

CN 219

C/S -1ST ADD BONN LEADERS (CN 218) XXX ARTICLES

AHLERS SAID TODAY, HOWEVER, THAT BONN SAW LITTLE PURPOSE IN TRYING TO AIR THIS QUESTION IN DIPLOMATIC TALKS WITH MOSCOW. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT A FINAL DECISION ON ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY HAD NOT BEEN MADE. THE ISSUE WILL BE TAKEN UP AT MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL AND THE CABINET NEXT WEEK.

AHLERS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT A POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN ECONOMICS MINISTER KARL SCHILLER AND THE EAST GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER HORST SOELLE WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA OF THE "KRESSBORN CIRCLE" SINCE A MEETING WAS "NOT TOPICAL" AT THE MOMENT.

FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE THIS MORNING SINCE HE WAS NOT FEELING WELL. BRANDT RESUMED HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES THIS AFTERNOON.

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