

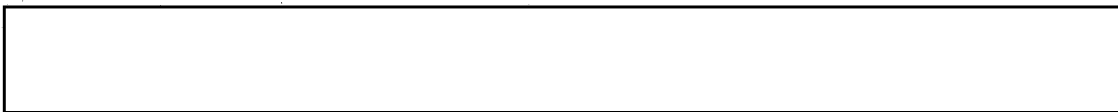
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1. Between 24 and 26 July the jet flying school left Welzow and was replaced by an IL-28 unit.
2. A total of 2,800 airmen and their families left. Local gossip claimed that they were leaving East Germany. A total of 3,000 airmen and their families arrived. Part of them arrived by truck and the others by air in 6 LI's, 32 IL-28's, and 2 YAK-14's.
3. The crews of 14 of the 32 IL-28's had the appearance of being older and more experienced than has hitherto been the case. Their average age seemed to be over 30 years.
4. It was noticed that the watches of two of the crews differed by two hours from local Welzow time. The watches of the other crews were not seen.



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