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REORGANIZATION OF THE GDR PEOPLE-OWNED ECONOMY

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probable further reorganization of the GDR people-owned economy.

Reasons for ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reorganization:

Underfulfillment of the 1951 plan in many fields  
 Faulty planning -- production of non-salable goods

To overcome these difficulties the GDR government, in August 1951, set up engineer collectives, consisting of 4-6 specialists, in all important branches of production. These collectives were charged with the duty of investigating the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reasons for the shortcomings. The engineers for the collectives were selected according to their qualifications and not according to their political beliefs.

The initial reports of the engineer collectives ~~xxx~~ all agreed that the existing organization of the people-owned economy <sup>was</sup> the cause for past failures. A reorganization had taken place in 1951, when the so-called key enterprises were removed from the jurisdiction of the VVB's (federations of people-owned enterprises) and placed under the direct administration of the respective ministries. The reorganization proposals of the engineer collectives provide for liquidating the VVB's and for placing the enterprises under the guidance of the respective key enterprises.

For that reason the management of the key enterprises is to be placed into the hands of experts who are to be selected for their technical qualifications only. Various ministries concurred in these proposals. Therefore, numerous personnel changes may be forthcoming in the enterprises of the GDR people-owned economy.

The current efforts of the GDR government to foster the creation of a "technical intelligentsia" must be considered in that light. Since the end of 1951, employees in higher administrative positions of a technical nature down to master technicians are no longer exposed to political pressure. These employees need not participate in political meetings or training courses; furthermore, they are not forced to belong to a party or to mass organizations.

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ these measures had to be taken by the GDR government to assure the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan.

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