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1. The Deutsche Soldaten Zeitung (German Soldiers Newspaper) (DSZ) appeared four times with an average circulation of 33,000 copies during the reporting period. Edition B of the DSZ, the special monthly number printed especially for the veterans' roof organization (VDS), gained 3,000 new regular subscribers during the same interval. The latest issue of this edition was printed in 15,000 copies. The advertising campaign designed to increase subscriptions continues. To date this effort has been quite successful, for Edition B was expected to be self-supporting as of 1 April 1952.

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2. The campaign against Stalinism continues in the editorial columns of the DSZ. The 20 March issue features a lead story entitled "The German Song as Played on the Stalin Organ". The article exposes the recent Moscow overtures as propaganda. Another article states categorically that as long as Germans are still held prisoners of war, Russian proposals are valueless. The same author points out that there are now 104,041 positively identified Germans still in Russian prison camps.

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- 3. A wide range of other interesting articles has been corried in recent issues of the DST. Among others were: an article describing West Point and its curriculum; a study of Austria and the Kremlin political merry-go-round; and a feature dealing with the effectiveness of Italian soldiers during the last war. This last study is interesting in that it states that Rommel condemned the supply system that prevailed in the Italian army, concluding that poor armaments were responsible for the record of Italian troops under fire.
- 4. Four issues, 5,000 copies each, of <u>Europaische Wehr Korrespondenze</u> (European Defense News Letter) (EWK) were printed and disseminated during the month. Releases included discussions of Spitzbergen as an advance base of the Soviet Union, lessons of the winter war in Korea, the Air Force of Great Britain, and the armament of a future German division. Other notes deal with items of a strictly military nature, such as tank defense utilizing napalm, V-2's, and the British "Centurion" tank.
- 5. Wehrwissenschaftliche Rundschau (Military Science Journal) (WWR) featured an article dealing with military law and the rights of the civilian in var. Other articles dealt with the German Army transport system, the influence of new weapons in the conduct of future wars, and the defense of the Mediterranean.

C. Reaction

Assorted clippings from 15 West German newspapers indicate that EWK releases are receiving considerable attention. The successful subscription drive for Edition "B" of the DSZ testifies to the growing popularity of that organ. On the other hand, the Communists are particularly opposed to the DSZ and its policies. Recently they published a satirical cartoon in a leading East Berlin newspaper portraying a military minded Germany as a fat burgher reading the DSZ. In contrast to this attitude, the DSZ has received considerable favorable comment from the West German press.

- D. Conclusions: None
- E. Miscellaneous Comments:

None

