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1. On 3 or 4 September, an announcement was made to the Redaktions-Kollegium (editorial board) that the Tägliche Rundschau is and must remain the organ of an occupation power. This means primarily that the paper has to express the Soviet point of view rather than the attitude of the East German Government. The paper is not to participate closely in purely internal East German problems. It must also abstain from taking part in "German self-criticism".
 2. No meaningful interpretation of this new policy line could be provided, but it was believed that the actual meaning of this directive would emerge more clearly in the editorial policies of the All-German and East German sections of the paper in the next few weeks.
 3. The announcement was not connected, at least in the view of the German staff of the paper, with any preparatory steps toward the abolishment of the paper. It was received with apathy and has caused very little speculation among the German staff.
 4. No transfers, moves, or changes in the Soviet personnel of the paper, which might shed some light on the meaning of the new editorial policy, had been observed. The only new face on the Soviet staff was a younger man (nu), who had been assigned to the Control Section.
 5. The editor-in-chief, Sokolov (fnu), returned from his leave in the USSR on 14 September. On the same day, the editor of the East German section, Tsiganov (fnu), resumed his duties. The editor of the All-German section, Nikolayev (fnu), was still on leave.
 6. Prior to his leave, Nikolayev went several times to the building of the Soviet Embassy to obtain official approval and clearance for articles written by other, German, editors. Previously, such articles were taken to K50X1-HUM
1. Comment. This would indicate that the Press and Information Control Officer of the Soviet High Commissioner now has his office in the Embassy building.

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