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The German Sports Committee of the FDJ

- 1. On 1 January 1950, the total membership of the sport groups of the FDJ was claimed to be 650,000 youth, and it was planned by Whitsuntide to raise this total to 1,000,000 by competitive recruiting. The sport groups totaled approximately 2,400 regular groups plus 1,120 shop groups.
- 2. State Sport Schools in operation were as follows:
 Berlin: 1; Brandenburg: 1; Mecklenburg 2;
 Saxony: 2; Saxony-Anhalt: 2; Thuringia: 1

3. The German Sports Committee is organized as follows:

Secretariat of the German Sports-Committee
The German Sport-School

State Sports Committees, for:

Berlin	Brandenburg	Mecklenburg	Saxony	Saxony-Anh.	Thuringia
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District Sport Groups
 Factory Sport Groups
 State Sport Schools

under each State Committee

4. The Secretariat has the following departments with functions and staff as given:

- a. Organization Dept.: Control of the organization and sport groups; assignment of instructors; inspection; organization of central sports events; preparation of statistics. (See also item c., below). 1 Chief, 1 Deputy, 12 Assistants.
- b. Personnel Dept.: Development and supervision of the cadres; selection of students for the State Sport Schools and for the German Sport School; assignment of technical and political sports personnel; security matters and collaboration with the Police and the Ministry of the Interior. 1 Chief, 6 Assistants.

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- c. Technical Dept.: Technical supervision and direction of the sport organizations; rules and technical literature; organization of the special committees for the 23 branches of sport (with the exception of "motor-sports", which are the responsibility of the Organization Dept.); composition of central sports events for every branch; selection of instructors from the technical point of view. 1 Chief, 18 Assistants.
- d. Culture and Education Dept.: Political indoctrination; supervision of the curricula of the sport schools; control of decorations; liaison with the FDJ Central Council. 1 Chief, 1 Deputy, ? Assistants.
- e. Finance Dept.: Control of funds; financing of sports events; auditing of school and committee accounts; management of money contributions from all sources. 1 Chief, 1 Deputy; 12 Assistants.
- f. Press Dept.: Publishes the "Sport Press Service of the DDR"; supervises the newspapers and magazines of the German Sports-Publishing Co. Supervises the sports news programs of the radio stations of the DDR. 1 Chief, 6 Assistants.
- g. Championship Dept.: Promotion and assistance of the best athletes (from the rank of "Landesmeister" up) by means of scholarships, priority supply of sports material, special ration cards, rest homes, etc. (presently provided for 1,300 top athletes); maintains a register of all first-class athletes. 1 Chief, 3 Assistants.
- h. International Sports Relations Dept.: Conduct and direction of international and interzonal sports events; procurement of passes, etc.; supervision of athletes who are abroad or in western Germany; supervision and maintenance of foreign and West German sports delegations. 1 Chief, 2 Assistants, currently operated by the Personnel Dept.
- i. Factory Sports Dept.: Development of central factory sports groups as the nucleus for the growth of mass sports on a large scale; liaison with FDGB; liaison with "Sport und Wanderbedarf's GmbH" as supplier of all sports goods; liaison with "Jugendheim GmbH" as the owner of the sports fields and buildings. 1 Chief, 2 Assistants.
5. The address of the German Sports Committee is Berlin, Neustaedtische Kirche 15.
6. The Committee maintains the closest working relations with:
- Erich Honecker, Chief of the FDJ Central Council,
- Ernst Mueller, the functionary of the FDGB responsible for sports,
- Friedel Lewin and Kurt Edel of the Bureau of Youth Problems and Physical Exercises of the Office of the Deputy Minister-President Walter Ulbricht.
7. The following are the leading personalities in the Committee:
- Bigalke, Inu - Chief of the State Sports Committee for Saxony-Anhalt.
- Dose, Heinz - Chief of the Sports Committee for Berlin.
- Ewald, Manfred - Deputy Chief of the Organization Dept. of the Secretariat. Was HJ Scharfuehrer, soldier (wounded in World War II). FDJ and SED member.
- Feicht, Julius - Chief of the Technical Dept. of the Secretariat. Well known swimmer.
- Guentert, Hermann - Chief of the Culture and Education Dept. of the Secretariat. Said to have been an officer and a member of the Free Germany Committee. Was Chief of the Dept. of Culture and Education of the FDJ in 1948.
- Horn, Ernst - Chief of the German Sports Committee. Member of the FDJ in Thuringia and Youth Secretary of the SED. Was in the State Directorate in Thuringia until March 1949.

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- Huhn, Klaus - Chief of Press Dept. of the Secretariat; his replacement by Heinz Jacobus of the "Sport Echo" is rumored. Huhn is 24 years old, member of the SED and the FDJ. His father is president of the Deutsche Notenbank. Also sports editor of the newspaper "Neues Deutschland".
- Hultsch, Herbert - Chief of the State Sports Committee for Thuringia.
- Jacobus, Heinz - see Huhn, Klaus.
- Kaufmann, Werner - Chief of the Land Sports - Committee for Brandenburg.
- Kummerloew, Helmut - Deputy to Hermann Guentert. Alleged to be an ex Russian POW, graduate of the Antifa School at Krasnogorsk.
- Laehkamp, Joachim - Chief of the Championship Dept. of the Secretariat. NJ Scharfuehrer, soldier, and wounded in World War II. Youth Secretary of the GDU 1948-49.
- Mekas, Gerhard - Chief of the Finance Dept. of the Secretariat. Police official in Breslau prior to 1933; leader of a Communist cell in the Police; Police President of Potsdam after 1945; personal differences with Lore (Pieck) Staimer led to his separation from the force; in present post since September 1949.
- Reichert, Rudi - Chief of the State Sports Committee for Mecklenburg.
- Reinann, Heinz - Chief of the Personnel Dept. of the Secretariat. Returned to Germany from English emigration in 1946. Good friend of Horst Brasch. Was at first chief of the Division Work and Social Matters in the Central Council of the FDJ, then head of the Work of Youth. In 1948 he became chief of the Main Youth Office of the Central Administration for People's Education and referent for youth promotion. In present post since October 1949.
- Rothkamm, Rudi - Formerly had Reichert's post but is now ill and also "on the shelf" because of bourgeois deviations. A well-known "red" athlete.
- Selchow, Werner - Chief of the Factory Sports Dept. of the Secretariat. Member of the KJL (sic) before 1933. Non-commissioned officer in World War II. Russian POW; returned in January 1949. Extremely radical Communist.
- Spraffke, Gerhard - Chief of the Organization Dept. of the Secretariat. FDJ Berlin Organization Chief in 1947. In present post since December 1948. Visited the USSR for six weeks in 1949. Gifted organizer, is considered to be the "strong man" of the sports movement.
- Zenzel, Gustel - Chief of the State Sports Committee of Saxony.

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