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EAST BERLIN, AUG. 8 (REUTERS)-- AMERICAN AND WEST GERMAN SPY NETWORKS WERE MOUNTING A SUMMER CAMPAIGN OF ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSION HERE AND THROUGHOUT ALL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AN EAST GERMAN COURT WAS TOLD TODAY.

MAJ. TONY NELLES OF THE EAST GERMANY ARMY TOLD THE COURT HEARING CHARGES AGAINST THREE ALLEGED WESTERN SPIES THAT BOTH SECRET SERVICES WERE STRIVING TO EXPAND GEOGRAPHICALLY THEIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS, MILITARY ESPIONAGE AND ARMED PROVOCATIONS.

"SUCH ACTIONS ARE AN ATTEMPT AT ESCALATION OF THE STATE OF TENSION TO AN ACUTE CRISIS IN EAST AND SOUTH EUROPE, HE ADDED.

MAJ. NELLES PRESENTED 2 1/2 HOURS OF "EXPERT TESTIMONY" PREPARED BY OFFICERS OF THE EAST GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR MILITARY HISTORY AND THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.

THE THREE MEN ON TRIAL, GUENTER LAUDAHN, 36, HANS-JUERGEN HANKE, 32, AND WERNER BAECCKER, 29, ARE ALL FORMER EAST GERMANS WHO FLED TO THE WEST BETWEEN 1950 AND 1962.