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2. The Communist Party of Austria is drawing the largest share of its political information from these former concentration camp inmates, many of whom sympathize with the Communist Party although they are not actually party members. Their political attitude is based on their bitter hatred of all right-wing political groupings, particularly because many of them had managed to obtain influential positions in 1945 only to lose them again with the formation of the two-party coalition government. The Communist Party of Austria has managed to enlist the support of the former concentration camp inmates by promising them influential positions after a successful political revolution in Austria.

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3. The Austrian Association of Former Concentration Camp Inmates and Political Persecuted registered a membership of 17,000 on 1 May 1950

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