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- At a meeting of SED Berlin youth leaders, 3 November, Heinz Kessler gave inservations for further FDJ work. In the Russian Sector they 1. are to work openly, with the aid of the occupying power, and set up a complete functionary apparatus which will be ready to take over in other sectors as soon as the FDJ is sanctioned by the Allied Kom indatura. Meanwhile, in each borough, an SED Committee is to sound out the members of the Youth Committees to see how many may be expected to join the FDJ. Kessler emphasized the importance of presenting the FDJ as a non-political organization and concealing any connections with either the SED or the Russians. "The FDJ is a free youth organization, completely non-political and democratic. It stands for the social demands of youth. Through the great brother party in the one it offers the best opportunity for making headway." At the same meeting, Hermann Matern said that the Russians are ready to agree to license the following youth organizations in Berlin: Christian Youth, Social Democratic Youth, and the FDJ.
- A reliable SED source reports that Berlin youth is basically extremely 2, critical of the FDJ. It is doubtful that FDJ propaganda will sway the great mass of youth. In one Kreis in a populous borough in the British Sector it is estimated that only some 200 will join the FDJ if it is sanctioned. The SED intends to use the Central Youth Committee in the borough under the leadership of Willi Pankow (SED) to got a list of all the young people in the Youth Committee in order to work on them individually.
- CDU youth leaders are, in the main, opposed to the FDJ. However, Professor Hickmann, CDU chairman in the State of Saxony, has come 3 out for close coopération with the FDJ. Jakob Kaiser has taken the stand that the FDJ is only a temporary solution of the youth problem. Nevertheless, in some parts of the State of Saxony the CDU had urged its young members to join the FDJ. Professor Hickmann's personal secretary, for example, has joined. The CDU's chairman for youth activities in the State of Saxony, Hans Joachim Endler, a Protestant, is a member of the FDJ. At a meeting of CDU youth Leaders, 30 October, representatives of the State of Saxony reported

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that many young people have left the CDU because it is too closely connected with the church and with some of the Allies. It was also stated that there must be a certain degree of cooperation with the FDJ.

- Among Berlin CDU youth there is sentiment in favor of retaining the Youth Committees rather than sanctioning the FDJ and other youth organizations. The Deutscher Jugend Bund, sponsored by Dr. Plewe, pre-Hitler Boy Scout official, has the unofficial backing of the CDU. In Berlin it is planned to have a CDU Sports Committee which will cooperate with Dr. Plewe.
- Heinrich Keul's proposed Pan-European Youth is less and less popular in CDU youth circles. The Pan-European Youth Movement has laid plans for a journal and is waiting now for a license. The SED considers the "Pan-European Youth" just another form of anti-Russian "Western Bloc" backed by the CDU.
- A former Hitler Youth leader, Heinz Brenneke, attended the FDJ school at the Bogensee, north of Berlin, where he was unpopular because of his SPD leanings. He tried then to reorganize the Youth Home at 181 Brunnenstrasse (Russian Sector) which, according to source, is immoral. SED youth leaders kept Brenneke from cleaning up the Brunnenstrasse home. Thereupon, Brenneke set up a new youth home at the corner of Gartenstrasse and Invalidenstrasse in the Russian Sector, where he plans eventually to re-found the Rote Falken (SPD Youth).

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