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MIPT : GDR - DE MAIZIERE'S PRESS CONFERENCE, 19 MARCH

SUMMARY

1. ALLIANCE 'WINNERS' OF GDR ELECTION READY FOR COALITION DISCUSSIONS WITH SPD AND FREE DEMOCRATS. THEY SEE EARLY CURRENCY UNION, AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF LAENDER AS AMONG PRIORITY SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION. INITIAL REMARKS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY.

DETAIL

2. LOTHAR DE MAIZIERE, LEADER OF THE GDR'S CDU, GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 19 MARCH ON BEHALF OF THE THREE PARTIES OF THE ALLIANCE FOR GERMANY ELECTORAL PACT, FOLLOWING THEIR GOOD GENERAL ELECTION RESULT THE PREVIOUS DAY.

3. TMAIN POINTS WERE :

A) THE ELECTIONS HAD DELIVERED A CONVINCINGLY DEMOCRATIC RESULT. THE HIGH TURNOUT WAS A SIGN OF POLITICAL MATURITY. THE TASK OF THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS (WHOM HE THANKED) WAS NOT MADE EASY BY EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST,

B) THE ALLIANCE PARTIES INTENDED TO FORM A JOINT VOLKSKAMMER FRAKTION,

C) THE ALLIANCE WANTED TO FORM THE LARGEST POSSIBLE COALITION FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TO GIVE THE FURTHER ADMINISTRATION A WIDE BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT. THEY WOULD THEREFORE INVITE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE LIBERALS (LEAGUE OF FREE DEMOCRATS - AN ELECTORAL PACT OF FDP, DFP AND LDP) AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LEADERSHIPS,

D) THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WERE :

- RAPID INTRODUCTION OF CURRENCY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL UNION :
NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY BEGUN WOULD BE CONTINUED,

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- RAPID RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAENDER (NECESSARY TO THE AIM OF HAVING LEGITIMATE ELECTED BODIES AT ALL LEVELS,
- GERMAN UNIFICATION MUST BE EMBEDDED IN THE EUROPEAN EFFORTS FOR UNITY, AND IN COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBOURS, WITHIN THE 2+4 AND CSCE FRAMEWORKS,
- THE HONOURING OF TREATIES/AGREEMENTS (''VERTRAGSTREUE'') WAS A FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT,
- THE WALL SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS A SIGN OF GERMANY'S GROWING TOGETHER.

4. IN QUESTIONS AFTERWARDS, DE MAIZIERE

(A) DECLINED ALL COMMENT ABOUT POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIOS,

(B) DID NOT EXCLUDE COALITION CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHERS,

(C) FAVOURED EAST GERMAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE BASIC LAW. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE UNITED GERMANY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EC AND NATO. BUT HE DI NOT (NOT) ENVISAGE NATO TROOPS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE PRESENT GDR. HE WAS OPTIMISTIC FOR LARGE-SCALE DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE - RECENT WEEKS HAD SHOWN THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE.

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