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SOVIET REPORTS

15 KILLED IN FAR EASTERN FLOODS (WITH CN 58)

VLADIVOSTOK, 2 AUG (TASS) -- AS A RESULT OF THE DEVASTATING ACTION OF A POWERFUL FLOOD, THE VLADIVOSTOK-KHABAROVSK RAILWAY LINE -- THE MAIN TRANSPORT ARTERY OF THE FAR EAST -- WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION LAST NIGHT.

THE USURI AND MALINOVKA RIVERS BURST THEIR BANKS NEAR THE TOWN OF DALNERECHENSK, AND THE TORRENTS OF WATER RUSHING TOWARD THE TOWN DAMAGED BRIDGES AND DESTROYED THE RAILWAYS BED. PASSENGER TRAINS FROM KHARKOV AND MOSCOW WERE FORCED TO RETURN TO KHABAROVSK. THE LOCOMOTIVE CREWS DRIVING TRAINS FROM VLADIVOSTOK WERE FORCED TO DO THE SAME.

ABOUT A THOUSAND PASSENGERS ACCUMULATED IN VLADIVOSTOKS STATIONS. CHARTER FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED TO LET THEM DEPART, AND MORE AEROPLANES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED. MOBILE HOTELS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN PASSENGER TRAINS, WHERE PASSENGERS WILL STAY DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION WORK. SPECIAL EMERGENCY TEAMS FROM MILITARY SUBUNITS, BORDER TROOPS, AND SPECIALIST RAILWAY WORKERS, WHO HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED HERE FROM OTHER TOWNS, ARE WORKING ON ELIMINATING THIS UNFORESEEN CONGESTION. THE SPECIALISTS ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST 2 DAYS TO ELIMINATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACCIDENT.

AS A TASS CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN TOLD AT THE MARITIME KRAY EXTRAORDINARY COMMISSION FOR COMBATTING DISASTERS ((ORGANIZATION AS HEARD)), ACCORDING TO THE INCOMPLETE DATA 15 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE CATASTROPHIC FLOODING IN THE KRAY.

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BELORUSSIAN APPEAL ABROAD FOR CHERNOBYL AID (W/CN 65 OF JULY 28)

MUNICH, AUG. 2 (CMD) -- RADIO MOSCOW REPORTED TODAY :

BELORUSSIAN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS APPEALED TO THEIR COMPATRIOTS ABROAD TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC TO ELIMINATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT. OUR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT BELORUSSIA HAS ALREADY SPENT OVER ONE BILLION RUBLES ON ITS AID PROGRAM TO THOSE WHO SUFFERED. HOWEVER, THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL TRAGEDY HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THE SCIENTISTS SUPPOSED. PARTICULARLY NOW, DOSIMETERS AND ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT ARE NEEDED. EXPRESSING HOPE IN THEIR APPEAL, THE PUBLIC OF BELORUSSIA PLEDGES TO STRICTLY CHECK ((KONTROLIROVAT)) THE USE FOR THAT SPECIAL PURPOSE ((TSELOVOV IZPOLZOVANIYE)) OF SUCH AID IN THE INTERESTS OF THE POPULATION WHICH SUFFERED.

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YELTSIN, MAMEDOV DIFFER ON INTER-REGIONAL GROUP (WITH CN 62)

MOSCOW AUGUST 2 TASS -- THE WEEKLY MOSCOW NEWS TODAY PUBLISHED TWO DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THE NEWLY-CREATED INTER-REGIONAL DEPUTY GROUP.

THE OPINIONS WERE EXPRESSED BY TWO PEOPLES DEPUTIES -- GROUP CO-CHAIRMAN BORIS YELTSIN AND VELI GUSEIN OGLY MAMEDOV, A DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY FROM THE AZERBAIJANI CAPITAL OF BAKU.

YELTSIN SAID THAT +THE INTER-REGIONAL DEPUTY GROUP HAS UNITED PART OF PEOPLES DEPUTIES WHO ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PACE OF PERESTROYKA AND BY HALF-MEASURES IN POLITICS, THE ECONOMY, THE NATIONALITIES ISSUE AND THE SOCIAL SPHERE, WHICH HAVE NEARLY LED THE COUNTRY INTO A CRISIS.+

+ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO ASCRIBE THIS TO US, WE DO NOT AIM BY ANY MANNER OF MEANS TO SPLIT THE SUPREME SOVIET, STRUGGLE FOR POWER, CREATE OPPOSITION OR BLOCK ANY BILLS SPONSORED BY PEOPLES DEPUTIES,+ HE ADDED.

YELTSIN BELIEVES THAT WITHOUT SUCH AN ORGANISATION AS THIS GROUP IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO WORK OUT ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS AND DRAFT LAWS.

MAMEDOV BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE GROUP WANTS TO SET UP A SECOND ORGANISATIONAL CENTRE IN THE SUPREME SOVIET AND, LATER, A SECOND SUPREME SOVIET WITHIN THE EXISTING SUPREME SOVIET.

+IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE ORGANISERS OF THE INTER-REGIONAL GROUP STOP AND PONDER OVER WHAT THEY ARE DOING, AND THEN SHIFT ALL THEIR WORK TO THE (PARLIAMENTARY) COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS POSSIBLE TO COMPARE ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS WITHOUT A SPLIT,+ MAMEDOV INSISTED.

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NEWS CONFERENCE ON GROWING CRIME IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW AUGUST 2 TASS - A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD AT THE MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY POINTED OUT A DANGEROUS RISE IN THE NUMBER OF CRIMES COMMITTED IN MOSCOW BY DRUNKS. IT WAS EMPHASISED THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS DETAINED ON MOSCOW STREETS IN A DRUNKEN STATE HAD INCREASED BY NEARLY 30 PER CENT TO REACH MORE THAN 6,000 THIS YEAR AS AGAINST THE SAME PERIOD OF 1988.

A DRUNK 14-YEAR-OLD TEENAGER STRANGLERED HIS MOTHER IN A QUARREL. A DRUNK COOPERATIVE WORKER STAGED A FIGHT ON A MOSCOW STREET AND USED TEAR GAS AGAINST THE MILITIAMEN WHO CAME TO THE SPOT IN +SELF-DEFENCE+.

SEVEN MURDERS (FOUR WERE DISCLOSED), 12 INCIDENTS INVOLVING GRAVE BODILY INJURIES (EIGHT DISCLOSED), THREE RAPES (ALL THE THREE RAPISTS WERE DETAINED) AND 27 ROBBERIES (16 DISCLOSED) WERE COMMITTED IN MOSCOW LAST WEEK.

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