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1. After General of the Army Koenig's speech of 18 May 1947 granting new powers to the German governments of the French Zone, political parties were optimistic. This feeling soon gave place to disappointment, however, as incidents in the various Lands apparently indicated that Gouvernement Militaire was unwilling to allow the German administration any real democratic prerogatives.

2. In Land Rheinland-Pfalz, for example, Commandant Fouery (also spelled Fouhry), adjutant of Governor de Boislambert, at session of the Landtag Main Committee on 15 July 1947, declared for the governor that:

   a. The Landtag had exceeded its prerogatives in the first session after the elections.

   b. The Landtag is not authorized to deal with dismantling questions but should rather concentrate on food procurement.

   c. The Landtag is not authorized to criticize French methods of fostering democracy in Germany.

   Sharp forensic clashes ensued between Fouery and the two German deputies Diel (CDU) and Wagner (SPD).

3. All parties in Rheinland-Pfalz agreed to oppose French attempts to withhold the promised democratic powers. The Social Democratic Party is reported secretly preparing to withdraw its members from the government and to accuse the French publicly of sabotaging the democratic rights of the people. Opposition to the French is led mainly by Franz Bögler, first chairman of SPD and his party. When Bögler was inaugurated as Oberregierungspräsident of the Pfalz, Gouvernement Militaire did not send a representative to the ceremony, the first time the French failed to participate at the inauguration of a high German official.

4. In Baden, Governor Péne sent to the German government a confidential directive [illegible] to detail its limitations and prerogatives. This [illegible] in the document, is the embodiment of real [illegible] Implementing Order No. 95, the official directi

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