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ZAISER AND HERRNSTADT ARRESTED IN THE GDR

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It has now become known that Wilhelm Zaisser, former GDR Minister of Security, and Rudolf Herrmannstadt, former editor in chief of the Communist Party organ Neues Deutschland, were arrested last week end by the State Security Service of the GDR.

It is reported that Soviet High Commissioner Semenov repeatedly interceded on behalf of these two men in Moscow, but failed. Likewise, Zaisser's and Herrstadt's attempts to re-establish themselves in the good graces of the Kremlin, following their dismissal after the arrest of Beriya, were unsuccessful.

Herrnstadt, at the time of his arrest, was chief of the Central Political Archives at Merseburg. Zaisser was arrested in his apartment in East Berlin.

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Berlin, 28 October (France Presse) -- The arrests of Wilhelm Zaisser and Rudolf Herrnstadt in the GDR are said to be the result of an action undertaken by the collaborators of Pavel Yudin, Assistant Soviet High Commissioner of the GDR. In SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) circles, it is believed that the two prisoners are to be principal prosecution witnesses in the trial of Beriya.

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