

SOVIET COMMISSION APPROVES REPORTS BY JOINT SPACE CREW

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA, August 5--The Soviet State Commission for Space Flights at a meeting yesterday approved the reports by the joint Soviet-Vietnamese space crew. A panel of Soviet and Vietnamese scientists and specialists heard reports by Cosmonauts V.V. Gorbatko and Pham Tuan on their flight. They noted that the successful completion of all scientific and technical researches and medico-biological experiments on board the spaceship Soyuz-37 and the orbital complex Salyut-6 was a considerable contribution to the national economies and scientific research of the two countries. The two cosmonauts' work and activities in outer space were rated highly at the meeting. V.V. Gorbatko and Pham Tuan then answered journalists' questions.

MPR, SOVIET GROUPS HAIL JOINT USSR-SRV SPACE FLIGHT

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA, August 5--The Mongolia-Vietnam Friendship Association, in a message to its Vietnamese counterpart, says the recent joint Soviet-Vietnamese space flight proved the indestructible friendship, close cooperation and the international unity binding all the fraternal peoples in the socialist community, and was a practical contribution to the Intercosmos program.

A message from the Soviet Peace Committee praises the flight as a new expression of the fraternal solidarity and the effective, all-sided effective cooperation between the two peoples. This flight showed, in a brilliant manner, the constant development of the relations among the fraternal countries in the socialist community.

The All-Union Society "Znaniye" (knowledge) of the Soviet Union writing to the Vietnam Association of Science and Technology, wishes for further consolidation of the Soviet-Vietnamese friendship, and development of the co-operation between the peoples in all fields, especially in cosmic research for peaceful purposes.

FOREIGN MINISTRY CONDEMNS ISRAEL ON JERUSALEM DECISION

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA, August 6 -- The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry today issued a statement condemning Israel for taking Jerusalem as its capital. The statement reads:

"On July 30, 1980, the Israeli parliament legislated to make Jerusalem Israel's capital.

"This is a blatant and gross violation of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples' sovereignty over the city of Jerusalem and has seriously violated the United Nations' resolutions on the status of this city. The legislation was enacted immediately after the UN General Assembly's urgent meeting on Palestine had approved a resolution to demand that Israel withdraw from all Arab territories it still illegally occupies, and that an independent and sovereign Palestinian state be set up. It is an arrogant challenge to world opinion and exemplifies Israel's deliberate continuation of its policy of aggression and expansion against the Palestinian and other Arab peoples with the protection and encouragement of the United States.