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Election Results

- The following people were recently elected in the South Slesvian communities listed below:
 

<u>South Brarup</u>	9 Danes out of 15	and Georg Bornholdt, a Dane as Mayor
<u>New Berend (unconfirmed)</u>	7 " " " 9	" Assmus Oelert, " " " "
<u>Seeth</u>	7 " " " 9	" Hans Bojens, " " " "
<u>Grödersby (near Kappeln)</u>	4 " " " 6	" Assmus Petersen, " " " "
<u>Jübek</u>	4 " " " 12	" Johs. Peter (reelected Mayor (a Dan
<u>Lyrskov (sic)</u>	5 " " " 9;	former Mayor, not a member of the Danish Party though not opposed to it, reelected.
<u>Busdorf (near Slesvig)</u>	4 Danish candidates elected;	however, the Danish Mayor who was reelected was on the SPD list.
<u>Friedrichstadt</u>	Heinrich Mader, a Dane,	was elected Mayor.
- By placing altogether for election only as many candidates as it would be possible to elect directly, the German parties in the town of Flensburg have succeeded in establishing a United Front. In this way they hoped to induce the German-minded voters to choose German candidates regardless of party affiliations. In South Tönder this United Front has been formed by merging SPD and CDU members, without including members from other parties. In Slesvig, however, attempts to form a united party failed. There was strong opposition from prominent peasants under the leadership of Buntzen of Langstedt, so the German-minded had to be content with an attempt to establish a united front in Slesvig Town. This, too, was unsuccessful. In Flensburg County, Councillor Lübke has been actively promoting a united party, thus showing that he is becoming more and more German-minded politically although officially he always exhibits the greatest understanding and good will toward the Danes.
- No mention is made of the fact that the British have prohibited this uniting of parties, as well as the dissemination of anti-Danish propaganda. Possibly this refers only to combined lists for elections or the placing of names on a joint ballot. In any case, it is considered of chief importance that the parties have reduced the number of candidates in order to get the voters to vote for several German parties simultaneously, and that propaganda in favor of this procedure is not prohibited.

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Land Reform

4. The farmers of Slesvig are greatly worried about the legal plan adopted by the Diet for agricultural reform. They feel that its enforcement would be disastrous to the interests of all farm people.

Slesvig

5. Vorbruck, Luthe, and Weiss are leaders of the German Social Democrats in this area. The first two mentioned are not Slesvians but natives of Westphalia and Rhineland. At an official meeting 30 September, Vorbruck stated that he, as Chairman of the Commission for de-Nazification, had petitioned the British Military authorities to add the two following questions to the extensive questionnaire being issued in regard to de-Nazifying: (1) Are you a member of the South Slesvig Society? If so, for how long have you been a member? (2) Did you vote for the Danish candidates in the elections? It is not surprising if there is some worry in regard to this Commission.

Rendsburg

6. In spite of the undemocratic method of procedure practiced by the Germans both in Rendsburg and in Westerland, the Danish group of officials in Slesvig have decided that they want the German parties to have representation in the Slesvig Municipal Government. They no doubt want to give the German parties a concrete example of democracy.

Egernföerde County

7. The Danish Organization feels that the elections in Districts 9 and 10 were not conducted properly. They express surprise over the British official's support of such unfair procedures.

South Slesvig Society

8. The number of members in the society on 1 October are given below for several areas:

	<u>1 October</u>	<u>1 July 1946</u>
Slesvig County .....	10,403	6,246
Egernföerde County .....	3,328	2,227
Rendsburg N. County .....	2,600	1,925

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