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20 May 1952

SUBJECT: TPENBER International Congress

TO : Chief of Mission
Frankfurt, Germany

INFO: Chief, BYCJLCK
Washington, D.C.

1. Submitted herewith is a translation of the provisional program of the forthcoming TPENBER Congress. The program calls for a parliamentary procedure, the establishment of working committees to discuss justice in the Soviet Zone, announcement of the conclusions of these discussions and corresponding statements of principles, and the adoption of resolutions by the assembled Congress. Provision is made for the establishment of a continuing organization to observe and report on developments in the field of justice in the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

2. Your attention is called to the receptions scheduled to be given to Congress participants by the German Federal Minister of Justice and the Governing Mayor of Berlin. The reception by the Allied Commandants is planned but has not yet been finally verified. It is felt that these receptions are of considerable prestige value to TPENBER in recognition of its outstanding and unique achievements and represent a solid endorsement of its activities.

3. The working committees will of necessity conduct their business in closed sessions. The final sessions of the assembled Congress in the new Schiller Theater and in the Waldtheater will be open to the general public.

4. The tours of Berlin are extremely valuable for outsiders to compare appearances and daily life on both sides of the Iron Curtain and to talk first-hand with residents of the Soviet Zone.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

OF JURISTS IN WEST BERLIN

25 July — 1 Aug. '52

Date	Time	Event	Place	
25 July (Friday)		<u>Opening Ceremonies</u>	Auditorium of the	
	10:00-10:30am	Greeting by Dr. Friedenau.	Hochschule fuer	
	10:30-12:00 noon	Messages from and greetings by guests of honor.	Politik	
	12:00-12:30pm	Election of President of Congress and Chairmen of working committees and assumption of office.		

	2:30- 4:00pm	Lecture on basic philosophy of justice: "Justice and Human Society."	"	
4:30- 5:30pm	Lecture by Dr. Friedenau: "Justice in the Zone of Germany as an Example of the Development of Justice Behind the Iron Curtain."	"		
8:00pm	Reception given by Minister of Justice Dr. Dahler in the name of the Federal Republic of Germany.	_____		

26 July (Saturday)	9:00-12:00noon	First sessions of the four working committees, with lectures and discussions.	Hochschule fuer Politik	
	2:00- 5:00pm	a. <u>Committee on Penal Law:</u> Introductory lecture: "Which legal procedures (Rechtsgute) are worth protecting." Discussion of the state of penal justice in the Soviet Zone of Occupation of Germany with reference to freedom of opinion, of speech and the press, and of religion.		

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b. Committee on Public Law:

Introductory lecture: "Fundamental Law in the Practice of Constitutional and Administrative Law."

Introduction to the structure, planning (Aufgabestellung), and working methods of the Soviet Zone administration. Discussion of the individual's range of freedom with regard to equality before the law and personal security.

c. Committee on Civil and Economic Law:

Introductory lecture on the classification of property and the organization of the economy.

Discussion of the reform of the economy through collectivization and of expropriation.

d. Committee on Labor Law:

Introductory lecture: "Fundamental Social Justice."

Discussion of the free choice of an occupation, of forced labor, and of the right to social security, particularly the right to terminate employment with prior notice.

(Note: The working committees will accept documentary evidence and hear testimony of witnesses and experts.)

Evening

Reception given by the Allied Commandants of Berlin.

27 July
(Sunday)

Morning

Choice of a tour of inspection through the city or a boat trip.

1:00pm

Luncheon for all delegates at Schloss Brüningslinden

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28 July 9:00-12:00 noon Second sessions of the working Hochschule fuer
(Monday) committees; Politik
2:00- 5:00pm Continuation of discussions.

a. Committee on Penal Law:

Evidence of guilt of the accused in court; the right to a hearing before independent and non-partisan courts; the right to a defense.

b. Committee on Public Law:

The extent of freedom with regard to the inviolability of residence, freedom to change residence at will, rights to property and to freedom of association and assembly, protection of marriage and the family, political rights (the organization of parties, voting rights, the right to participation in public life).

c. Committee on Civil and Economic Law:

Special methods of expropriation in the Soviet Zone of Occupation in Germany and the denial or atrophy of the protection of rights, particularly through the exclusion of established legal procedures.

d. Committee on Labor Law:

The right to adequate and satisfactory conditions of labor and collective contracts in industry; trade union freedom and legality of the FDGB and its methods; social security in periods of disability and in widowhood.

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(Note: Evidence will be taken as in the first sessions.)

Determination of the degree to which the legal principles discussed in the two sessions are misinterpreted or debased in the Soviet Zone of Germany in the light of the UN Charter on Human Rights.

Evening

Reception given by the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Professor Ernst Reuter, in the name of the Berlin City Government.

29 July
(Tuesday)

9:00-12:00 noon

Special lectures before the four working committees on the post-war development of justice in their native countries by exile jurists from the following countries: Albania, Bulgaria, China, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, USSR, and Hungary.

Hochschule fuer
Politik

2:00- 4:00pm

Concluding lectures by exiled jurists.

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Evening

Informal Reception

30 July
(Wednesday)

9:00-12:00 noon

Adoption of resolutions based on the conclusions of the four committees and a corresponding statement of principles.

Hochschule fuer
Politik

3:00pm

Informal tea.

8:00pm

Large public rally.

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31 July (Thursday)	9:00-10:30am	Announcement by the respective chairmen of the results of the committee discussions and principles arrived at.	Auditorium of the Hochschule fuer Politik
	11:00-12:00 noon	Lecture: "The Right to Resist Injustice."	"
	12:00- 5:00pm	Announcement by the President of the resolutions of the Congress. The adoption of resolutions recommending action; a.) against the extension of injustice as a system and b.) toward the prevention of injustice behind the Iron Curtain. The establishment of a continuing organization for regular observation of and reporting on the development of justice in countries behind the Iron Curtain.	"
	8:00pm	Final meeting, open to the public; "Prominent Foreign Jurists Speak to Berlin." Opportunity for the participants to acquaint themselves with the institution and working methods of the Investigating Committee of Free Jurists. Visits to exhibitions, and sight-seeing.	Schiller Theater
1 August (Friday)		Departure of participants.	

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