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Although ADENAUER will officially protest the publication of the US Opinion Survey, indignation in the government has subsided somewhat, due possibly to the realization that the report was substantially correct and that the real culprit in the affair was not HICOG, but Drew Middleton, whom considered the report justification for the arrest of the NAUMANN group. This arrest still rankles, and is still the subject of bitter comment. The Germans reason that ~~the~~ either the group constituted a menace, in which case the German government would have made the arrests, or it was not a menace, and no arrests should have been made. The press is almost unanimous in rejecting the charges that Nazism is reviving in Western Germany. The SPD has not attacked the government, but some SPD papers are alleging that the US and NAUMANN were in contact through the German construction firms. In FDP circles, indignation runs high, and it is intimated that if evidence against the NAUMANN group proves inconclusive, the government will strongly object to further cooperation with Kirkpatrick. At an FDP Executive Committee meeting on 25 January, BLUECHER stated that he had asked the British Commissioner to release the findings on the activities of the NAUMANN Group as soon as possible. The question was raised concerning Reinhold MAIER's claim that he had been informed about the planned arrest sometime before it occurred by a "high placed personality", and the FDP will probably insist on a full explanation of this part of the affair.

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