

W. BERLINERS HELD IN STREIT CASE RELEASED

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(Text) The Presecutor General announces that West Berlin citizens Dieter Marholdt and Juergen Rehbein were released from detention this afternoon and returned to West Berlin.

On 17 April Marholdt and Rehbein were arrested in the GDR capital because Horst Streit, a man with 13 previous convictions, had fled to West Berlin using Marholdt's identity papers. In his flight, the criminal **employed** methods practiced by West Berlin agent centers. The West Berlin authorities have refused to extradite Streit, thus making impossible clarification of the circumstances surrounding his escape.

The statement issued by the **Prosecutor** General states that West Berliners Marholdt and Behbein are now, as before, suspected of complicity in violating GDR laws. However, proceedings against them have been dropped because full clarification of the case is not presently possible. Nor was the background of the crime clarified during West Berlin court proceedings carried out under pressure of public opinion. This can be done only if Streit is turned over to the GDR judiciary authorities.