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- The director of ADN is Hansen. A clever man, he speaks Russian, English and French. Hansen has spent many years in Russia. He now lives at Berlin/Niederschönhausen (Russian Sector).
- Directly under Hansen comes his deputy, Kahane. He makes a cosmopolitan impression but is a bitter opponent of the Western Allies. Kahane claims to have belonged to the International Brigade in Spain, but also admits having taken no part in any actual fighting there. He lives in the same house as Hansen.
- Another close assistant of Hansen is Joachim Schwallien, who is also head of the Berlin Section of ADN. Schwallien is a discreet, clever young man. He served in the penal unit, Division 999, during the war. Schwallien is a confirmed Communist and a member of the SED. He lives in Berlin-Zehlendorf (US Sector).
- Hansen's Foreign Section chief is Schreiber who is a quite, unassuming man. He was formerly with the SNB. He lives in Berlin-Weissensee (Russian Sector).
- The Germany Desk is headed by Siebert. He is a very reserved man of rather limited intellectual ability. He also was formerly with the SNB. He seems to adhere to the SED and pro-Russian circles for egoistic reasons. Siebert lives in Berlin/Niederschönhausen (Russian Sector).
- On the Foreign Section staff are the following people:
  - Bethke. Liaison man to the Verband der Deutschen Presse. His reputation in the ADN is growing.
  - Edgar Tscherner. A very industrious young man and a good, unassuming editor. He is the least pro-SED. Tscherner lives in Berlin-Zehlendorf (US Sector).
  - Elmenthal. Limited ability. Holds a subordinate position.
- The Germany Desk includes the following men:
  - Bretz. Formerly director of the Vera-Verlagsgesellschaft. (For coordination of the German press). A very good editor;

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uses his position to advantage. Professional intriguer. He lives in Berlin/Wilmersdorf (English Sector).

- b. Heinz Gr<sup>u</sup>ner. Conscientious, very reserved. Rather awkward, also in his work, but very well informed. Probably not quite sincere and honest.
  - c. G<sup>u</sup>rtner. Night editor. Very reliable. Very bourgeois in appearance. Shows no political views. Worked formerly with the DNB. He lives in Berlin/Tempelhof (US Sector).
  - d. Hinzl. Now at ADN. Like G<sup>u</sup>rtner, he was also formerly with the DNB.
  - e. Weinert.
- C. The Berlin Desk includes the following:
- a. Duszinski. Sly. Bad in his work. Strong Communist. He lives in Berlin/Spandau (British Sector).
  - b. Hartmann. Industrious worker.
  - c. Stein. Formerly with DENA, it is rumored that he will soon transfer to Reuter.
  - d. K<sup>u</sup>rschner.
9. The "Cultural" Desk is headed by Dr. Zschelletzschy, a Czech. He is a rather unctuous, artistic type. He is reported to be very weak and easy to influence, not a thinker and moody. Formerly with the SNB, he is very pro-Russian. He lives in Berlin-Weissensee (Russian Sector).
- His assistant, Dr. Friedrich Gehricke, who lives at Berlin/Lichterfelde, Mulinenstrasse 3 (US Sector), was a Nazi party member and editorial chief of the Vera-Verlagsgesellschaft. He is very clever and an independent thinker; a poet and a musician. Gehricke is an almost bed-ridden invalid. He is anti-Russian, but also has reservations against the Americans, presumably because of his experiences with the occupation authorities.
10. The newly established Russian Desk is headed by Hube.
11. The Economics Section is staffed by the following:
- a. Lehmann, the editor, is considered to be poor in his work. He was formerly with SNB. An important man at ADN, Lehmann is active in FDGB affairs.
  - b. Alt.
12. Reinhold Schultz is a reporter with ADN, but his desk has not yet been identified. Schultz, a former enthusiastic Gefolgschaftsf<sup>u</sup>hrer of the Zehlendorf Hitler Youth, returned from Bremen late in 1946. Twenty-four years old, and now pro-SAD, he came to ADN under SAD auspices. He lives in Berlin/Dahlem, Lensstrasse 5 (US Sector).
13. Information on ADN correspondents in Germany who are stationed outside Berlin is still incomplete.
- a. The establishing of a correspondent network for the British zone has not gone beyond the discussion stage. Nevertheless, reports are received from Hamburg. These reports, signed Hartung, come via the ADN Weimar Desk.

14. In the Russian Zone, the following correspondents are known:

a. Achilles, in Weimar.

b. Kretschmar. Transferring from DEWA to ADN, he is supposed to go to Schwerin, but at present still lives in Berlin/Zehlendorf, Schrockstrasse 37 (US Sector).

15. In the American Zone, the Munich correspondent is Eichberger.

The three Nürnberg correspondents are Seibicke, Bleibtou, and Frau Durow. Since the Nürnberg trials are no longer of major interest as formerly, these correspondents are to be sent to other areas in the American Zone. However, their new assignments have not yet been announced.

16. Sports Editor is Zimmer. He is a purely sports writer and has no other significance in the organization.

17. One office at ADN is the incoming cable desk. Editorial desks receive their cables in the ante-room. The man distributing the cables there is Ansbach.

18. Formerly the chief of the Germany Desk, and later in a subordinate position in the same office, Dr. Langenstrassen is now in the ADN business office. He has a depressed, almost senile appearance. His circle of influence is unknown to source. He lives at Berlin-Moabit (British Sector).

19. Head of the business office of the ADN is Schust, a lukewarm person. He has strong connections with the SMD and is a very important man in ADN.

20. The most important person in the organization is probably Neitzel, the new personnel chief. Neitzel was interned in England during the war, but claims to have been in Russia also. Secretive and generally disliked, his influence extends to all sections of the ADN.