

X/13 E/W - WEST GERMAN UNION TO REVIEW EAST CONTACTS

HAMBURG, AUG 28 (DPA/GND)- THE CHIEF OF A MAJOR WEST GERMAN TRADE UNION SAID TODAY HIS UNION WILL REVIEW THE QUESTION OF EASTERN CONTACTS FROM CASE TO CASE.

HERMANN BRANDT, CHAIRMAN OF THE GERMAN EMPLOYEES UNION (DAG), SAID THAT THE UNION APPROVED THE RELAXATION POLICY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WOULD SUPPORT IT THROUGH APPROPRIATE UNION CONTACTS. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE DAG WANTED TO AVOID EVERYTHING WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO COMPLICATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS ITS ALLIES.

BRANDT WILL HEAD A DAG DELEGATION ON A 10-DAY VISIT TO RUMANIA STARTING OCTOBER 9. IT IS BEING MADE AT THE INVITATION OF THE RUMANIAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS.

THE DAG CHAIRMAN SAID HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHETHER AN AGREED VISIT TO WEST GERMANY BY A CZECHOSLOVAK UNION DELEGATION ON OCTOBER WOULD NOW TAKE PLACE AS A RESULT OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE CSSR.

THE DAG, SAID BRANDT, HAD NO CONTACTS WITH THE TRADE UNIONS OF OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

HOWEVER, THE DAG YOUTH ORGANISATION HAS CALLED OFF THREE PLANNED CONTACTS:

--A GROUP TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION PLANNED FOR THE FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER;

--A VISIT BY THE HILDESHEIM DAG YOUTH BRANCH TO THE THEATRE IN MAGDEBURG, EAST GERMANY; AND

--TALKS PLANNED BETWEEN THE DAG YOUTH OF HAMBURG AND THE COMMUNIST TRADE UNION YOUTH FEDERATION IN EAST BERLIN.

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