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The newly established fighting group of the FDJ Central Council was trained for the first time from 6 to 8 p.m. on 23 February 1954. On this occasion the members of the fighting group were addressed by Erich Honecker, chairman of the FDJ. Honecker stated that the fighting group included only trustworthy and reliable members of the Council. Such fighting groups would also be formed by other FDJ agencies; these fighting groups, which would represent the backbone of the party, were to serve as a protecting guard. Honecker furthermore stressed the point that all members of these fighting groups were obliged to absolute secrecy about all proceedings and events within these fighting groups. The strictest discipline was also necessary. No notes were to be made during instruction. After Honecker's address, the members of the fighting group of the FDJ Central Council were organized into three platoons, each platoon consisting of 3 squads with 8 men to each squad. Each member had to state where he could be reached in the event of an alert. The fighting group will be trained on two evenings every month.

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