

RUMANIAN ESCAPES TO TURKEY

ISTANBUL, AUG 26 (UPI)--EDGAR NOCLEAU, 33, OF BUCHAREST, APPLIED TO POLICE FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM TODAY AFTER ARRIVING IN THE COUNTRY FROM BULGARIA.

AUTHORITIES SAID NICOLEAU, AN ANAESTHETIST, TOLD THEM HE WANTED TO ESCAPE FROM THE "TURBULENT" ATMOSPHERE OF THE IRON CURTAIN. HE WAS HELD IN CUSTODY.

FLOODS KILL 341 PEOPLE

AHMEDABAD, INDIA, AUG. 26, REUTER - FLOODS IN THE WESTERN INDIAN STATE OF GUJARAT THIS MONTH KILLED AT LEAST 341 PEOPLE, THE CHIEF MINISTER, MR. HITENDRA DESAI, TOLD PARLIAMENT HERE TODAY.

ABOUT 35,440 COWS WERE KILLED AND 392,638 ACRES OF CROPS WERE WASHED AWAY OR DAMAGED, HE SAID.

IN SURAT, THE WORST-HIT TOWN, 112 PEOPLE DIED AND 30,606 HUTS AND HOUSES WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. IN NEARBY BROACH DISTRICT 109 PEOPLE DIED, 403 VILLAGES WERE AFFECTED AND 87,667 ACRES OF CROPS WERE HIT.

THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOTTED 15,800,000 RUPEES FOR RELIEF TO FLOOD-STRICKEN PEOPLE, MR. DESAI SAID.

CHEESE FOR BIAFRA

BESANCON, FRANCE, AUG. 26, REUTER - FARMERS HERE IN ONE OF THE MAIN CHEESE PRODUCING AREAS OF FRANCE, ARE TO SEND TEN TONS OF CHEESE TO BIAFRA, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE CHEESE WILL BE FLOWN FROM PARIS BY THE FRENCH RED CROSS.

JAPANESE TRAINS COLLIDE

TOKYO, AUG. 26, REUTER - TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED, 10 SERIOUSLY, WHEN A PASSENGER TRAIN RAMMED THE REAR OF A STATIONARY FREIGHT TRAIN AT OITSU, CENTRAL JAPAN, TONIGHT.

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