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III - EG.411EAST GERMANYFDJ "CORDON SANITAIRE" AGAINST WEST BERLIN.

SOURCE BERLIN: 1. Investigation Committee of Free Jurists.
2. FDJ functionary from Saxony. Member of preparatory commission for the BERLIN rally.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Current

EVALUATION COMMENT: None.

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Three weeks ago it became known that district secretaries of the FDJ in NEU-BRANDENBURG county in preparation of the Whitsuntide rally of the Free German Youth Movement, the Communist FDJ, had been requested by the SSD to name 20 FDJ members (only four of whom were to be functionaries) who would be reliable in assisting the State Security Service in protecting the BERLIN meeting against provocateurs.

Since exactly the same details were reported last week from the HALLE county, it appears that all FDJ district secretaries were to name 20 reliable members to the State Security Service. Counting 217 districts in East Germany, the FDJ would thus have more than 4,000 of its members closely cooperating with the red Gestapo.

Today it no longer appears any question that FDJ leaders are trying to prevent history from repeating itself. In 1950, the first rally of East German Communist youth took place in East BERLIN and several thousand Blueshirts voluntarily, even without authorization by their leaders, crossed the sectorial city borders in order to go sight-seeing and shopping in West BERLIN. Upon return to their homes, many of the FDJ members opposed Communist propagandists when they spread lies about the "slave life in the West." Communists suffered the same experiences one year later, in 1951, when thousands of young people from East Germany, many of them accompanied by youthful members of the satellite countries who had taken part in the so-called "World Youth Festival," looked pop-eyed at West BERLIN shop windows. Both times Communist agitators suffered heavy blows since visitors found out that living conditions in the "capitalist West" were not worse than in (Over)

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Communist countries but much better, indeed.

Such incidents are to be prevented this year by applying the following measures:

1. The number of participants will be limited to between 500,000 and 600,000.

2. Youths will be organized into "marching columns." Each column is to be composed of 3,000 members, broken down in groups of 1,000, each of those broken down in turn in groups of 500, then 100, then ten members.

3. Each marching column maintains an own organization bureau in East BERLIN. The bureaus are to be opened for the first time in the morning of 31 May.

4. Especially trained functionaries lead marching columns and groups. Functionaries have been made personally responsible for each member belonging to their group.

5. Altogether close to 4,000 officers and non-coms of the militant branch of the People's Police force have been attached to the marching columns. Officers and non-coms will wear FDJ uniforms.

6. There is to be no "free time" for participants. Whenever there is no sight-seeing done, no exhibition visited, no sports or no games attended to, press reviews are to be made or lectures to be held. Participants are not to appear in the streets in groups composed of less than ten people (smallest unit.)

7. Because the East BERLIN suburb of TREPTOW has the longest mutual border with West BERLIN (17 kms,) only FDJ members from Saxony, considered the most reliable, are to be housed in Treptow.

8. West German participants will be stationed in WEISSENSEE exclusively. Just like in 1950 and in 1951 they will be allotted special food rations and other privileges. WEISSENSEE is completely surrounded by other Communist Bezirks in East BERLIN.

9. Specially selected FDJ members (those mentioned in the beginning) are to form raiding parties along the sectorial borders. Raiding parties will operate on two shifts, nine hours each, altogether eighteen hours every day.

10. Members belonging to raiding parties are to be assisted by selected members of the East BERLIN Communist

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Party as well as by members of the East BERLIN People's Police. Incident reports, however, are to be made to the SSD directly. SSD officials are always available at the East BERLIN Bureaus of the "Marching Columns."

While it remains to be seen whether the wit of unwilling FDJ members succeeds in outsmarting Communist precautionary measures, it is not known but even regarded somewhat unlikely that the East BERLIN City Government will decide to close the sectorial borders for the time of the youth rally.

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