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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL --An official of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) will speak at Eastern Illinois University on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Wolf R. Siemens, Counselor and Deputy Chief of Staff at the DCM Embassy in Washington, will make a question-and-answer type presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the Coleman Hall Auditorium. His topic will be "Unrest in Poland and Communism in Europe: An East German View."

Siemens will also be a guest at an international tea at the Wesley Foundation from 2 to 4 p.m. and will speak briefly in the International Lounge of the Applied Arts-Education Center following the tea.

His appearance is being sponsored by the Departments of Political Science and History and the German section of the Foreign Language Department.

Siemens holds the M.A. degree in philosophy and the Ph.D. in political science from Berlin Humboldt University. He was commissioned as a foreign service officer in 1968, assuming his present post in 1977.

Before that he was a correspondent for the General German News Service (East Berlin), accredited to the United Nations headquarters in New York. He also served as Director, Office of U.S. Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the German Democratic Republic.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Frau Adelheid Siemens, who is a member of the staff, Science Division, at the GDR Embassy.