

CHERNOBYL

CN0033

A-WIRE

08-JUL-1990 13:42:09

USSR -- BELORUSSIA ASKS DEFENSE MINISTRY TO SET UP MEDICAL UNITS
MUNICH, JULY 8 (CMD) -- THERE HAS BEEN A NEW CALL FROM THE SOVIET
REPUBLIC OF BELORUSSIA FOR HELP IN COPING WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE
1986 CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT.

THE BELORUSSIAN SUPREME SOVIET HAS ASKED THE SOVIET DEFENSE
MINISTRY TO SET UP MEDICAL SERVICE BATTALIONS TO HELP CARE FOR PEOPLE
AFFECTED BY THE ACCIDENT.

IT HAS ALSO CALLED FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO EXEMPT FROM
MILITARY SERVICE PEOPLE FROM BELORUSSIA WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO
INCREASED RADIOACTIVITY.

YESTERDAY THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION IN MOSCOW BY PEOPLE DEMANDING
MORE HELP IN DEALING WITH THE NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION.

BELORUSSIA SUFFERED SOME OF THE WORST CONTAMINATION FROM THE
ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN THE UKRAINE, JUST
SOUTH OF THE BELORUSSIAN BORDER.

(RADIO MOSCOW DOM/M, 1000) / GK/NJ/BV

CN0032

A-WIRE

08-JUL-1990 13:41:42

WORLD -- CHINA REOPENS SILK ROAD TO PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD, JULY 8, NCA/REUTER - CHINA HAS REOPENED ITS "SILK ROAD" TOURIST ROUTE INTO PAKISTAN AFTER A TWO MONTH DELAY. PAKISTANI TOURISM OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT CHINA OPENED THE ROUTE, WHICH CROSSES INTO PAKISTAN FROM CHINA'S XINJIANG REGION THROUGH THE 4,900-METRE KHUNJERAB PASS, ABOUT JULY 1. CHINESE OFFICIALS HAD SAID THE ROAD WOULD NOT REOPEN AS USUAL MAY 1 FOR THE TOURIST SEASON BECAUSE OF POOR ROAD CONDITIONS AND AVALANCHES. BUT PAKISTANI TOUR OPERATORS SAID THE REAL REASON FOR THE DELAY WAS RIOTING AMONG MOSLEMS LIVING AROUND THE SILK ROAD TOWN OF KASHGAR IN CHINA'S FAR WEST. TA

CN0040

A-WIRE

08-JUL-1990 14:46:23

WORLD -- POPE NOTES SLOVAK FESTIVAL

VATICAN CITY, JULY 8 (SPECIAL/JS) -- POPE JOHN PAUL TODAY NOTED THE ANNUAL SLOVAK RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL AT LEVOCA DURING HIS WEEKLY MASS AT ST. PETER'S BASILICA. SPEAKING IN ITALIAN, THE POPE SAID: "WE WANT TO JOIN SPIRITUALLY WITH THE NUMEROUS FAITHFUL SLOVAKS WHO TODAY, LIKE EVERY YEAR ON ONE SUNDAY IN JULY, GO ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SANCTUARY OF THE GRIEVING VIRGIN AT LEVOCA." IZ/BV

CN0042

A-WIRE

08-JUL-1990 15:25:29

WORLD -- YEMEN AND USSR DISCUSS OIL EXPLORATION TIES

SANAA, JULY 8 (REUTER/NCA) - THE YEMEN REPUBLIC AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE DISCUSSING COOPERATION IN OIL EXPLORATION. RADIO SANAA SAID TODAY SOVIET DEPUTY OIL MINISTER BORIS NIKOTIN IS IN YEMEN'S ECONOMIC CAPITAL ADEN FOR MEETINGS. YEMEN IS SEEKING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP ITS OIL INDUSTRY. THE MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY SAID LAST WEEK THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOTIFIED ITS PARTNERS THAT IT INTENDS TO RETAIN ITS SHARE IN AN OIL EXPLORATION CONSORTIUM FOR A 2,100 SQUARE KM AREA IN CENTRAL YEMEN. THE CONSORTIUM GROUPS OIL COMPANIES FROM THE USSR, US, FRANCE AND KUWAIT. IZ/BV

CN0036

A-WIRE

08-JUL-1990 14:17:13

USSR -- CORRECTION

IN CN 33 -- BELORUSSIA ASKS DEFENSE MINISTRY TO SET UP MEDICAL UNITS, REPLACE THE THIRD PARAGRAPH WITH THE FOLLOWING...

IT HAS ALSO CALLED FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTRY NOT TO EXPOSE BELORUSSIANS ON MILITARY SERVICE TO PLACES OR PROJECTS WHERE THERE IS INCREASED RADIOACTIVITY.

(CLARIFYING BELORUSSIAN DEMAND)

NJ/GK/TA