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MUNICH, SEPT 5 (GND/MACDONALD) - A DELEGATION OF 33 FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK CONCENTRATION CAMP PRISONERS IS EXPECTED HERE THIS WEEKEND TO ATTEND THE UNVEILING OF A MEMORIAL AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DACHAU COMMITTEE, WHICH COMMISSIONED THE MEMORIAL, SAID TODAY THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION HAD CONFIRMED ITS INTENTION OF COMING IN A TELEGRAM RECEIVED TUESDAY.

HE SAID THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION WAS NOT YET KNOWN. MANY FORMER PRISONERS FROM OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE AMONG THE 700 FOREIGN DELEGATES WHO ARE AWAITED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THEY WILL INCLUDE 36 HUNGARIANS, THREE POLES, TWO RUMANIANS, THREE RUSSIANS AND EIGHT EAST GERMANS.

ALTOGETHER 23 COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MOST OF THE AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO BONN WILL BE PRESENT. NEITHER THE SOVIET NOR THE RUMANIAN AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEND, HOWEVER.

THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WILL REPRESENT HIS COUNTRY, WHICH IS NOT SENDING A DELEGATION.

THE MASSIVE SCULPTURE WILL BE UNVEILED ON SUNDAY MORNING. DESIGNED BY THE YUGOSLAV ARTIST GILD NANDOR, IT REPRESENTS THE STARVED, TORTURED BODIES OF PRISONERS IMPALED ON A BARBED WIRE FENCE.

THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT SUNDAY'S CEREMONY WILL BE THE LORD MAYOR OF WEST BERLIN, KLAUS SCHUETZ, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESRAT, THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT; DR ALOIS HUNDHAMMER, BAVARIAN DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, HIMSELF A FORMER DACHAU PRISONER, ON BEHALF OF THE BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT; AND DR ALBERT GUERISSE OF BELGIUM, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DACHAU COMMITTEE.

DACHAU WAS THE FIRST CONCENTRATION CAMP SET UP BY THE NAZIS AFTER THEY TOOK OVER POWER IN 1933. THE CAMP WAS DESIGNED TO THE PERSONAL SPECIFICATIONS OF HEINRICH HIMMLER, THEN POLICE PRESIDENT OF MUNICH, BEFORE HE BECAME HEAD OF THE SO-CALLED REICH SECURITY OFFICE.

THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS WHO DIED THERE HAS NEVER BEEN PRECISELY ESTABLISHED BUT IS ESTIMATED AT AROUND 80,000.

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