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The Hungarian Party and Government delegation, headed by Dr. Ferenc Munnich, Chairman of the Council of Ministers and member of the Politbureau of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party, arrived in Berlin March 20. Receiving them were representatives of the Politbureau of the Central Committee of the SED and the government, including Premier Otto ~~Grotewohl~~ Grotewohl.

The delegation which arrived on an invitation from the Central Committee of the SED and GDR Government, will stay in the GDR from March 20 to 25. Negotiations between the party and government delegations of the two states will begin March 20. For the next few days visits to several socialist enterprises of industry and agriculture are contemplated.

On March 24 a meeting of the party aktiv of the SED aparty organization of Berlin will be held in the Seelenbinderhalle in which the Hungarian guests will participate.

(ADN at 0920 GMT adds: The delegation of the CC of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party and of Government arrived March 20 at the frontier station, Bad Schandau and was welcomed by Erich Mueckenberger, candidate of the Politbureau and secretary of the CC of the SED, by Karl Maron, Minister of Interior and by Dr. Hummeltenberg the chief of protocol. The railway station was decorated with German, Hungarian and Red flags, and young pioneers presented the guests with white lilacs.)

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BERLIN, MARCH 24-(REUTERS)-EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER WALTER ULBRICHT AND HUNGARIAN PREMIER FERENC MUENNICH TODAY SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON GOVERNMENT AND PARTY TALKS IN EAST BERLIN. THE SIGNING, REPORTED BY THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ADN, WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL INDICATION THAT ULBRICHT HAD TAKEN PART IN THE TALKS. OFFICIALLY HE HAS BEEN ON LEAVE FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS. EAST GERMAN TRADE MINISTER HEINRICH RAU, AND HUNGARIAN FINANCE MINISTER ISTVAN ANTOS SIGNED A LONG TERM TRADE AGREEMENT. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ALSO WAS SIGNED BY EAST GERMAN PREMIER OTTO GROTEWOHL, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, GYORGY MAROSAN. THE NEWS AGENCY GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE COMMUNIQUE OR THE TRADE AGREEMENT.

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