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COMMISSIONER ROSS PROPOSES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST HIMSELF

Frankfurt A/M, 9 January 1953 (own reports) - The chief of the political office of the Frankfurt criminal police, Commissioner Ross, proposed legal proceedings against himself be started, in answer to accusations appearing in three provincial newspapers in North-Hesse. Ross is very anxious that a legal examination take place, which clearly determines if he is guilty of misconduct as far as the duties of his office are concerned. A few months ago a similar investigation was carried out by state lawyers and resulted in a denial of all charges filed against Ross by the BDJ. These charges were now re-opened in the three newspapers by the former SS leader and co-worker for the SS organ "Das schwarze Korps", Paul Kurbjuhn. Kurbjuhn refers in his charges to the former secretary of the criminal police, Szesny, who was arrested in connection with the partisan affaire, the suspicion of blackmail, and giving out secret information to the "Technical Service" of the BDJ. The intentions of the president of police, to file charges against Szesny and the newspapers, are not <sup>affected by</sup> ~~being considered in~~ the disciplinary proceedings.

Statement by the Mayor.

The mayor, Dr. Kolb, made the following statement in connection with the charges of a former employee of the criminal police against Commissioner Ross: He didn't know anything about the existence of an alleged secret division at the police of Frankfurt, until publication of the articles which appeared in the newspapers last Friday. A detailed examination will be started at the next meeting of the magistrate of Frankfurt, to clear up the situation. It is understood, as far as Dr. Kolb is concerned, that,

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especially the police, has to act fairly and non-partisan towards everyone, and has to perform its duties with the utmost of accuracy. If his police employees, however, are being unjustly accused, he will equally protect them.

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