

5th Meeting Present Bersins, Meierovics, [ ] Washington Aug 15, 51

Bersins presented the "revised" list of members of the future committee (LAK). This is now quite different as it was in the beginning. Bersins' political ambitions seem clear now - he has now a list of his followers which would give him a good margin of majority in any voting. He was informed that this was not acceptable and gave up soon enough, although a few feeble attempts ~~had~~ were made for an alternate solution. The whole matter was resolved by telling him that the participators in the LAK would be voted upon by the LCP. He gave up - there seemed no way out.

He reported the turn Klives talk with Rancans had taken. Rancans had been instructed by Cardinal Spellman to cease taking an active part in Latvian politics and confine his activities to his clerical duties. As a result Rancans has told Klive that he (Klive) can do most of this in his name. He has further promised to give this in writing if necessary.

Although the talk ended somewhat strained because Bersins has lacked to achieve the "thanks" he felt he deserved (by getting a majority for himself), it seems that he has "left the door open" for future friendly cooperation. Anyway, no serious complication is expected from this.

Subsequent to Bersins leaving, Meierovics expressed the feeling that we have stymied the political sharp. Also he feels that now that Bersins knows he is not dealing with children, he will not attempt another such <sup>2</sup>maneuver. The case officer did expect some move or other on Bersins' part, yet it came a little sooner than expected. Anyway, it proves that Bersins needs watching. It is hoped that Meierovics will accomplish this.

Bersins was also informed that if any "foul play" would creep into any of the business, the funds will immediately cease. Believe this was the clincher to the whole thing. He won't try again.

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Let's hope his attitude will still be as friendly as it has been.

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