

WORLD - SHORTER ITEMS

CZECHOSLOVAK ATTENDS ATHENS HEART MEETING

ATHENS, SEPT. 10-RFE SPECIAL/OPPER-CONDOULIS)- ZDENEK REINIS OF PRAGUE ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY NOW RPT NOW UNDERWAY IN ATHENS.

THREE OTHER CZECHOSLOVAKS ARRIVED EARLIER. THEY ARE : FRANTISEK KOLBEL, PAVEL KUTHAN, AND JOSEF POKORNY.

A RUMANIAN, WILHELM COMAN-KUND, COMPLETES THE LIST OF EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS.

SOME 1,300 HEART SPECIALISTS FROM 47 COUNTRIES ARE TAKING PART IN THE QUADRENNIAL GATHERING.

U.S. DESERTERS FACE THEFT CHARGES IN SWEDEN

GOTEBORG, SWEDEN, SEPT 10 (UPI) - TWO AMERICAN DESERTERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN GOTEBORG AND CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND THEFT, POLICE SAID TODAY. IF CONVICTED THE AMERICANS FACE EXPULSION FROM SWEDEN.

THE AMERICANS, 18 AND 20 YEARS OLD, WILL STAND TRIAL SHORTLY CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING AND ROBBING THREE WOMEN OF THEIR HAND-BAGS AND STEALING FIVE MOTORCYCLES, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NAMES OF THE DESERTERS WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL THE TRIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SWEDISH PRACTISE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE AMERICANS DESERTED FROM THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IN WEST GERMANY IN THE SUMMER AND FLED TO SWEDEN AFTER SPENDING SOME TIME IN PARIS.

ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN SWEDEN, WHILE THE OTHER HAS APPLIED FOR ASYLUM. HIS CASE IS PENDING IN THE ALIENS COMMISSION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SOVIETS BAN BRITISH ASTRONOMER

LONDON SEPTEMBER 10--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--A BRITISH AMATEUR ASTRONOMER HAS BEEN REFUSED A VISA TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION TO SEE A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN FROM SIBERIA SEPTEMBER 22.

"THE REFUSAL HAS COME AS A GREAT SURPRISE," PATRICK MOORE, 45. SAID YESTERDAY.

"I HAVE ALWAYS GOT ON WELL WITH RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS, BUT CLEARLY I AM NOT SO POPULAR WITH THE RUSSIAN POLITICAL AUTHORITIES."

MOORE, WHO DOES A TELEVISION PROGRAM ON ASTRONOMY FOR THE BBC, IS DIRECTOR OF THE ARMAGH PLANETARIUM IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HE SAID THE VISA HAD BEEN REFUSED TO HIM PERSONALLY, NOT THE BBC.

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