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IN RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE NYC 61 WE ARE PREPARING NO RPT NO COMMENTARIES FOR YOUR CLEARANCE. FOLLOWING UP OUR MUN 42, WE ARE NOW BROADCASTING THE FOLLOWING IN NEWSCASTS.

MUNICH, OCT 18 (CNR) WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES, REPORTING ON RENEWED SPECULATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE HUNGARIAN PRIMATE JOZIF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY, SAID TODAY THAT THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR EXPECTING AN EARLY CHANGE IN HIS STATUS.

REUTERS AND THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY AFP REPORTED THIS FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S AND TODAY'S TALKS IN THE U S EMBASSY BETWEEN THE CARDINAL AND CARDINAL KOENIG OF VIENNA.

REUTERS SAID THAT "THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR EXPECTING AN IMMINENT CHANGE." IT ADDED THAT KOENIG'S VISIT HAD "AROUSED SPECULATION" THAT MINDSZENTY "MIGHT HAVE AGREED TO LEAVE FOR ROME."

AFP SAID THAT "NO CHANGE IS ENVISAGED IN THE SITUATION OF CARDINAL MINDSZENTY."

DPA SAID THAT UNTIL NOW THERE HAD BEEN NO CONFIRMATION OF SPECULATION ABOUT MINDSZENTY LEAVING HUNGARY.

KOENIG FLEW TO BUDAPEST ON TUESDAY DIRECTLY FROM ROME. HE HAD LAST VISITED CARDINAL MINDSZENTY LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO.

EARLIER TODAY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED FROM BUDAPEST THAT THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT MINDSZENTY WOULD END HIS 11 YEAR STAY IN THE U.S. EMBASSY.

LATER UNITED PRESS QUOTED AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL AS SAYING THAT NEAR AGREEMENT TO ALLOW HIM TO LEAVE HUNGARY HAD BROKEN DOWN "AT LEAST TEMPORARILY."

(UPI REPORTED FROM VATICAN CITY THAT SOURCES THERE HAD EXPRESSED "DISAPPOINTMENT" OVER THE BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS.

THEY SAID HOPE FOR AN EVENTUAL SOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN UP.

THE VATICAN HAD NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE BUDAPEST REPORTS BUT THE SOURCES DID SAY THAT "HOPE IS NOT GIVEN UP FOR THE FUTURE."

"THE NEWS FROM BUDAPEST DIDN'T CAUSE MUCH SURPRISE BECAUSE IT WAS KNOWN THE ISSUE WAS A DIFFICULT ONE," THE SOURCES SAID.

"BUT IT DID CAUSE SOME DISAPPOINTMENT AND PAIN. IT HAD BEEN GREATLY HOPED THE CARDINAL WOULD ARRIVE IN ROME BEFORE THE END OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS THIS MONTH. MEETING HIS FELLOW BISHOPS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN A CONSOLATION TO HIM AFTER SO MUCH SUFFERING."

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AS OF 1805 CET CARDINAL KOENIG HAS ARRIVED IN MUNICH AND WE ARE ISSUING THE FOLLOWING NEWSCAST:

MUNICH, OCT 18 (GND/TORMAY/KYPENA) -- CARDINAL FRANZ KOENIG ARRIVED IN MUNICH BY AIR TONIGHT ON HIS WAY BACK TO ROME AFTER TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH CARDINAL JOZSEF MINDSZENTY IN BUDAPEST.

THE HUNGARIAN PRIMATE HAS LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES MISSION IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL SINCE NOVEMBER 1956, WHEN THE RUSSIANS PUT DOWN THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION.

CARDINAL KOENIG FLEW FROM BUDAPEST TO MUNICH BY THE REGULAR LUFTHANSA SERVICE AND WAS GOING ON TO ROME ON AN ALITALIA FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AT 1820 HOURS MUNICH TIME.

HE DECLINED TO MAKE AN FORMAL STATEMENT TO WAITING NEWS AT MUNICH'S RIEM AIRPORT.

IN ANSWER TO PERSISTENT QUESTIONS BY REPORTERS ABOUT HIS TALKS HE REPLIED ONLY: "I AM SORRY THAT I AM ALONE."

(DPA/GND) CARDINAL KOENIG ALSO REFUSED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT ABOUT THE TALKS BEFORE LEAVING BUDAPEST.

HE ARRIVED IN BUDAPEST ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH CARDINAL MINDSZENTY, THE LAST ONE THIS AFTERNOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TOLD DPA THAT THE TWO CARDINALS WERE ALONE DURING TODAY'S DISCUSSION.

HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MINDSZENTY CASE AND DECISIONS ABOUT THE CARDINAL'S FATE MUST BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT, IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT THEY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF ENDING HIS VOLUNTARY EXILE AND OF A JOURNEY TO ROME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS IMPRESSION WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE FACT THAT CARDINAL KOENIG HAD VISITED THE HUNGARIAN PRIMATE FROM VIENNA ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE AND HAD NOW COME FROM ROME TO BUDAPEST FOR THIS WEEK'S TALKS.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE WRONG TO STATE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BROKEN DOWN, FOR TALKS HAD BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FOR 10 YEARS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOLUTION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THERE WOULD CERTAINLY BE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND IT COULD BE EXPECTED THAT FINALLY A SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND.

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