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POLISH DESK HERE HAS JUST BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION A PORTION OF NEW YORK JULY 6 CONTRIBUTION TO "FACTS & VIEWS" WHICH I HAVE ASKED THEM TO CUT BECAUSE I THINK IT GOES BEYOND THE LIMITS WHICH WE MUST SET OURSELVES IN DISCUSSING POLISH BORDER PROBLEMS. IN ESSENCE IT OVER-INTERPRETS WESTERN PRESS ON QUESTION OF FUTURE BERLIN-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS IN A WAY WHICH WOULD UNFAIRLY AND HENCE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVELY RAISE HOPES. I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE AND WOULD ASK YOU TO EXPLAIN TO WAGNER THAT WE MUST KEEP A TIGHTER REIN ON OUR COMMENTARIES THAN THIS. WHAT FOLLOWS IS RELEVANT PORTION TRANSLATED.

" NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO LONDON DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES TO REJECT BEFOREHAND ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMANY MEANS THAT ONLY THE EAST-ERN-GERMAN BORDER WOULD REMAIN AS AN OBJECT OF NEGOTIATION.

MIDDLETON WRITES THAT THE WESTERN ALLIES COULD DECLARE THEMSELVES READY TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT POLISH-GERMAN BORDER WITHOUT NECESSARILY RECOGNIZING EASTERN GERMANY, SINCE THIS BORDER COULD ALSO BE THE EASTERN BORDER OF UNIFIED GERMANY. IT IS ALSO WORTH WHILE TO NOTE ONE MORE UNOFFICIAL RUMOUR WHICH HAS LATELY BEEN REPEATED BY THE PARIS NEWSPAPER "LE MONDE", NAMELY THAT: THE ALLIES ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDENING THE DISCUSSION WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE SENSE THAT SUCH DISCUSSION COULD EMBRACE NOT ONLY THE GERMAN AND THE BERLIN QUESTION, BUT ALSO THE QUESTION OF EAST-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF NATIONS. THIS AFTER ALL WOULD BE ONLY LOGICAL. THE REAL CAUSE OF THE CRISIS IS NOT THE ABNORMAL BERLIN SITUATION. THIS BERLIN SITUATION IS ONLY A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DIVISION OF GERMANY, CONSOLIDATED BY SOVIET INFLUENCE. THIS IN TURN IS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE OCCUPATION OF EASTERN EUROPE BY RUSSIA AFTER THE WAR, THE IMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME ON THIS AREA AND ITS FORCIBLE INCORPORATION TO THE SOVIET BLOC.

VOICE: NO DOUBT, BUT THESE ARE ONLY RUMOURS AS TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. "

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