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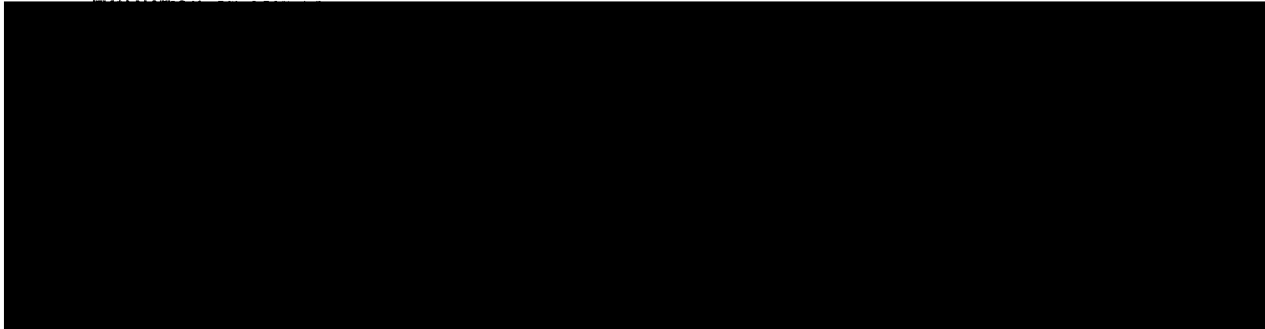
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1. A special meeting of the CDU Executive Committee for the Russian Zone was held in Berlin 12 July. Some members brought in a proposal that the CDU in the Russian Zone be dissolved; they argued that the CDU there serves only to camouflage the true situation and support the Russian-SED claim that democracy exists in the Russian Zone.
2. Jacob Kaiser agreed in opposing SED attempts at dictatorship in the Russian Zone and its use of cover organizations. Kaiser insisted, however, that the CDU must continue its battle in the Russian Zone and not be dissolved. In this connection, Kaiser praised the vitality and energy of the Russian occupation and castigated the passivity and lethargy of the Western Powers. Kaiser dwelt upon the danger of Germany's being divided into two states as a result of Anglo-American policies.
3. On 14 July Kaiser elaborated on this theme before a small group of CDU people. The basis for Kaiser's attitude is his complete despair at the failure of the Western Powers to handle the German problem correctly. Kaiser said that he had been willing to dissolve the CDU in the Russian Zone and carry on an underground movement, but that he had been unable to obtain an unequivocal promise from American representatives that U. S. Military Government would remain in Berlin. Faced with the danger of the loss of Berlin as a basis of operations, Kaiser felt it inadvisable to start an underground movement in the Russian Zone. He decided instead to make any necessary concessions to the SED and the Russians in an attempt to maintain his position in Berlin.
4. Kaiser accused England and the United States of surrendering half of Germany and Austria to Russia. England rejected every opportunity to cooperate with the German underground during the war, and thus threw to the winds the last chance to hold off Russia in Eastern Europe. The Western Powers turned over half of Europe to Russia merely out of indifference to the fate of Europe.

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5. Kaiser continued this theme, assailing the British for complete inactivity during two years of occupation. The Russian Zone is busy as a beehive while in Western Germany the quiet of the graveyard prevails. Nations which refused Britain any concessions and then offered Hitler only token opposition are in no position to govern Europe, said Kaiser. In view of what has happened in Germany and Europe since 1945, humanity, democracy, and decency are empty phrases in the West and in the Allied Control Council.

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