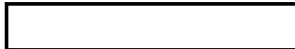


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1. An active exchange of opinions has been taking place in the last few days between the Soviet High Commission and the "National Front." Negotiators for the Soviet Zone side are Prof. Dr. W. Froedrich and Prof. Correns, of the National Front, and Hans Seigewasser of the SED (Socialist Unity Party). Basis of discussion is better relations in bourgeois circles of the DDR (People's Republic) and Federal Republic as an apparatus of the SED, (SIC).
2. On 4 Feb 54, Walter Ulbricht conferred with Hans Seigewasser over the importance of a strong leadership of the National Front in the SED sense. Seigewasser is a SED official placed in the National Front.
3. Prof. Eugen S. Varga, the formerly influential Soviet economic theoretician (Hungarian born) has drawn up, at Molotov's request, a memorandum on "Possible Methodology of Economic Negotiations with Capitalist States" in connection with the Four Power conference.

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