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Reds May Sell Steel in Germany And Other Western Countries

BONN., Germany, June 7—(Special to the New York Times.) Reports were current today in the Ruhr that Soviet-produced steel soon might be offered to German and other Western manufacturers at world market prices.

contract on political grounds. It said: "We are of the opinion the West should help the Soviet Union. It is one of the oldest lessons in history, that one should participate in an unavoidable process . . ."

One well informed source said the German steel community and representatives of foreign steel companies in this country were aware of these reports and seemed to take them as hard facts.

"It is also better . . . to turn to exporting to the Soviet Union than to take refuge in the production of tanks and guns in the face of an export recession."

These reports coincided with attention focused on a contract by the Krupp concern of Essen to supply a synthetic fiber plant to the Soviet Union. The contract, which was signed in Moscow last week by Berthold Beitz, general manager of the Krupp concern, is valued at 30,000,000 marks (\$11,900,000).

This morning a two-column editorial appeared on the front page of Die Welt of Hamburg not only approving the Krupp contract but urging other German manufacturers to follow the Krupp example.

Die Welt also approved the

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