

X/13 CS -- STERN WITHDRAWS ALLEGATION (WITH F-187) AUG 31)

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HAMBURG, SEPT 1 (DPA/GND) -- THE WEST GERMAN ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE STERN WITHDREW TODAY AN ALLEGATION MADE IN ITS LATEST ISSUE THAT BUNDESWEHR TRANSMITTERS POSSIBLY OPERATED UNDER THE COVER OF CL^NADESTINE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATIONS DURING THE FIRST DAYS OF THE OCCUPATION.

A TELEX MESSAGE SENT BY THE MAGAZINE'S CHIEF EDITOR, HENRY NANNEN, TO THE WEST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR, SAID THAT STERN HAD ACCEPTED THE ALLEGATIONS, WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, "AS THE ^ERESULT OF AMBIGUOUS INFORMATION FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRY."

MEANWHILE, NANNEN SAID THE MINISTRY -- "WITH GREAT FRANKNESS" -- HAD ENABLED STERN TO CONVINCE ITSELF THAT THESE SUSPICIONS WERE FALSE.

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