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French Agree to Help Build Nuclear Plant in Bangladesh

PARIS, Aug. 29 (Reuters) — France and Bangladesh signed an agreement today under which the French will provide technological and financial assistance for the construction of a nuclear power plant in northern Bangladesh.

The agreement was concluded after talks between President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and the President of Bangladesh, Maj. Gen. Ziaur Rahman, who was here on a visit. The nuclear power station, the country's first, is to be built at Roopur.

The Dacca Government, which also hopes to construct a research reactor, has signed the nuclear nonproliferation treaty. Bangladesh hopes to raise \$400 million from France and other Western nations to finance the power plant.

Soviet Dissident Sentenced To Four Years in Prison

MOSCOW, Aug. 29 (Reuters) — A Moscow court sentenced Tatyana Velikanova, a member of the Soviet dissident movement for 10 years, to four years in a labor camp and five years of internal exile today.

Spectators in the courtroom in a Moscow suburb shouted "Not enough!" when the sentence was announced after a

three-day trial. Mrs. Velikanova, who had been accused of anti-Soviet activities, made no statement after the verdict. Friends said they were turned away from the courtroom today on the ground that it was full. Four members of her family were allowed to attend the trial.

Rioting at African Concert Kills More than 12 People

MASERU, Lesotho, Aug. 29 (Reuters) — More than a dozen people were trampled to death tonight when a crowd rioted outside a popular music concert in this tiny southern African kingdom, witnesses said.

The cause of the disturbance was not immediately clear.

One witness said crowds outside the packed stadium panicked after the police fired tear gas canisters.

A nurse at the Maseru Hospital said at least 13 dead had been brought there. Another hospital employee said he had counted 18 bodies.

The featured performer at the concert was a South African entertainer, Steve Kekana.

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