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Subject: Action taken against the "Technical Service Organisation"

Reference: Report L No. 23 995, 16 September 1952; Sources 2646 and 2617

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Source: 2646; 2617

The action taken by the State Bureau for Protection of the Constitution of the State of Hestia (see reference above) and by Frankfurt police commissioner Dr. LITTMANN has been completed. It has been revealed that the "Technical Service Organisation" was principally conceived by the Americans. The organization consists of groups of commonly dedicated Germans who are preparing themselves for sabotage and partisan activities in the event of the West being over-run. The League of German Youth (BDJ) serves as an extensive cover for the organization. The major part of the financial aid come from the Americans. Throughout the American Zone there are groups of this type. In Waldmichelbach/Odenwald there is a school for the attack group (partisan group) leaders. Members of the organization have been issued falsified identity cards. The cards were taken from the Frankfurt police precinct headquarters by Americans.

The organization appears to be disbanded. It was felt that the organization's cover was insecure. The new organization is supposed to be completed in October.

Even if the action against this organization under the direction of Dr. LITTMANN was a much bungled job, the red officials of the political division of the Frankfurt police precinct learned quite a bit through the occasional blunders of the (arrested) members of the organization. There is also the fact that, as in already reported in the reference communication (Report L No. 23 995), an apparently disaffected informant in the "Technical Service Organization"

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stated that the organization is also aimed against the SPD. It is therefore easy to calculate that police commissioner LITTMANN (SPD member) and his red officials jumped at the chance with special enthusiasm. If they had been capable of giving more thought to their preparations for the raid, they might have had more success.

The nearest American agency has only weakly intervened (since the arrests). After the arrested organization members had been detained for 24 hours, an American lawyer, name unknown, phoned the Frankfurt police commissioner. This lawyer protested the arrests, requested the immediate release of the members and stated that Herr PETERS (supposed to be a leading figure in both the organization and the BDF) would not appear at the hearing, despite his having previously agreed to do so.

Of especial interest is a statement by Frankfurt police commissioner Dr. LITTMANN (SPD), made to police officials who part in the action, after receiving the call from the lawyer. LITTMANN said, "The Americans had better not stick their noses in my business. If they get bold, then I'll publicize the whole business in the press; so that this counter-intelligence activity and this partisan preparation will be known to everyone".

It might here be recommended that Herr LITTMANN have his mouth effectively stopped. If he gets bold among his red officials, it should be pointed out that he is a truly cowardly creature. He will whine when he is finally caught.

Two-thousand, six-hundred is the compliment of the circles around LITTMANN who will become increasingly bold if they are not stopped. It is possible that one day there will be discovered an informant who has been allowed to release facts about our organization which will provide LITTMANN and his circle with an immediate lead. Thus could one gain an insight into our organization, as

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in the case of the action taken against the "Technical Service Organization",
which would also be quite helpful to the enemy in completing the picture.

It is strongly advised to take measures against such possibilities.

Addition L :

Preventive measures against ~~capture~~ by the police, as described above, are
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