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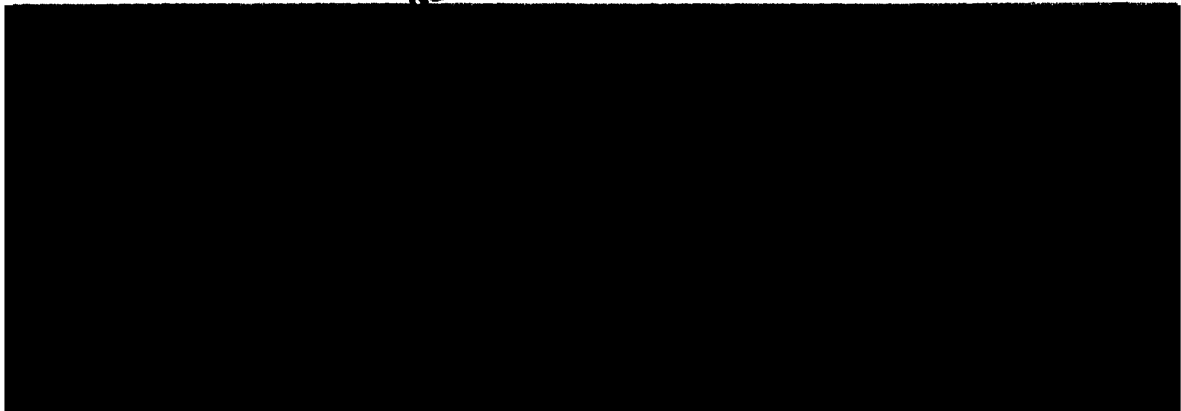
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1. Johann Kopleng, chief of the Communist Party of Austria, Leopoldine Fialka, a member of the Central Committee, Secretary General Friedl Fuernberg, Johann Petz, workers' representative of the Alpine Montan Plant in Donawitz, Styria, the brothers Vessely, (Vienna) and Friedrich Hexmann, advisor of the Politburo in the field of foreign politics, were in Moscow on the occasion of Stalin's 70th birthday.
2. At this time Kopleng and Hexmann were also received by Malenkov, Secretary of the All-Union Communist Party (B).
3. In circles of the Central Committee there is talk that Kopleng and Hexmann submitted to Malenkov detailed plans on the political development in Austria. According to these plans, the Communist Party of Austria is prepared to join actively the fight against Tito by organizing a battalion of volunteers under the command of engineer Gustav Wegerer (chief of the Communist factory police, editor of the Volksstimme).
4. In the event that the state treaty should be concluded, Kopleng and Hexmann asked Malenkov to take measures to prevent the economic and political strength of the Communist Party of Austria from being broken up by the government parties.
5. On the whole Malenkov gave a favorable reply. However, he had pointed out that it was the main task of the Communist Party of Austria to support the Soviet Union and the people's democracies and to liquidate the present regime in Yugoslavia.

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