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All local papers announce sudden decision Hessian Government taken ninth through Interior Minister Zinnkann to ban as unconstitutional activities of Bund Deutscher Jugend (BDJ); close down federal and land headquarters both located Frankfort and dissolve Hessian branch of organization. Among other reasons for its action, government claimed that BDJ had accumulated large quantities of weapons, and, in addition to preparing partisan activities already déscribed in case of BDJ "technical service", had drawn up blue prints for a "civil war". Several truck loads of documents were reported seized locally by police, although there were apparently no (rpt no) incidents or arrests.

Some papers claim action similar to that of Hessian Government being contemplated both Hamburg and lower Saxony. While socialist and Commie press have greeted move as highly satisfactory and long over due, spokesmen of other parties have been somewhat non-commital, while expressing desire learn further details.

After police raids and closing offices here, federal BDJ headquarters moved same afternoon to Mainz where issued statement branding action as obvious political maneuver and announcing renewed determination continue fight for democracy. Rhineland-Palatinate authorities are reported to be awaiting outcome of conversations between federal and Laender Ministers of Interior, while it is also suggested that BDJ intends bring suit before federal constitutional Court Karlsruhe.

It appears here that Hessian authorities had been awaiting for some time suitable opportunity close down BDJ, and press mentioned today for first time that recent Hessian request to federal Ministry Interior that ban be imposed on national level had been turned down with reply that this was matter for decision of individual laender. Some papers feel that move was prompted mainly be desire SPD force consideration of whole question of BDJ before Karlsruhe Court, which was unresponsible at time original partisan scandal broke out last fall.

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