

DECISION TO LEAVE NUCLEAR MINES ON FRG BORDERS DENOUNCED

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[Text] Prague Dec 29 CETEKA--RUDE PRAVO denounces today the decision of the U.S. Defense Department to leave the nuclear mines in the zone along the frontiers of Federal Germany with the GDR and Czechoslovakia. This is a dangerous gamble because the mines are planted in densely populated districts of the FRG where their explosion might have disastrous consequences, says the daily. "At a time when European states are searching for possibilities of settling outstanding problems and promoting cooperation, these mines not only represent a material threat but also provide evidence that those political forces in Western Europe which do not want relaxation of international tension--and they include above all the military hierarchy of the North Atlantic pact--are far from accepting the idea of European security. They are doing all to thwart even what has already been achieved."

"The atomic mines in the immediate vicinity of our frontier are a convincing proof of this", RUDE PRAVO adds.