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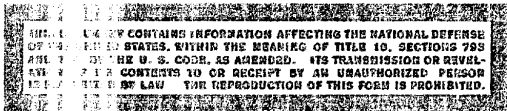
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1. After the Taegliche Rundschau had started criticizing the ADN several weeks ago, persons familiar with the situation expected that the ADN Ltd which had the publishers of sixteen newspapers as partners would be dissolved and be converted into a nationalized information apparatus after the pattern of the Soviet Tass agency. Some also believed that the ADN would possibly be merged with the AFI. The ADN personnel was checked by a commission.

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there would be some postponement because of difficulties regarding the personnel, especially as a rough analysis of the personal files and questionnaires indicated that about 70 percent of the personnel did not meet the requirements of government employees. He commented that no editor living in West Berlin as well as no editor who had been an American, British or French PW could be employed.

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[Redacted box] the organization would follow the pattern of the Tass agency, with the foreign editing office, for example, subordinate to and responsible to the foreign ministry.

3. On 19 December 1952, the board of directors of the ADN convened for a meeting which had originally been planned for January 1953 and therefore came as a surprise. A member of the AFI, which had not yet been dissolved at that time, also was present. While the deactivation of the ADN Ltd which was expected to be announced at that meeting was postponed, since [Redacted box]

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the problem of personnel could not be solved that expeditiously, preparatory measures to this effect were taken. The most surprising of these was the discharge of Hansen. The day after the meeting, the ADN informed all its subscribers by a circular letter that Hansen's application for discharge had been accepted and that the board appointed Mrs Deba Wieland as his successor.

4. On 20 December 1952, Hansen, in a farewell address to the ADN section chiefs, stated that he was given a new assignment which was of smaller scope but called for ten times more responsibility. He said that in his new capacity he would continue in official contact with the ADN. [Redacted box]

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5. On 21 December 1952, Mrs. Deba Wieland, who had been Gerhard Eisler's deputy prior to the dissolution of the Office for Information, presented herself to the ADN personnel. In a speech she made to the section chiefs she briefly mentioned that the work of the ADN would be more centralized in the future.

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Comment. Mrs. Deba Wieland probably is Erna Wieland-Raschke. UNCLASSIFIED

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She was known as deputy chief of the Amt fuer Information (AFI).

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