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In brief statement before Bundestag, Jan 21, Chancellor commented on recent British arrests of former Nazi bigwigs and HICOG press release on resurgence of Nazism. Chancellor emphasized these Allied actions provoked considerable sensation abroad and gave impression Nazi danger was imminent. Reiterating main points of his special radio address of Jan 9, Adenauer first denounced public opinion poll released by HICOG calling it "incomprehensible". He particularly criticized formulation of question "whether there was more good than evil in Hitlerism" and deplored erroneous conclusions drawn therefrom.

Turning to Brit arrests, Chancellor stressed point that Kirkpatrick had promised "loyalty" to keep him informed of developments. In referring to Adenauer's statements in Commons that no immediate danger to Ger democracy existed, Chancellor agreed therewith but that "development cannot be ignored". . . . "Ger", he asserted, "will never return to Nazism". All traces of Nazism would be carefully watched and as soon as legal basis exists, would be "drastically dealt with". "As soon as occupation shackles have fallen, Ger will take her place among free nations with all rights and obligations, which were so excellently defined by Pres Eisenhower in his inaugural speech."

fact that Bundestag with overwhelming majority turned down Communist motion to hold debate, clearly indicates none of major parties, including SPD, is interested at present juncture in exacerbating issue.

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even SPD deplors damaging effect produced abroad by manner and timing of Brit action

and both Carlo Schmid and Heine have remarked that Brit should realize

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