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KERSCHBAUMER, editor of the staff of the Communist newspaper Neue Zeit and Provincial Chairman of the Austrian Concentration Camp Union, in Upper Austria, stated that the Austrian Concentration Camp Union intends a "spontaneous" action for the protection of Austria and her independence in case of a further increase of "Nazi activities." This action, which is to commence under the protection of the Soviet Occupation Power, aims at the establishment of former concentration camp inmates in important government positions.

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[ ] Comment:

It is inferred from <sup>the</sup> support by the Soviet Occupation Power that seizure of the executive power is primarily intended to take place in the Soviet Zone of Austria, and perhaps in VIENNA. The planned action by the Concentration Camp Union should be viewed in connection with the statement of Genleit ZHELTOV, Deputy Soviet High Commissioner, at the meeting of the Allied Council on 9 December 1949, regarding "neo-Nazi" activities in Austria.

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