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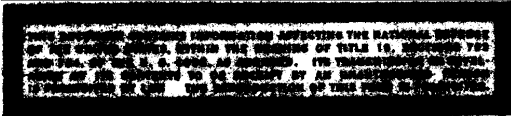
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- 2. In mid-May, wives of KVP members were asked to volunteer for military training in order "to increase general security". Training ~~is~~ firing has already started.
- 3. On 21 and 22 May, a conference of delegates of SED members of Division Eggesin was held at the division headquarters. Political commander of the division, Major Grundmann, who made the main speech, requested increased security and vigilance within the KVP. As a result of the following discussion, which dealt with critical remarks on KVP and state by KVP members and civilian employees, numerous persons, predominantly civilian employees, were dismissed on 23 May.
- 4. After mid-May, controls in and outside of the installation in Altwarp were handled more strictly. Special attention was to be paid to persons not permanently living there.
- 5. On the basis of a "Directive of the Chief of the KVP" of mid-May, all employees of registration offices, in connection with general security measures, had to sign a declaration, according to which they were not permitted to pass through or enter West-Berlin; send or receive mail to and from West-Germany and West-Berlin; invite or receive any visitors from West-Germany and West-Berlin; maintain any of these prohibited connections through a third person.

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6. In late May and early June, all civilian employees of these offices had to undergo a thorough check. The employees had to fill out a questionnaire which, among other questions, asked for the names of all relatives and acquaintances in Western countries.
7. In late May, it was ordered in the planning bureau of the KVP/MdI that effective immediately individual installations and projects on sketches and other documents had to be designated only by numbers.
8. On 1 June, the employees of a KVP agency in Spremberg were requested to sign a declaration, according to which all correspondence with Western countries was prohibited. The employees allegedly did not sign the document, whereupon the request was withdrawn after a few days.
9. In early June, it was learned that all civilian employees of the installation in Eggersdorf, who had relatives in Western countries or maintained correspondence with persons in Western countries, had been dismissed.
10. In mid-June, Order No 13/55 (prohibition of personal and postal contact with relatives in Western countries) caused a strong tension among the employees, most of whom refused to sign the document. In spite of that the superior offices intended to give notice to and dismiss those who refused to sign. The order was also to be applied to employees of Bauunionen Kueste and Sued.
11. In early June, all KVP members in Prenzlau had to sign a declaration in which they promised to discontinue all correspondence with persons living in Western countries and West Berlin and not to enter these areas.
12. On 16 June, it was announced in a railroad office that, on orders of the Berlin railroad headquarters, members of combat groups and VP auxiliaries were no longer permitted to visit West-Berlin and West-Germany.

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