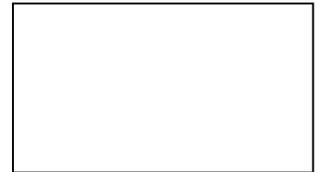


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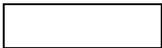


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Date: 6 March 1947

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SUBJECT: Europa-Union

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DATE OF INFORMATION: February 47

DATE OF REPORT: 28 Feb 47

EVALUATION: A 1 and 2

COMMENT: Report on results of consultation with Ex-Minister President GELLER, who refused the post of Land or Zonal President of the EU but who promised support in membership. Information was received that GELLER had already been approached by COUDENHOVE-KALERGI movement. Additional contacts with the KPD and the SPD. Copies of ~~various~~ items of correspondence attached.

  
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28 February 1947

SUBJECT: EUROPA-UNION

On 13 February 1947 a visit was paid to Prof Dr GEILER. After the purpose and aim and general information concerning EU had been explained to him, he was asked to accept presidency of the Landesgruppe Hesse, or even Zonal presidency for the US Zone. He had already heard of the EU by name. He objected that the world might think that Germany was trying to pull herself out of her present miserable position with the aid of the EU, which was rebutted with the statement that the EU was not German, but international. Germany wants to join in this movement and propagate the ideas of the Union. He then stated that he had to keep himself free for possible appointments in the near future (state court and the like). When I countered that the EU was suprapartisan, he agreed that he would think it over and discuss it with his friends. He suggested that the sponsors of the organization, whose names go to MG, should be selected on as broad a basis as possible.

Some time ago, GEILER received a letter from COUDENHOVE-KALERGI, who wanted to win over GEILER and announced the impending visit of a representative. He first thought I was this man. I called GEILER's attention to the fact that C-K was planning a Union of European States to the exclusion of England.

At the end of the conference, GEILER dictated a note to his secretary of approximately the following content: Today I was visited by Mr (full name and address) in the name of Europa-Union, who offered me the position of president of Landesgruppe Hesse or the US Zone. I received the directives and statutes of the EU. The EU is not identical with the Pan-European movement of COUDENHOVE-KALERGI, which wants the unification of European states to the exclusion of England. I reserve decision and will send word in the next few days.

In order to win over G, I consider it necessary that he receive another invitation directly from the Central Direction of the EU, and for that reason the following telegram was sent on 13 Feb to Prof Dr GEILER not averse in principle. Expect decision shortly. Suggest telegram HEILE to him with repeated request accept position. EULER ill. Conference apparently begin next week.

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Today I received the following telegram: Arrive there Monday on way to Switzerland. Please arrange quarters and garage. Europa Union Wilhelm HERMES.

On 26 Feb 47, the KPD was visited. In absence of BAUER (flown to England) and also FISCH, I talked with KEIL. He asked whether the Union was dependent on CHURCHILL, to which I replied that the mother organization was in Switzerland. I emphasized that we were interested in having all parties represented, but that no party was to get extensive influence in the organization. After studying the directives and statutes, he agreed to notify me of the stand of the KPD in writing. I will repeat the visit next month.

A visit to the SPD on the same day brought also no positive results so far. KNOTHE was absent, I talked to ULLRICH, a pure party functionary with the typical narrow viewpoint. Even though he agreed to talk to KNOTHE, I will repeat the visit, since I have the impression that ULLRICH, with his narrow views, did not understand the nature of the EU in spite of my explanations.

Willi RICHTER of the Trade Unions is away, as is also GEROLD of the Rundschau. Correspondence is attached.

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