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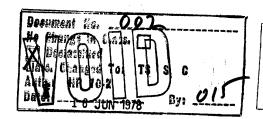
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1. After publication in the 20 April 1950 issue of the Taegliche Rundschau of the article "Eulogists of the Atom Bomb" in which Upton Sinclair was accused of defending atomic warrare, the Culture Department of the SMA has directed the Dietz Publishing Firm in the Soviet Sector of Berlin to discontinue printing books by Sinclair. The article in the Taegliche Rundschau which was signed P.A. was published after prolonged negotiations between A.V. Kirsanov, editor in chief of the paper and the Culture Department of the SMA.

It is expected that a confidential directive will soon to be sent to all booksellers in the Soviet Zone of Germany, including the Soviet Sector of Berlin, forbidding them to sell or lend out any books by Sinclair. More-over, a lecture is planned in the House of Soviet Culture in which the American writer is to be depicted as a paid agent of American imperialism.



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