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Stalin**

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Summary:

Stalin meets with German officials to discuss various aspects of the post-war German economy and government.

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[Wilhelm Pieck, Walter Ulbricht, Otto Grotewohl, Fred Oelsner, Stalin]

Affair Gniffke - how possible - parity
what lessons - Pol. bureau

Situation of the KPD

sever connection (with SED) -
Tasks in consequence of split G[ermany]
because of sep. Western state other -
also because of split of the work[ers] movement other tasks -
Struggle for democracy
Help to KPD
Literature - 5
Paper - print shop - money
Nutrition
monthl. 1 80,000 W[estem] M[arks]
Subsidies Paper [Ztg.] 80- 1 00,000
Instructors
in sm[all] secr[etariat] 1 man Dahlem
especially for the West
Party app[aratus]
Radio
send simple people into SPD
Fight too open - mask
discuss only with Reimann

whether companies from East to West
Econ. penal law
DWK [German Economic Commission] Oct.
Economic questions
Law against speculation
Law excl[usive] buying right of the state
in companies a[nd] stocks
Law not cult[ivated] land will be retracted
Law regarding agricultural workers situation
Contradictions between
Work[ers?] - Day [Arb. - Tag]
Agricultural work[ers] a[nd] large farmers [Großbauern]
Law mach. stations buy through the state
from VdGB [Association for Mutual Farmers' Help]
No dispossession, still too early
in SU 1 925/27
Preliminary stage to collectivization
no people's democracy yet
do not move against groups of owners
only against individuals, when these sabotage [noun]
regulate through economic means

raw materials, fuel
Treaty instead of control
not direct interventions, but zig-zag -
opportunist policy
toward socialism - Why
Situation not equal
to VD [People's Democracies]
not uniform state yet
do not stand before power
Unity Peace
Lowering of prices Wage increases
Improve nutrition

Struggle too openly
cautious policy necessary
(Comparison Teutons)
Undermine LPD
Not boast of Plan, differentiate
How to gather the people around the party
Wholesale trade - question of the prices -
central state trade offices [staatl. Handelszentralen] correct
Delivery system elastic
Favor small farmers
little by little help from Moscow
Nationalize Machine stations
turn into pol. centers - as SU 1926/27
Purge agric. cooperat[ions]
Raw materials not through 1.-H. [Industry - Trade] chamber
DWK
Treaties
Economic plan
Groceries
24,000 t fat raise by 20g [,] 600g month
Foodstuffs (grain, barley, peeled barely)
Raw materials - rolled products [Walzfabrikat], steel, sulfur
Nitrogen for fertilizer
Hungary sm[all] farmers

Prov[isional] German government
- when in the West gov[ernment] in Feb/March
leading people
German People's Chamber [Deutsche Volkskammer] chooses government
furthermore by People's Council [Volksrat], possibly people's congress
Elections not before spring 1950

People's Police
10,000 border

10,000 readiness } in barracks

furthermore 65,000
who have to be turned into officers
Academy in SU
Criminal police
pol. a[nd] mil. training

Prisoners of war
Party questions
Reorganization of the leadership
elect by party conference - upon recommendation PV [Parteivorstand]
Polbureau 7 a[nd] 2 candidates
sm[all] secr[etariat] 5 for routine work
Proposals control
Central secr[etariat] continues to exist - because according to statute
Party congress should decide
State pres[idium] [Landesvorst.]
sm[all] sekr[etariat]
Party control commission will be elected by PV
subordinate to it
have confirmed

Core [engeres] sekr[etariat] of the LV [State presidiums]

2 chairm.
P[ri]me M[inister]
Unions

Internal } 7
Org.
Prop.

Questions regarding the candidates among the membership
in SU Dec. 1919 8th Party Congress
Principal decision at the party congress
Party of the New Type
(security measures for admission)
requires consolidation - guarantee
not jeopardized by influx
of those not sufficiently trained
Masses
event[ually] confirm only at party conference
Time - workers 1 year
farmers 2 years

intellectuals
2 recommendations
2 years
Influx into the party
warding off

preliminary stage
Candidate as something inferior
Quantity Quality
1,800,000
Term