

**April 7, 1952**  
**Notes by Wilhelm Pieck on the discussion with  
Stalin**

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**Summary:**

Wilhelm Pieck's notes on the final discussion with Joseph Stalin regarding the defense of East Germany, the situation in the East German country side, the plight of the engineers, other issues.

**Original Language:**

German

**Contents:**

Translation - English

Final Discussion on 7 April 1952--11:20 p.m. in Moscow

St[alin]: up to now all proposals rejected

Situation:

no compromises

Creation of a European Army--not against the SU [Soviet Union] but rather about power in Europe

Atlantic Treaty--independent state in the West

Demarcation line dangerous borders

1st Line Germans (Stasi), behind [it] Soviet soldiers

We must consider terrorist acts.

Defense:

Reinstate the liquidated Soviet garrisons

3000

Armaments must be furnished,

immediately Russian arms with rounds [of ammunition]

Military training for Inf[antry], Marine, Aviation, Submarines

Tanks-artillery will be supplied

also [a] rifle division

Hoffmann--24 units--5800

Not militia, but rather [a] well-trained army. Everything without clamor, but persistent.

Villages:

Also establishment of production cooperatives in villages,  
in order to isolate large-scale farmers.

Clever to start in autumn.

create examples--concessions

Seed-corn, machines.

Instructors at their disposal.

force no one

[Do] not scream about Kolchosen [Soviet collective farms]--socialism.

create facts. In the beginning the action.

--way to socialism--state prod[uction] is socialistic

Better pay for engineers

1 : 1,7

2-3x more than workers

apartment

11-12000 Rbl [Rubles] to academics

pay qualified workers better than unqualified

propositions not dealt with

Party not dealt with Party conference

KPD

Economic conference

Unity, peace treaty--agitate further