

KONEV LAUDS WALL ON EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

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[Text] Marshal of the Soviet Union Konev has described the safeguarding of the GDR state frontier on 13 August 1961 as one of the decisive factors in saving peace. In a conversation at the Central Council of the FDJ the marshal, who at the time was commander in chief of the Soviet forces stationed in the GDR, added that the antifascist protective wall was also a stabilizing factor for European security. The last 8 years had clearly proved this.