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CHANGES IN THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE
BONN FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Since April 1 1956, the official for Polish affairs is Gotthold STARKE.

Before World War II, STARKE belonged to the leaders of the German minority in independent Poland and was the chief editor of the newspaper "Deutsche Rundschau." This newspaper was known as strongly nationalist, aggressive and anti-Polish.

STARKE returned recently from Russian captivity.
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After the "BRÄUTIGAM affair," Legationsrat /fnu/ von MAYDELL became chief of the Ost-Abteilung. MAYDELL is an expert on Czechoslovak problems. MAYDELL had been slated for the post of Consul General in HELSINKI. However, at the last moment he was held back and will remain at his present post.

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