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CS EMBASSY THANK-YOU RECEPTION

DAR ES SALAAM, SEPT. 7, REUTER--THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE GAVE A RECEPTION FOR THE TANZANIAN PRESS LAST NIGHT, TO THANK THEM FOR SYMPATHETIC COVERAGE OF "OUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND SOVEREIGNTY."

FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF THE WARSAW PACT INVASION WERE GIVEN BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO WERE ON LEAVE IN PRAGUE AT THE TIME.

SALAZAR - FRANCO MESSAGE (W/CN 30)

MADRID, SEPT 7, REUTER - GENERAL FRANCISCO FRANCO, CRUISING IN HIS YACHT AZOR OFF NORTH SPAIN, SENT A GET-WELL MESSAGE TO DR. ANTONIO DE OLIVEIRA SALAZAR TODAY IMMEDIATELY ON HEARING ABOUT THE PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTERS OPERATION.

THE SPANISH HEAD OF STATE, WHO IS 75, SAID: "WITH THE INTIMATE AFFECTION OF ALWAYS, I MAKE FERVENT WISHES FOR YOUR RAPID AND HAPPY RECOVERY."

DAMASCUS TRIAL OPENS

DAMASCUS, SEPT. 7, REUTER - THE SUPREME STATE SECURITY COURT TODAY BEGAN THE TRIAL OF 77 PEOPLE ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING AGAINST THE STATE AND OF INFILTRATING INTO SYRIA AND JORDAN ON JUNE 10, 1967, TO OVERTHROW THE REGIME.

THE COURT WAS FORMED HERE RECENTLY UNDER MR. MOHAMMED SAID TALEB, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ARAB BAAATH SOCIALIST PARTY. MEMBERS OF THE COURT ARE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HAZEM AL-BALLINI AND JUDGE LUTFI AL NAEB.

THE PUBLIC PROSECUTION IS REPRESENTED BY MR. ABDEL-HALIM KHADDAM, GOVERNOR OF DAMASCUS.

TWELVE OF THE 77 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ACCUSED APPEARED IN THE DOCK TODAY. TWENTY-TWO OF THE DEFENDANTS ARE AT LARGE.

THE HEARING THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY.

THE COURTS DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL. BUT THEY HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE HEAD OF STATE.

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