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delegation at the test ban talks provide further evidence that the USSR hopes to have major unresolved issues presented at the summit for decision. In an interview with an East German correspondent, Soviet delegate Tsarapkin hailed Western "acceptance in principle" of the Soviet moratorium proposal of 19 March as a turning point in the test ban talks, and he claimed that the conference was on the threshold of a period of intensive negotiations.

Tsarapkin also asserted that all the delegations had stated the negotiations should be speeded up, and he outlined "an extensive program of work" to be accomplished during the next few months. He listed in this program technical meetings for spelling out the details of the research program on detecting underground tests, "precise formulation" of the moratorium, determination of the composition of all control bodies, and the fixing of an on-site inspection quota. He pointed out that the American delegation's assurance that all candidates for the presidency have declared their agreement with the moratorium concept "allows us to hope" that a "sensible" time limit for it can be established.

Taking the same optimistic line on the chances for an early agreement, another member of the Soviet delegation said privately that the main outstanding issues must be settled at the summit level. He listed all the points set out by Tsarapkin, with the exception of the problem of spelling out the details of the research program, as falling within these main issues. He added that if they could be resolved by the heads of government, the conference could then quickly settle other

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questions and prepare a treaty for signature by August. He reacted favorably, nevertheless, to a suggestion that these problems be discussed at private informal meetings of the three delegations.

The delegate declined to set forth Moscow's view on the number of annual inspections and contended that this question should be left to the heads of government. He stressed the expense that would be involved in each inspection, however, and said he doubted that Moscow would agree to as many as 20 inspections each year in the USSR. He indicated that the quota should apply to inspections for small tests covered by a moratorium as well as to the larger ones banned permanently by the treaty.

At the final meeting of the conference before the recess, Tsarapkin agreed to forming an ad hoc technical group for discussing the research and devel-

ment program. While stating that he was without instructions on whether to accept 11 May as the starting date for the group, he urged the Western delegations to proceed under the assumption that it would be acceptable to Moscow.

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