

PROTEST ISSUED TO USSR ON E. BERLIN ESCAPE ATTEMPT

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[Text] Berlin/Munich, 17 Jul (DPA) -- The three Western allies protested to the Soviet authorities in East Berlin today over the use of force against two GDR citizens making an escape attempt. The U.S. mission [as heard] said that according to the available information "armed persons" fired a shot this morning at the escapees, who were then detained. The acting commander of the U.S. sector of Berlin, together with the British and French commanders, called upon the responsible authorities to "halt such brutal practices."