

BERLIN COUNCILMAN HOEHER KIDNAPED  
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(Text)

Berlin--The Free Democratic Party of West Berlin announced that Mr. Wolfgang Hoeher, member of the Municipal Council of Berlin--Kreuzberg district in the American zone, has been kidnaped by unknown persons and taken to the Soviet Zone.

Hoeher, who had been police commander before 1945, was probably kidnaped last Friday after a business lunch in a Western Zone restaurant. He is supposed to have taken a car bearing a Western registration number and to have been driven to the Eastern Zone. 13 Feb.

In connection with this kidnaping Mr. Will Kressmann, head of the Kreuzberg district, issued an appeal to its inhabitants, urging them to take precautions in their relations with friends and acquaintances who live in East Germany.

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