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1. As previously reported, the case against the League of German Youth (BDJ) and its former leaders was removed from Hessian to West German Government jurisdiction on 4 March. No publicity was given as the joint press release has not yet been agreed. The defendants are being notified by the Federal Prosecutor on ~~16~~ 17 March. The BDJ will not be banned by the Federal Government but West German Interior Ministry officials agreed that the Federal Government would assist the German Mission in its efforts to effect complete termination and dissolution of the group. One Government official stated his conviction that a new organization should be established as a successor. He was informed that this prospect would be discussed later; however, the German Mission has no intention of continuing the BDJ in any form. According to a 12 March press release, the SPD White Book on the BDJ and its Technical Service is apparently to be distributed as a confidential information bulletin (SOPADE) to SPD officials only.

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