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NEW US ZONE GERMAN METEOROLOGICAL PERIODICAL CRITICIZED

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A new meteorological periodical, The Meteorological Review, has been published in the US Zone of Germany since the end of 1947 by Dr Karl Keil. The editor's foreword to the first number of this periodical, written by Dr L. Weikman, director of the German Weather Service (in the US Zone), states that it is published by decree of the US military command.

At the same time, Weikman emphasizes repeatedly that The Meteorological Review must be an independent scientific periodical. He also notes that war has confronted meteorologists with a number of new problems, with which we must agree. But we cannot agree with Doctor Weikman when he states that crushing Fascist obscurantism is only "an elimination of false (!) political teachings which disturb (!) the joint life of peoples of the world." It is very difficult to imagine how the new scientific periodical can actually be independent when the director of the German Weather Service has such a "liberal," one might say, outlook on Nazi misanthropic doctrines. We find some confirmation of this on the first page in this touching statement: "Our memoirs are devoted to the many meteorologists and associates who were killed or injured in the war." The number of Nazis wept for by Doctor Weikman and the editors of The Meteorological Review can easily be reckoned.

In view of the above, we must assume that honorable meteorologists will hardly care to collaborate in this periodical, the more so since a new strictly scientific publication, Journal of Meteorology, has been published for about a year in the Soviet Zone of Occupation. This periodical, edited by Professor Zuring (Potsdam), is a direct continuation of the Meteorological Journal, well-known to all geophysicists, which has been published in Braunschweig since 1866.

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