

U.S. CONDUCTS NUCLEAR TEST

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 6, REUTER -- THE UNITED STATES TODAY CONDUCTED AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST AT ITS PROVING SITE IN NEVADA, THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ANNOUNCED.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXPLOSION OF "LOW INTERMEDIATE YIELD"--EQUIVALENT TO 20,000 TO 200,000 TONS OF TNT--HAD BEEN FELT IN LAS VEGAS, SOME 65 MILES (104KMS) AWAY.

THE TEST WAS THE 19TH WEAPONS-RELATED NUCLEAR TEST ANNOUNCED BY THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR.

NEW STRUCTURAL FAULT IN FIGHTER-BOMBER

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 6, REUTER--THE U.S. DEFENCE DEPARTMENT TODAY REPORTED A NEW STRUCTURAL FAULT IN THE CONTROVERSIAL F-111 SWINGWING JET FIGHTER BOMBER.

THE PENTAGON SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT DURING GROUND FATIGUE TESTS ON AN AIR FRAME "A FAILURE OCCURRED IN THE CARRY-THROUGH FITTING," THE ONE-PIECE STEEL CORE ABOUT WHICH THE WINGS PIVOT.

THE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT SAID THE AIRCRAFT WOULD CONTINUE TO FLY, BUT THE AIR FORCE HAD IMPOSED TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS ON ITS SPEED AND MANOEUVERING PERFORMANCES.

THE FAULT WAS DISCOVERED DURING TESTS AT THE CONVAIR DIVISION OF GENERAL DYNAMICS, IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS.

EISENHOWER STILL IMPROVING

WASHINGTON, SEPT 6, REUTER - FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT IN HIS RECOVERY FROM A HEART ATTACK THREE WEEKS AGO, WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL SAID TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN SAID DOCTORS DID NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OR COMMENT ON THE GENERALS CONDITION, ADDING THAT THIS MEANT HE WAS IMPROVING.

THE HOSPITAL STOPPED ISSUING DAILY MEDICAL BULLETINS ON TUESDAY, 18 DAYS AFTER GENERAL EISENHOWER, WHO WILL BE 78 NEXT MONDAY SUFFERED A SERIOUS HEART ATTACK, HIS FOURTH IN FOUR MONTHS AND SEVENTH SINCE 1955.

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FRANKFURT, SEPTEMBER 6 (DPA/GND)- THE NECKERMANN TRAVEL SERVICE OF FRANKFURT WILL RESUME ITS ORGANISED TOURS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOMORROW, A NECKERMANN SPOKESMAN SAID HER TODAY. THE NECKERMANN TRIPS TO THE CSSR WERE SUSPENDED FOR THREE WEEKS AFTER THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS INVADIED TH COUNTRY, HE SAID.

TOMORROW, MORE THAN 50 WEST GERMANS WILL TRAVEL TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA EITHER BY TRAIN OR IN PRIVATE CARS, HE SAID.

THIS FIRST GROUP OF WEST GERMANS WILL TRAVEL TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SPAS OF KARLOVY VARY AND MARIANSKE LAZNE.

IN ADDITION THE NECKERMANN TRAVEL SERVICE WILL EXTEND THIS YEARS PROGRAM OF CZECHOSLOVAK TOURS TO DECEMBER INSTEAD OF ENDING IT IN OCTOBER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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