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WEST BERLINER SENTENCED ON SECURITY CHARGES

WEST BERLIN, AUG. 22, REUTER - HORST-DIETRICH GRESSMANN, 48-YEAR-OLD WEST BERLIN BUSINESS MAN, WAS SENTENCED HERE TODAY TO EIGHT MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR TREASONABLE RELATIONS WITH THE EAST GERMAN STATE SECURITY SERVICE.

PRE-TRIAL DETENTION WERE COUNTED TOWARDS THE SENTENCE AND HE WAS SET FREE AFTER TODAY'S HEARINGS.

THE REMAINING TWO MONTHS WILL NOT RPT NOT HAVE TO BE SERVED IF GRESSMANN BEHAVES WELL FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, THE COURT ORDERED.

GRESSMANN, WHO PLEADED GUILTY, SAID HE HAD AGREED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE EAST GERMANS IN RETURN FOR BEING ALLOWED TO SEE HIS GIRL FRIEND IN EAST BERLIN AND THEIR CHILD SEVERAL TIMES EVERY YEAR.

THE PROSECUTION SAID THAT FROM FEBRUARY 1966 UNTIL HIS ARREST EXACTLY TWO YEARS LATER HE HAD SPIED ON AMERICAN HOUSES IN BERLIN AND FRANKFURT AND HAD ACTED AS MAIL COURIER FOR THE EAST GERMANS.

PAPAL TELEGRAM TO EISENHOWER

VATICAN CITY, AUG 22, REUTER - POPE PAUL HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO FORMER AMERICAN PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER ASSURING HIM OF HIS PRAYERS DURING HIS ILLNESS, THE VATICAN DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE MESSAGE, SENT TWO DAYS AGO, SAID THE POPE WAS "DEEPLY SADDENED" BY THE NEWS OF HIS SERIOUS HEART ATTACK.

"IN THIS GRAVE MOMENT WE ASSURE YOU OF OUR EARNEST PRAYERS FOR YOUR WELFARE AS WE ASK GOD TO BESTOW UPON YOU EVERY COMFORTING BLESSING," HE WROTE.

AUSTRIA PROTESTS SOVIET AIR VIOLATIONS

VIENNA, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH) -- THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA WAS CALLED TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY ON THURSDAY TO RECEIVE A PROTEST FROM CHANCELLOR KLAUS ON A NUMBER OF AIR VIOLATIONS OF AUSTRIAN AIR SPACE WITHIN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

THE CHANCELLERY ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR PODZEROB APOLOGIZED FOR THE VIOLATIONS, SAYING THAT THEY WERE OF AN UNAVOIDABLE TECHNICAL NATURE AND NOT INTENTIONAL.

MERCY PILOT REPORTS NIGERIAN FIRE

SAO TOME, AUG 22 (UPI)- A SWEDISH-OWNED DC-7 FLEW THROUGH A 25-MINUTE BARRAGE OF NIGERIAN GUNFIRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT WHILE CARRYING SUPPLIES FROM THIS PORTUGUESE WEST AFRICAN ISLAND TO STARVING COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN BIAFRA, ITS PILOT REPORTED TODAY.

CAPT. BENG LINDWALL SAID HIS AIRCRAFT WAS HIT SEVEN TIMES, ONCE NEAR A FUEL TANK, BUT MANAGED TO LAND SAFELY. NINE TONS OF FOOD AND MEDICA SUPPLIES WERE UNLOADED.

LINDWALL, 36, SAID MOST OF THE NIGERIAN FIRE CAME FROM GUNBOATS IN THE NIGER RIVER DELTA AND FROM GROUND POSITIONS ALONG THE AIRLIFT ROUTE.

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