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the working relationship between Dr. Lothar Bolz, East German Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Georg Handke, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is very bad. The two simply cannot get along together, although Handke is a member of the SED, while Bolz belongs to the CDU, the latter is said to have the upper hand because he is closer to the Soviets.

to the Consular Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which was growing. As of mid-November 1944, it employed over 60 people and was the largest department in the Ministry. The department was setting up offices near border points in East Germany in order to coordinate border clearance and control of documents, visas, and passports. It had specialists in the Ministry responsible for traveling throughout East Germany in order to hire people to staff the offices.

all Main department heads of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs had to attend a meeting on 18 November at 4 p.m. at the Electromechanical Plant No. 15 in Berlin-Treptow. The meeting was held in a hall which was used to task those officials, whose work had not been up to expected standards. The cause for the meeting allegedly was Walter Ulbricht's criticism, at the last Central Committee plenary session, of general inefficiency and failures in fulfilling tasks.

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2. The Consular Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is still growing. As of Mid-November 1954, it employed over 60 people and was the largest department in the Ministry. The department was setting up offices near border points in East Germany in order to facilitate the issuance and control of passports. Cadre specialists from the Ministry were traveling throughout East Germany in order to hire people to staff these offices.
3. All Main Department heads of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs had to attend a meeting on 18 November at 4 p.m. at the Elektroapparatwerk J.W. Stalin in Berlin-Treptow. The purpose of the meeting was to call to task those officials whose work ~~had not~~ been up to expected standards. The cause for the meeting ~~was~~ was Walter Ulbricht's criticism, at the last Central ~~session~~ session, of general inefficiency and of failure to fulfill norms.

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