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WORLD - SHORTER ITEMS

LEMNITZER, BROSIO CONFER

BRUSSELS, AUG 24, REUTER - GENERAL LYMAN LEMNITZER, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE, FLEW HERE TODAY FOR ONE-HOUR TALKS WITH THE NATO SECRETARY-GENERAL, SIGNOR MANLIO BROSIO, ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

BOTH GENERAL LEMNITZER AND SIGNOR BROSIO RETURNED TO THEIR POSTS EARLIER THAN PLANNED THIS WEEK IN VIEW OF THE CRISIS.

NO DETAILS OF THE MEETING WERE MADE KNOWN AND THE GENERAL RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS BY HELICOPTER TO HIS HEAD-QUARTERS NEAR MONS, BELGIUM.

YOUTH BURNED AT STAKE

MASULIPATNAM, INDIA, AUG. 24, REUTER - SIX INDIAN VILLAGERS WERE GIVEN JAIL TERMS OF UP TO SEVEN YEARS HERE TODAY FOR BURNING A HARIJAN (UNTOUCHABLE) YOUTH AT THE STAKE.

THE ACT WAS DESCRIBED BY MRS INDIRA GANDHI, THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER AS "A MATTER OF NATIONAL SHAME".

A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY, CHARGED WITH THE OTHER SIX, WAS SENT TO A REMAND SCHOOL FOR TWO YEARS.

DURING THE THREE-WEEK TRIAL IN THIS ANDHRA PRADESH TOWN, PROSECUTION LAWYERS SAID THE SEVEN ACCUSED TORTURED THE YOUTH, AGED 18, IN NEARBY KANCHICHAKERLA VILLAGE LAST FEBRUARY 4 AFTER ACCUSING HIM OF STEALING SOME BRASS POTS.

HE CONFESSED TO THE THEFT AND THE POTS WERE RECOVERED, THE PROSECUTION CLAIMED, BUT THE VILLAGERS TIED THE YOUTH TO A STAKE, BEAT HIM UP, POURED KEROSENE OVER HIM AND SET HIS CLOTHES ON FIRE.

POLICE CARRIED HIM TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL BUT HE DIED THE NEXT DAY FROM SEVERE BURNS.

CZECHOSLOVAK BALLET PROTESTS

LE HAVRE, AUG 24, REUTER - THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL BALLET, APPEARING IN FRANCE, HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT PROTESTING AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THE ARREST OF THEIR LEADERS.

THE TELEGRAM, SENT ON BEHALF OF THE 38 SINGERS AND DANCERS, WAS ALSO ADDRESSED TO CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK AT PRESENT IN NEW YORK.

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