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FOREIGN RELATIONS (1500)  
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ANKARA COOL TO IDEA OF TURKISH LAWMAKERS VISITING  
HUNGARY

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It was reported on April 5 that the Soviet Ambassador to Turkey, Boris PODTSEROB, called on Refik KORALTAN, President of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, and officially invited a Turkish parliamentary delegation to visit MOSCOW. One week ago, Sandor RONAI, President of the Hungarian National Assembly, announced in a radio broadcast that Hungary had sent a similar invitation to Turkey.

On April 4, a spokesman of the Turkish Ministry for Foreign Affairs stated that until that day his government had received no official notification concerning the Hungarian invitation. It was believed in ANKARA that the invitation was handed to the Turkish Ambassador in BUDAPEST but no word to this effect had as yet reached the Turkish capital. Concerning the more recent and concrete Soviet invitation, this was acknowledged by the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly but no reply so far has been handed to the Soviets.

The general feeling in ANKARA political circles is that the time is not yet ripe for Turkish delegations to visit the USSR and Hungary. As both invitations concern parliamentary delegations, not government representatives, it may take some time for the Turkish National Assembly to send answers to the invitations. It is believed, however, that both answers will be of a negative nature.

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