO DENMARK, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN AT ALL THAT
HONECKER WILL BE TOPPLED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IT
IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME HARDLINERS IN EAST BERLIN HAVE
PIEDED HONECKER AS A SCAPEGOAT AND WANT TO SACRIFICE
HIM TO SOOTHE THE SITUATION IN THE GDR. ONLY TO GET
BACK TO THE CONTROLS AFTER THIS STRATEGIC MANEUVER

"ONE THING IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN: THE CURRENT SED
 IS UNABLE TO CARRY OUT REAL REFORMS - WITH OR WITHOUT
HONECKER. THE SED DOES NOT WANT TO SHARE ITS POWER."
(MP)

FAR-LEFT TAZ, UNDER THE HEADLINE "APPEASEMENT
WITHOUT REFORMS," INCLUDES A GUEST COMMENTARY BY LUTZ
RATHENOW, EAST GERMAN WRITER FROM EAST BERLIN, WHO
SAYS: "WHILE THE BORDERS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND
AR MADE INCREASINGLY LESS CROSSABLE. THE POLITIBURO
WANTS TO TALK WITH US ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF
TRAVELING ABROAD. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO LEARN ABOUT OUR
INABILITY TO TRAVEL. IF THEY UP THERE (THE POLITICAL
LEADERS) REALLY WANTED A DIALOGUE. THEY WOULD AT LEAST
TRY TO CORRECT THE MISTAKES MADE IN THE RECENT PAST:
THEY WOULD, FOR INSTANCE, PERMIT THE SOVIET 'SPUTNIK'
MAGAZINE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE AGAIN. THEY WOULD RELEASE
ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND WOULD APOLOGIZE TO THOSE
WHO WERE ARRESTED AND BEATEN UP FOR NO REASON ON
OCTOBER 7 AND 9.

"IN COMPARISON WITH WHAT GDR CITIZENS SAY, THE

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WESTERN MEDIA COMMENTARIES ARE CAUTIOUS. THE PICTURES
OF THE EVENTS ARE MINCING THE MATTER. TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT WHAT PICTURES WOULD SHOW IF CAMERAS WERE
PERMITTED EVERYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY.

"NO, THE WEST IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRISIS IN
THE GDR. THE WEST POSSIBLY EVEN DAMPENS IT." (MP)

FAR-LEFT TAZ ALSO INCLUDES A COMMENTARY BY KLAUS
HARTUNG WHO CRITICALLY REVIEWS THE RECENT SED POLITIBURO
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STATEMENT. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THAWING," HE SAYS:
"AND YET, THE PAPER WILL HAVE AN IMPACT. THE GDR
PUBLIC IS SUFFICIENTLY EDUCATED TO WORK WITH A
FORMULA. MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT THE PAPER LEGITIMIZES
THE EXISTING BEGINNINGS OF DIALOGUES ON A MUNICIPAL
LEVEL. THAT THIS FREEDOM HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IS
PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT. IT INDICATES A
THAWING. THE OPPOSITION GROUP WILL UNDERSTAND FROM THE
PAPER THAT CURRENTLY NOTHING COULD BE MORE WRONG AND
USELESS THAN WORKING AGAINST THE MOBILIZATION OF THE
MASSES. AN ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN MOVEMENT IS FORMING FOR
THOSE WHOM IT IS NO LONGER ENOUGH THAT THE LEADERS, FOR
FEAR OF LOSING THEIR POWER, NOW WANT TO SPEAK. THEY
MUST ALSO NOW BE ABLE TO SPEAK." (MP)

FOREIGN CITIZEN SUFFRAGE

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST
UNDER THE HEADLINE "FOREIGN CITIZEN SUFFRAGE." SAYS:
"THE DISPUTE ON THE FOREIGN CITIZEN SUFFRAGE HAS FOUND
ITS PROVISIONAL END WITH THE KARLSRUHE FEDERAL COURT
DECISION YESTERDAY: A PROVISIONAL ENACTMENT. TO
UNDERSTAND THE ONGOING DISPUTE AS WELL AS THE COURT
DECISION, READERS SHOULD KNOW THE FOLLOWING:

. "1. THE DISPUTE OVER THE COMMUNAL SUFFRAGE FOR
FOREIGNERS IS BASICALLY OF POLITICAL NATURE. DIFFERENT
GROUPS ARE DEFENDING THEIR PARTICULAR INTERESTS. CDU
REPRESENTATIVES, ABOVE ALL, BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN VOTERS
WOULD BRING GREAT ADVANTAGES TO SPD AND AL. THIS IS
REASON ENOUGH FOR THE CDU TO TAKE THE MATTER TO
KARLSRUHE (FEDERAL COURT).

. "2. THE COURT DECISION OF YESTERDAY DID NOT SAY A
SINGLE WORD ON WHETHER FOREIGN CITIZEN SUFFRAGE ON THE
COMMUNAL LEVEL IS LEGALLY POSSIBLE OR NOT. IT IS A
STRICTLY FORMAL DECISION ON THE JUDICIAL PROCESS. THE
KARLSRUHE JUDGES NEED SEVERAL MORE MONTHS TO LOOK INTO
THE MATTER, THEY SAY, AND THERE IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH
TIME TO SETTLE THE CASE BEFORE THE UPCOMING
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN ELECTIONS (WITH WHICH THE DECISION
IS CONCERNED). THEREFORE, THESE ELECTIONS ARE TO BE
RUN ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING REGULATIONS, WHICH DO NOT
PROVIDE FOR FOREIGN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.

. "3. THE STILL-OUTSTANDING DECISION ON THE ISSUE
WILL HAVE SOME BEARING ON BERLIN AS WELL. FOR THE SPD
AND, ABOVE ALL, THE AL INTEND TO INTRODUCE FOREIGN
CITIZEN SUFFRAGE ON THE BERLIN DISTRICT LEVEL AS WELL.
THE AL HAS EVEN TAKEN THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE STEP TOWARD
THAT GOAL.
"But both parties would be well advised to wait and see what the Karlsruhe Judges' decision will be. In a year or so, we all will know more.

"And since the next elections in Berlin will not take place until three-and-a-half years from now, there will be sufficient time then for a timely submission of a draft on the matter, if the Karlsruhe Judges should in fact pass a decision in favor of foreign citizens' participation in communal elections...." (HFH)

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