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History:

This project was initiated in summer 1950, when OGIVE Frankfurt turned over to us their contact with Dr. Paul Lueth. Already about a year prior to that date, a circle of people had gathered to make plans for participation in defending Germany against Bolshevism. They had looked for guidance to former Col. General ~~Hulder~~ who had advised them to cooperate with the Americans as the only power capable of meeting the worldwide threat of Soviet expansion.

Our assistance to Dr. Lueth and his associates--both financial support and day-by-day advice on political and organizational matters--enabled this hitherto loose group to form a legitimate nation-wide organization which we tested first during the campaign against the Soviet Zone elections of 15 October 1950. During this campaign, BDJ was active in both Western Germany and in the Soviet Zone itself.

For the latter area, approximately 70 active members were brought clandestinely into the West for 2 weekstraining and indoctrination courses. Through numerous mass meetings, leaflets, posters and other propaganda devices, BDJ took a leading hand in mobilizing Western German public opinion against the election fraud and in stimulating resistance inside the Soviet Zone. After BDJ had passed this ~~test~~

assigned by us, the project was approved on a continuous basis. It was gradually divided into 2 separate groups--

the political organization proper, which is overt in Western

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Germany and clandestine only in the Soviet Zone, and the para-military branch (referred to as "Apparat" in our correspondence) which, of course, is entirely clandestine everywhere. Because of its rapid growth and its aggressive political character, EDJ made quickly numerous enemies: not only the Communists who raise all sorts of contradictory accusations (including a 7 million DM subsidy by the Coca Cola Company) but also the SPD and certain other non-Communist political and youth organizations. The SPD engineered an investigation for alleged tax evasion and a fly-by-night group calling itself the Counter Communist Organization, led by a dismissed former CIC agent, but presumably manipulated by either Soviet or French agents or both, tried to damage EDJ by an elaborate smear campaign. The strong internal cohesion of EDJ membership as well as a number of appropriate undercover moves by the leaders in accordance with our directives, enabled the organization to overcome both threats unharmed.

Present Status:

The political organization of the EDJ has at present over 7,000 overt members in 157 local branches and approximately 400 activists inside the Soviet Zone. It has adopted a constructive political platform in line with our instructions. At this moment its first preoccupation is the fight against

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the Communist "World Youth Festival". Besides this, it is actively penetrating the Communist "Free German Youth" organization. Methodical ~~are being made to indoctrinate~~ ^{efforts are being made to indoctrinate} all members politically and to consolidate and strengthen the organization. The para-military branch, the Apparat, has over 2,000 members. It has already carried out certain intelligence assignments inside the Soviet Zone, notably in connection with Red Army airfields. Its present main efforts are concentrated upon the tightening of internal security and on consolidation of the entire organization.

Evaluation:

No other project of this station has been subject to so much harsh criticism as LCPROWL. Undoubtedly, certain mistakes were made, partly because mistakes in the rapid development of a new organization are inevitable, partly because this was our first attempt to set up a large scale overt organization entirely controlled by ourselves but partly also because of certain shortcomings of the leaders of the HDJ itself. Nevertheless, HDJ has been the only mass organization entirely under our orders and available for any type of political warfare assignments. Without its large scale campaign, our action against the Soviet Zone elections could have never reached the broad popular effect it did. ~~Right~~ now again, in preparing for the Communist

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World Youth Festival, it is the BDJ alone which has started a very active and promising large scale campaign, while the political youth organizations which kept criticizing the BDJ have limited their "anti-Communist struggle" to adopting resolutions or calling for police assistance against the BDJ. Some of the criticisms leveled by outsiders—including HICOG officials—against BDJ were due to our own directives. The often-repeated reproach that BDJ's activities were "purely negative", was based on our original order that they should concentrate on fighting Communism in general and the Soviet/^{Zone} elections in particular. Many of the initial shortcomings have been overcome: it is significant that a well known anti-fascist like Margarete Buber-Neumann (who naturally does not know of our relations to BDJ) who originally warned us against BDJ as a "neo-fascist group" is now cooperating with them, giving lectures in some of their groups and so forth. Initial unavailability of other youth organizations is also more and more overcome on the working level: at present for instance numerous Catholic, liberal and other youth organizations are cooperating on the state or county level in combatting the World Youth Festival together with the BDJ under the auspices of the BDJ sponsored "Committee for the Unmasking of the World Youth Festival". BDJ is therefore to be considered an essential asset of this station and an increasingly valuable instrument in our political warfare operations.

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Development of the Apparat thus far has been hampered by conflicting directives as to target assignments, training schedules, etc., it is to be hoped that now these conflicting orders can be straightened out and that the well qualified reserve of skilled military manpower which we have at our disposal in the ranks of the Apparat can be put to better use.

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