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- At a meeting of the SED Zentralsekretariat, Hermann Axen, chief of the mass agitation department in the SED Zentralvorstand, voiced a warning against over-confidence concerning the outcome of the October elections. Axen stated that the expectation of an automatic victory in the election contest on the part of many comrades was dangerous. He admitted that Western propaganda aimed at the FDJ Whitsun rally had had effects upon parents as well as juveniles in the Soviet Zone of Germany, and added that it should now be expected that during the coming weeks Western propaganda will be intensified considerably. Accordingly Axen called for intensified vigilance against followers of Anglo-American war propaganda in the Soviet Zone of Germany. He said that a solid defensive front must be established by welding together the organs of the People's Police, the State Security Service, the State People's Controls and SED cadres.
- Axen emphasized that mere formal consent by the CDU and LDP to the joint election ticket was not sufficient to insure victory. Functionaries of these parties must be watched constantly to safeguard against surprise attacks which might come from their midst.

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