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2. On 26 November there was a meeting of editors-in-chief and Soviet censorship officers in the Möge (a club in the Russian Sector of Berlin). The editors were given the above directions and signed a statement that they would follow them. They were told to print the truth and avoid all sources which spread lies about the USSR. The only news services they are to use are ADN, Tass, and SSB. They are not to print any tendentious articles about the Russian Zone nor anything at all about Russian troop undertakings or the production agencies necessary to supply the occupational troops.
3. Reactions of Berlin papers to the new procedure vary. The Berliner Zeitung and Neues Deutschland are pleased. The Neue Zeit reports that its censor, a young captain, now works much more carefully and sometimes takes three or four hours which delays publication.
4. The non-SED papers still submit galley proofs to their Russian censorship officers before publication in order to be on the safe side. Source reports that in general the censors no longer delete as much as formerly, in Berlin at least. (The situation in the provinces is not so clear.) Analysis of deletions in Der Morgen in the period 26 November-12 December bears out this conclusion. On 27 November the censorship officers visited the compositor's rooms and looked through the pages without making any objections.

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