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Political Opinions About  
German Problem (2003/4)

EASTERN EXPERT'S FAILURE TO MENTION POLISH-GERMAN FRONTIER  
PROBLEM DISAPPOINTS BERLINERS.

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On April 6, Georg Graf HENCKEL von DONNERSMARCK, Chairman of the East German Cultural Council, held a speech on "the freedom of men" at the Auditorium Maximum of the Free University in West BERLIN.

The East German Cultural Council was set up by the organizations of displaced persons with the task of caring for German cultural values in Eastern Europe and rendering them accessible to today's German youth. German cultural merits in the former German Eastern territories are to get special attention.

Graf HENCKEL von DONNERSMARCK's speech contained a psychological analysis of the conception "freedom" in our present political situation. He used many examples which concerned only the Eastern zone. However, neither the Polish western areas nor the German-Polish frontier problems were mentioned. This failure disappointed the audience -- as could be learned from discussions after the speech -- and this all the more so as the Cultural Council at a press conference held the previous day drew attention especially to the Polish western territories, and because Graf HENCKEL von DONNERSMARCK originates from this area (GRAMSCHUTZ-GREBOCICE.)

There were almost no young people among the audience although, as mentioned above, at the press conference it was

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pointed expressively to the necessity of approaching today's youth.

Graf HENCKEL von DONNERSMARCK lives in Bavaria and is a CDU Member of the Bundestag.

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