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1. In addition to the "Control Commissions", "Investigating Commissions", "Screening Commissions", and Party Courts, the Personnel Commissions (Personalkommissionen) represent another SED agency for personnel problems.
2. The Screening Commissions were newly organized for the purpose of purging or reactivating the party, but the Personnel Commissions are a permanent party agency. They are found on all levels of the party from Landesverband to City District, inclusive. Source is not acquainted with the prescribed size of the Personnel Commissions on all levels, but knows that a City District Personnel Commission is composed of three members. The overt functions of the Personnel Commissions are the evaluation of members for functionary posts, school attendance, and governmental assignments, as well as the maintaining of personnel records.
3. In addition to their overt assignments, the Personnel Commissions handle secret, out-of-channel investigations of Party members and other persons whose reliability for special reasons must be established. For this covert work at least one member, and sometimes all members, of each Personnel Commission is commissioned to handle confidential assignments. Requests for secret investigations are passed down through Personnel Commission channels without informing the regular party authorities on the various levels, and the results of the investigations are returned similarly.

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