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Stepfried ZOGLMANN, Sudeten German member of the Wittikobund (right wing political organization of Sudeten Germans) and Deputy Chairman of the FDP Bundesversammlung, speaking August 29th to a Sudeten German gathering at Schirnding on the Czech-Bavarian border, supported the 1938 Munich Agreement as valid. Zoglmann disagreed with the thesis that the agreement was not valid because it was a forced one.

The Munich Agreement, he added, was the result of decisions made in 1939. If the Munich Agreement is considered invalid, the Treaty of Versailles must also be considered invalid, he said, because it was also signed under pressure.

Zoglmann's provocative words were not supported by other FDP officials. Heinz BRANDT, Secretary General of the FDP in Bavaria, informed the Consulate General this is not the first time Zoglmann has made such statements and emphasized they are his own and not a statement of the official FDP attitude.

Walter RICHTER, Bavarian Chairman of BdV (Bund der Vertriebenen), expressed surprise that Zoglmann spoke out so sharply for the Munich Agreement, since the FDP does not officially take such a stand. Richter feels Zoglmann's speech is a reaction to the recent demand of Czechoslovakian State President NOVOTNY that the Federal Republic specifically renounce the Munich Agreement.

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