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SCHNEEBERS, Hubert (Dr.)

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

New Head of German Federal Office for the Protection
of the Constitution

The important and sensitive west German Government post held by Dr. Otto Jess before his defection to the Soviet Zone of Germany in July 1954, will change hands again on August 1 when the present incumbent, Dr. Hans Jess, retires and Dr. Hubert Schneebiers takes over the administration of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz).

Schneebiers, whose new position carries the responsibility for safeguarding the Republic against subversion by elements of the extreme right and the radical left, is a well-educated, exceedingly competent lawyer whom his colleagues hold in high esteem. He is described as a man of strong character, very human, friendly, and approachable. In his present position as Attorney General at the Bundesoberster Court of Appeals he has administered and supervised the work of more than a hundred county prosecuting attorneys.

Schneebiers was born on November 3, 1907, in North Rhine-Westphalia. He completed his final state legal examination in 1935, and four years later was appointed District Attorney in Krefeld. From 1943 to 1945 he served as an enlisted man in the German Army. On January 1, 1947, British Military Government authorities appointed Schneebiers to the position of District Attorney at Dortmund. Two months later he became First District Attorney at the Court of Appeals in Hamm, and on July 1, 1948, he was made Attorney General at Arnberg. The British Central Legal Office in Hamburg appointed him Attorney General at the Supreme Court in Hamburg on October 1, 1948. Two years later Dr. Schneebiers became Attorney General at the German Federal Court in Karlsruhe. He was given the present position in 1952.

Schneebiers was not a member of the Nazi Party, and it is not known whether he has been affiliated with any political party since the end of World War II.

A Catholic, Schneebiers is married and is the father of 2 children.

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