

discovered apartments "cleaned out" indicating their intention to have joined defectors. Press has not yet reported defections.

2. Two of defectees (Angelika Korneli nee Zegula, 22, and Karin Vetter, 34) arrived in West Berlin May 27 and were interviewed at Marienfelde Refugee Center. Neither has formally requested asylum. Names of other defectees not available here.

3. Earlier in week (May 26), Bild Zeitung (Springer) alleged Komische Oper Primaballerina Sheles^wno~~va~~ (German transliteration), a Soviet citizen who resides with German husband in West Berlin, had defected in Stockholm. East Berlin Press (Berliner Zeitung) May 27 triumphantly denounced this as attempt by Springer to "poison political atmosphere" and ran picture of ballerina at Berliner Zeitung's office. According West Berlin press (Tagesspiegel) Shelesnova subsequently indicated she concerned that publicity given case would **cause** trouble with Soviet Embassy which permitted her reside West Berlin.

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