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- L. As a result of the "rejuvenation" of the cadres of the Moselle Federation, one Erwin Maurer has supplanted Pierre Muller, alternate Central Committee member and a former Councillor of the Republic, as a leading Federation figure, according to a report of 14 October. Because of his Party activities, Maurer has gained the complete confidence of the Central Committee and particularly that of Maurice Thorez. He is expected to be a Party candidate in the coming Moselle legislative elections. Little is known of Maurer beyond the fact that he was at one time condemned to three months in prison for interfering with railroad traffic.
- 2. In early September, Mulle, who is also Secretary General of the Moselle Coal Miners' federation (Confederation Generale du Travail, CGT), went to Leipzig, Ess! Germany to attend an International Congress of the CGT (sic)* which was being held there under Soviet direction. Following his return to France, Muller told friends that he might be transferred by the Central Committee to Belgium where he would work on a special assignment, the nature of which he did not reveal,

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There is no other information available concerning an internatio al labor conference in Leipzig In September.

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