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ENVOY HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE ON BULGARIAN NATIONAL DAY

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[Text] Hanoi, 4 Sep (VNA)--A press conference was held here today by Bulgarian Ambassador Stoyan Konstantinov on the occasion of the 36th national day (September 9) of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

At the conference, Ambassador Stoyan Konstantinov spoke of the significance of September 9, 1944 and stressed: "Over the past 36 years, the Bulgarian people have done their best to build their country, recorded great achievements, and turned Bulgaria from a backward agricultural country into a country endowed with a rapidly developing modern industry...Bulgaria has also made wonderful progress in the domains of science, technology, education, culture, art and social activities and ranks among the advanced countries of the world".

Dealing with Bulgaria's foreign policy, the ambassador said: "The basic line of Bulgaria's foreign policy is to consolidate the fraternal alliance among the countries of the socialist community. That alliance contributes to the defence of world peace and the building of socialism and communism."

Ambassador Stoyan Konstantinov praised the Bulgarian-Vietnamese Solidarity and Friendship on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, and wished the Vietnamese people many new successes in national defence and socialist construction. On this occasion, he spoke of the 36th Plodiv Fair which will be held soon in Bulgaria with the participation of Vietnam. The Bulgarian ambassador expressed his hope that the economic, scientific and technical co-operation between Bulgaria and Vietnam would be further extended and developed.

JOINT SOYUZ SPACE CREW VISITS HO CHI MINH CITY

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[Text] Hanoi, 4 Sep (VNA)--The Soviet-Vietnamese space crew led by Lieutenant General V.A. Shatalov, deputy commander of the Soviet Air Force in charge of cosmonaut training, arrived in Ho Chi Minh City on September 2 for a visit to the city and the Vung Tau-Con Dao special sector.

The crew, accompanied by Professor Nguyen Van Hieu, deputy director of the Vietnam Institute of Science and vice-chairman of the Vietnam Commission for Cosmic Research; Major General Vu Xuan Chiem, vice minister of national defence, and Soviet Ambassador to Vietnam B. N. Chaplin.

It was warmly welcomed from Tan Son Nhut Airport to the Thong Nhat conference hall where more than 10,000 representatives of the city people, public officers, mass organizations and armed forces rallied at a grand meeting in its honour.

Present at the meeting were Vo Van Kiet, alternate Political Bureau member of the Communist Party Central Committee, secretary of the city party committee; Tran Ngoc Ban, member of the party Central Committee, deputy secretary of the city party committee; Le Quang Chanh, vice chairman of the city people's committee; Le Quang Chanh, vice chairman of the city people's committee; and others.

In the afternoon of the same day, the crew visited the "Nha Rong" depot at the Saigon harbour from where President Ho Chi Minh departed in 1911 in search of a way for national salvation.

Later it called at the city committee of the Vietnam Women's Union and attended a meeting held by the city committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union. On the same day, the space crew gave a televised talk on its cosmic flight to millions of viewers in the city. Later in the evening, the city party committee and people's committee gave a reception in its honour.

On September 3, the crew visited the city children's cultural palace where Victor Gorbakto and Pham Tuan were admitted as honorary members of the city's Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneers' Organization.

At the headquarters of the city federation of trade unions, the crew was warmly welcomed by almost 2,000 representatives of the city's working class. In the afternoon, it called at the Seventh Military Region Command and met with intellectuals, writers and artists in the city. This morning (September 4), the crew visited the Vong Tau-Con Dao special sector.

NHAN DAN CONDEMNS WESTERN PLOT TO USE CYPRUS AS BASE

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[Text] Hanoi, 3 Aug (VNA)--NHAN DAN today denounces the divisive plot of the U.S. and other Western countries as the main obstacle to the settlement of the Cyprus issue. The paper is commenting on the newly resumed negotiations between the delegations of the 43 Greek-born and Turkish-born Cypriots on the coexistence of the two communities on the island.

After denouncing the U.S. and other Western countries for scheming to use Cyprus for a base for spying against the Soviet Union and the other peace-loving countries in the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean, the paper says: "The present situation in Cyprus is basically not a problem of conflict between two different communities on the island. There can't be an early solution to the problem so long as foreign troops still are stationed there and the U.S. and the NATO military bloc still maintain the present partition of the country and use Cyprus as a jumping-off place for interventionist and aggressive activities in the Middle East and the eastern areas of the Mediterranean."

The paper recalls that President Kiprianou has many times called on his people, both Greek-born and Turkish-born, and all democratic and patriotic forces to unite in the struggle against imperialist interference to defend national independence, territorial integrity and the non-aligned policy of the republic. "The Cypriot's struggle to defend independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and national concord is continuing," the paper concluded.

CYPRIOI ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO NGUYEN HUU THO

OW291721 Hanoi VNA in English 1527 GMT 29 Aug 80

[Text] Hanoi, 29 Aug (VNA)--Andros A. Nikolaidis, first ambassador from the Republic of Cyprus to Vietnam, presented his credentials to acting President Nguyen Huu Tho today. The Vietnamese leader had a cordial talk with the Cypriot diplomat afterwards.

Meeting With Pham Van Dong

OW301639 Hanoi VNA in English 1533 GMT 30 Aug 80

[Text] Hanoi, 30 Aug (VNA)--Andreas A. Nikolaidis, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cyprus to Vietnam, paid a call on Premier Pham Van Dong here today. Premier Pham Van Dong cordially talked with the Cypriot ambassador.