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1. By order of the SMAD, the Central Administration of the Interior will henceforth be known under the name of:

Deutsche Verwaltung des Innern.

In the near future, the names of all other departments of the Central Administrations in Berlin will be similarly changed.

2. The reason for replacing the word "Central" by "German", it is alleged, was the Russians' desire to give the impression, prior to the London Conference, that the centralistic tendencies of the different departments of the Central Administrations, which in the past, were generally identified with the SMA, have been abandoned and that the departments have actually been granted freedom of action.

3. Up to now, the Central Administration of the Interior assumed, for all practical purposes, the functions of a Ministry of the Interior for the five states of the Soviet Zone. It remains to be seen whether the Deutsche Verwaltung des Innern, as well as other departments, will actually retain their former authority and functions, or whether their activities will be curtailed.

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