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Happenings during the last 4 weeks have changed the situation considerably. It seems as if the matter turns no longer around the law suit, but instead is mainly concerned with the character assassination campaign which the SPD has released against me and my friends.

The events - - - I mean the SPD memorandum on the BDJ published on 12 March; the German rendition of Heine's article in the Belgian paper, (both reprinted in the "Neue Vorwärts" of 13 March); the Landtag debate in Wiesbaden on 18 March and the reaction to it in the Frankfurt papers on 19 March which I attach, dish up the affair again 6 months after the first SPD action. This proves that the SPD is making it an issue in their basic election propaganda and means, that it will be hashed up again and again at least until August.

You have done nothing beyond repeated requests not to hurt the SPD and to put up with everything. This attitude of yours has remained unchanged since October 1952 and has greatly contributed to the change in the situation.

For in October the situation was quite favorable for everybody, for the USA as well as for us; our common position was strong without any doubt. I refer to the reaction in the foreign press which was almost unanimously in our favor, with the exception of the socialist papers. Following is a quote from the Belgian paper "Libre Belgique" of 16/10/52.

"Socialism was not created for the purpose of bettering the lot of humanity, as it would like us to believe, but its object is to raise new obstacles incessantly in the path of the governments in which it has no followers. Thus they (The Socialists) are able to cast about suspicions of the Americans; more than that to accuse them of fascist tendencies before international public opinion.

The German Social Democrats are traitors wherever they are in power and it is high time that somebody speaks up against them. The German public does not expect much of them. It is essential not to overestimate them. When Hitler seized power in 1933 they fell apart with incredible speed. But today German and Allied agencies get excited and confused over the "disclosures" by Zinn, a mentally subordinate man (literally - a simpleton).

One plays with words. One starts investigations. It is simply ridiculous.

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It is Adenauer's fault never to have grabbed the bull by the horns. He is always on the defensive against the Socialists who play Moscow's game. The only thing true about the matter is that the Socialists wanted to destroy the BDJ which was a hot rival of the "Falken." The Social Democrats call the BDJ a "rightist" organization. This is not true. On the other hand it would not be difficult to

prove that the social-democratic "Falken" often work hand in hand with the Communist FDJ. In short, there are still people who act as if there was no such thing as a cold war."

It would have been possible to bring about a real clarification of the events and to win over the German public to the Western struggle for freedom! What you have done has resulted in the very opposite. Little by little, through steady repetitions, everybody believes what the SPD has spread about, though it plays into the hands of Moscow, whatever may be their motives!

I do not know how you depict in your mind this West-German, overheated world; at any rate you are wrong. It may be possible to keep still when accusations are made against Frau Buber-Neumann, - but you cannot remain silent when the issue is a real German Youth organization that was practically alone in its stand for the West, and which the SPD now depicts before the world as a partly foolish, partly criminal outfit.

What good will all American promotions be which the new U. S. Government plans; in this concrete case all credit was lost. You cannot possibly believe - though there is no longer as much ado about it in the press - that you are not tainted by it, by the silence and the snooping?

Enough of principles, let's get down to earth. Through your policy of putting up with everything the situation since October 1952 has changed as follows:

- a) At first the "Americans" were in the limelight, at first the Peters partisans were in the limelight,
- b) today you are no longer mentioned, so that we can be held fully responsible and punished; for a long time nobody has talked about the partisans, everything turns around the BDJ.

The change has been brought about by you. It is fateful for us, more disastrous than any suit could be, and it repudiates all original agreements. You have wanted it and have favored it by your silence and possibly by hidden "negotiations" which might be in your own interest and against us.

You have made the SPD as strong as it is today instead of putting a damper on it by a single public statement. In so doing all work possibilities of my former collaborators were destroyed. By repetition over a period of 6 months our names have become the property of the uninitiated and this in a negative sense, just as the SPD wanted it. Whoever stands for the West is a marked man.

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At the moment I am the target of reproaches by my close associates who are determined to do the following:

They intended to call a big press conference after 19 March, to which the foreign and U.S. press were especially invited.

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To them they wanted to prove that they are not responsible; that they were merely the tools; that all orders and directives were given by you, that you supervised the last details of the organization and its personnel, hence that you carry the responsibility. This they cannot do without me. They reproach me of not having taken care of them, since the Peters - partisans fared much better, they were paid off with 2-3000 DM each. This stands to prove that we (for they do not know about the pay I have received to date) have been badly treated intentionally, etc.

I have pledged all of them on their word of honor not to do anything at the moment and to keep their silence, hard as it is in view of the fantastic slander in the Fkft. Rundschau of 19 March. Above everything I wanted to prevent an unfavorable effect on the treaty ratification which would have been unavoidable.

In the meantime I want to discuss the following with you and expect a binding answer by Monday, 23 March or else a new proposal which would have to remain within the scope of my own suggestion. Please keep the date if at all possible or at least give me an interim reply! (For I am under pressure and must prevent a catastrophe of which you are not aware).

Mr. Stalder has told me that nothing can and will be done to protect us. This candor is bitter - it confirms my suspicion that nothing real was ever done by you to protect us and that all that has been accomplished, was done by me, respectively by my attorney - but it must be accepted and recognized.

Therefore I propose the following: consider me an independent political personality and make it possible for me (1) to continue my pro-Western work and (2) to relieve you of all bother and trouble.

To (1): invest me in advance for the next 6 months with a budget to be fixed by you, possibly on the basis of the Quaestor action, for a book shop and small information service (magazine). You will not be encumbered by it, as I have a bank that will give me an official credit immediately to the amount agreed upon, so that everything is correct and legal.

To (2): in figuring the height of the budget, take into consideration that on the basis of a good financial settlement I want to make of my former co-workers (Group I of the attached survey) dependable factors as regards you, now and in the future. (Don't underestimate the SPD - much more will be forthcoming.)

A concrete sum of DM 70,000 would be my proposition and I want to add that it means something only if I receive the money in a lump sum, because this is the only way to establish a correct credit. To distribute small sums of unknown origin is a risk one can no longer take.

In return for this sum I assure you that nothing will happen which could disturb our connections. As far as I am concerned, I believe

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I am acting in your interests if I set up something here - uninfluenced by compulsion of any sort, attuned to German conditions and consequently completely free from suspicion in case somebody should look for you as source, - if I set up something that I might hand over to you in case it should be possible for me actually to emigrate in six months.

The money means nothing to you, at best it is an experiment which will unburden you, irrespective of whether it succeeds or not. I expect that you will agree, since I have fulfilled each and every one of your wishes promptly and reliably, even the most unpopular ones. You will certainly not abandon me in a situation which through inactivity and silence, has developed into incapability of action and hence admission of guilt.  
You cannot do that!

Now to the technical details. You give me the money in cash. As an acknowledgment I give you a receipt and later on the acknowledgment of the bank credit. Our contact remains unchanged so that I can inform you at all times. Should you wish to show me your confidential circulars, then I propose that we meet once a month outside of Hesse, that I read them in your presence but do not take them along.

Through my lawyer you will receive a notarized statement of all my co-workers.

I do not want you to do anything with it, since the text might otherwise be suspicious and because I can do it better than you (better and more effectively!)

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REPORT

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Situation of the BDJ in March 1953

After Lueth's resignation the organization dissolved in two stages:

1. Helmut Winter from Munich left the Board of Directors, allegedly at the request of his "Land" unit. Winter had intended to run for First Chairman, but since most of his sponsors were arrested for possession of arms during the police raid on their Frankfurt Stadium meeting, they could not appear at the election in Mainz, so he was not put up.
2. Winter succeeded in talking politically inexperienced Roemer into resigning from his post as First Chairman and into setting up a new organization. This was done in Bonn on 11 February and named "Work Community of the former 'Land' units of the BDJ." After the foundation, Winter withdrew also from Roemer as he had accomplished his aim.

So as to prevent mischief Lueth forbade the use of the name BDJ to all illegally set-up undertakings, such as the Bavarian BDJ and the aforementioned Work Community.

Thereupon two things happened:

- a. Winter dissolved the Bavarian and the Franconian BDJ and founded a "League of the Democratic Youth of Bavaria," (BDJ-B) with seat in Munich and himself as First Chairman. The enterprise to be financed by industry through the mediation of CDU delegate Strauss.

Winter never had many members, and after the foundation nothing more was heard of this organization. I believe that he will be smart enough not to sink much more into the work and to escape difficulties.

- b. Roemer declared the entire BDJ work as ended.

Roemer can, of course, speak only for the Work Community. The actual BDJ after the departure of Detlev Schott is represented only by Knoll, its last 2nd chairman, and Vogt its last 4th chairman.

In BDJ matters the following proceedings are pending:

An investigation procedure against Lueth, Peters, and others, conducted by the Frankfurt District Attorney. The county court denied the protest against it, an appeal is still pending.

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Simultaneously a letter went to the Federal District Attorney in Karlsruhe requesting him to take over the entire procedure.

After the denial of the protest against the BDJ ban by the Hessian Interior Minister, the BDJ (Knoll and Vogt) brought suit against the ban before the Administrative Court in Frankfurt.

Both proceedings are naturally connected, because a defense in case A (against Lueth etc.) would have been impossible if the "Verwaltungsklagen" (against the BDJ ban) had not been brought. By waiving the Verwaltungsklage the legality of the ban would have been accepted and any legal recourse forfeited forever. Later on it could always be pointed out that the ban had been legal.

After all that has happened Knoll no longer wishes to revive the BDJ. All he wants is to carry through the "Verwaltungsklage" which would restore to him the BDJ property and to rectify the defamation.

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