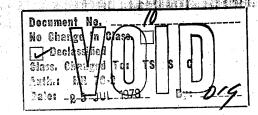
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- 1. The CDU in the DDR is currently unable to meet its financial obligations either through membership fees or through the sale of the Party newspaper. News Zeit. The latter has been operating at a loss for the last few months and has had to be subsidized by CDU Party funds.
- The over-all deficit of the CDU is made up by a monthly grant of 50,000 DM East which Georg Dertinger, Foreign Minister of the DDR, receives from the SED to finance CDU operations for the Mational Front in Western Germany. Actually, however, nearly all of this sum is used for the work of the Perty in the DDR, and the SED could, by withholding the monthly grant, force the closing down of CDU Party headquarters at any time.

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