

June 4, 1945 Notes by Wilhelm Pieck on a Consultation with Stalin, Molotov, Zhdanov

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Summary:

Meeting notes on the situation in Germany.

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German

Contents:

Translation - English

Consultation on 6.4.1945 at 6 o'clock with Stalin, Molotov, Zhdanov.

Report - Walter [Ulbricht] [Anton] Ackermann [Gustav] Sobottka

- 1) Question what complaints in the country?
- 1) Dismantling of machines in factories
- 2) Confiscation of farmers' cattle cows also happens frequently by departing for[eign] workers
- 2) Border of the zone of occupation Lubeck - Erfurt - Leipzig - Chemnitz
- 3) Instruction of 5.26,that parties and unions are permittedso SPD Centernot to be promoted by us
- 4) Formation of the KPD CC [Central Committee] should act openly Manifesto with course toward creation party of the working people (workers, productive farmers, intellectuals)
- 5) Creation of a central organ of the party and a state paper of the party for Saxony only later paper of the party of the working people
- 6) Youth committees Youth cadres to be schooled for one month creation free youth organizations

Perspective - there will be 2 Germanies in spite of all the unity of the allies
Plan for the dismemberment of Germany existed
with Engl[ish]-American[s]
Division in North- and South Germany
Rhineland - Bavaria with Austria
Stalin was against this
Secure unity Germany through
unif[ied] KPD
unif[ied] CC unif[ied]
party of the working people
at the center unified party

Character of the antifascist battle
Completion of the bourg[eois]democratic revolution
bourg[eois]-democr[atic] government
break power of the manor owners
eliminate remainders of feudalism

Administrative arrangement
Engl-American. create governments for
Bavaria,
Thuringia, Rhine Palatinate, Rhineland
We - state government for Saxony,
provincial government for BerlinBrandenburg,
Mecklenburg, Pommeria
whether later for the entire
area of occupation is not clear yet.
Creation of administrations for district, county,
city, municipality

School questions - draft use old text books from Weimar and Austria no religious instruction in school do not let popes [Popen] confuse youth religious instruction only outside the school

Creation sp[ecial] farmers union not functional instead include within the party Creation anti-fascist committees not functional either, because danger, that next to city- and municipal administration unchecked Use of cadres with prisoners of war up to colonel

Dissolution of the 3 fronts a[nd] uni[form] administration with 3 subdivisions army command with 7th Department

SPD very splintered - majority of the members for unity
Creation [of a] theoretical journal of the party

Decisions:

Immediately draft for manifesto - dispos[itions]

draft

elaboration by Ackermann until 6.5

in the afternoon

composition [of the] ed[itorial staff] for

central organ "Deutsche Volkszeit[un]g" [German People's Paper]

leader: Klaßner (Wandel)

Erpenbeck Keilson Oelsner

Man[ager]: Bauer

State paper KPD for Saxony "Sächsische Volkszeitung" [Saxon People's Paper]

leader: Leitner

Apelt Schliebs Forster

Theoretical journal "Neuer Weg" [New Way] Ed[itor] Oelsner a[nd] ev[entually] Noffke

List of the cadres for Berlin, Dresden, Rostock List of the prisoners of war from Nat[ional] Com[mittee Free Germany]

Composition of the party organs

Politburo 9 (meets every 10 days)

Pieck

Ulbricht

Ackermann

Geschke

Jendretzki

Winzer

Sobottka

Mahle

Mrs. Kunz

Secretariat 5

Pieck

Ulbricht

Klaßner ed. (Wandel)

Gyptner

Meyer, Therese

Stern, Heinz (translator)

Organizing Committee for the creation of the party of the workers as members also SPD a[nd] others

Associations - Handke

Party school Gratz, Zaisser, Noffke, Roth

District leadership of the party independent For Berlin Geschke

"Deutsche Zeitung" [German Newspaper] in Stettin Colonel Mulin secr[etary] Fiedler Lore Pieck in Berlin Hans Pfeiffer Max Frenzel (not exclud[ed]) Thiele Jaddasch Möricke

Budget for CC of the KPD

Bring in comrades from Mexico and Stockholm