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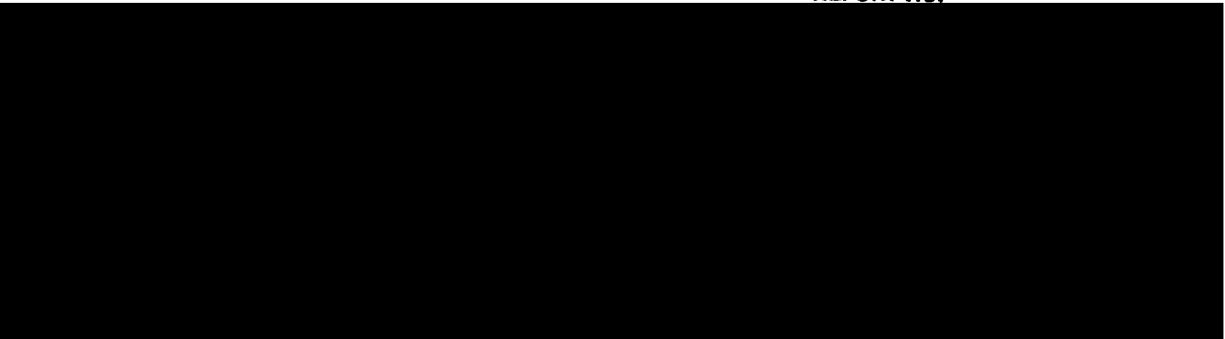
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1. At the end of October 1948, Colonel S.I. Tyulpanov addressed a meeting of all of the editors-in-chief of the Russian-licensed newspapers and publications. The meeting was called to criticize the editors for their ineffectiveness in connection with the demonstration "Against the War-Mongers" at the Friedrichstadt Palast on 27 October 1948. Tyulpanov stated that the editors had shown that they lacked the ability to create the effect of a spontaneous demonstration. He considered that this topic had been specifically within the province of the press, and that their inefficiency had been the more reprehensible because this theme represented the newly adopted attitude of the Soviet authorities towards the Western Powers. This demonstration had been especially timed by the Russians to launch the German phase of the campaign "Against the War-Mongers", of which the Stalin interview in Pravda (28 October) was also a part.
2. Tyulpanov stated that hereafter every edition of a Russian-licensed publication was to contain articles in line with this campaign "Against the War-Mongers". Wherever possible it must be demonstrated that the Western Powers were guilty of war-mongering. The time for theoretical disputes had passed, and every anti-Soviet statement was to be interpreted as a hostile act and to be considered as war-mongering. Tyulpanov indicated that the individual papers would be allowed a free hand to conduct this campaign, but he did suggest that a personality "smear" campaign was usually easier than discussions of the issues involved.
3. The National-Zeitung was given special instructions by the Russians in the middle of November to include France in its current propaganda articles directed at the Western Powers. All phases of French policy and personalities were to be pilloried, except the Communists. The full burden of attacking French policies would have to fall on the National-Zeitung, as the Communist press was tied up in advocating the Cominform-sponsored strikes in France and the Soviet policy for the disposition of the Ruhr.

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