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peter kammerstaetter, provincial secretary of the Communist Party of Austria in Upper Austria and member of the Central Committee, who recently spent some time with the Vienna Central Committee (exact data not available), told the provincial board that special functionaries' courses are now being conducted in vienna to teach new combat tactics which the Central Committee has prepared with special regard to Austria. These new tactics, called intimidation tactics, are based on the experience that an appearance of self-assurance in a communist functionary will usually do much to intimidate functionaries of other parties and paralyze their political activity, particularly in small communities. This psychological training will first be tested in vienna and then will be expanded to Upper Austria during the current year. Instructors are being trained at the Vienna Central Committee.

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