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1. In the 1 October issue of Neue Zeit the Russian censor cut and changed many passages in the story of Jakob Kaiser's speech at the Staatsoper in Berlin 29 September. The following passages were deleted:

.....Waves of applause roared through the hall when, reminding the audience of the whirlpool of National Socialistic propaganda storms, he emphasized the psychological impossibility of again deceiving our people with such methods, and when, in the light of the elections in the eastern zone, he rejected every attempt to establish a one-sided order along Marxist lines, which Berlin can afford least of all.

.....For the honor of our people and for evaluating their decision, it must be said: this election campaign now behind us was fought with such unequal weapons that it took a full measure of courage to come out for the Union.

.....We fight for clean methods even in the face of the danger that we will be run over by the ruthless methods of political and moral unscrupulousness, fully conscious also of the cowards, the drifters, and the opportunists.

.....We know how the elections in the zone must be evaluated (figures in percentages of voters who had a chance to vote for the CDU). I feel it my duty to state this fact, because we hardly have adequate means of publicity for this battle.

.....We don't want to argue any more about the fact that an energetic attempt was and is being made in Berlin to remodel the political, social and economic structure one-sidedly according to Marxist principles. This is a fact which does not fit very well with the "conscious will for the unity of Germany", which is announced loudly and often with defamation of other parties.

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.....And we know, too, that unfortunately we don't have enough printer's ink at our disposal. You know, too, that our speakers are subjected to difficulties upon difficulties.

.....It is very painful for me that after Minister Molotov's statement our worries about the Eastern boundary are no longer to be aired.

.....In addition, we have little chance to speak to the people of Berlin about our plans. Paper and printer's ink are scarce for the Union. More than one party in Berlin enjoys the support of occupying powers. We, however, go our way alone. That shall not weaken our way, it shall strengthen it.

The following changes were made by the censor:

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..The strongest applause met his rejection of state capitalism, schematic socialism, class war and dictatorship, which today, after what we have gone through, are "reaction"..

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..And I go a step further: without the Marxist law of dictatorship.

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..No establishment of Marxism - that is the evident will expressed in the recent elections - no class war, no dictatorship.

..No establishment of Marxism, no class war, no dictatorship of the proletariat.

..It is painful when one hears the opinion of people who would like to be oriented one-sidedly to the West, who dream of a sort of U.S. of Europe including only the West of Germany. That is real separatism, born of the most primitive political attitude, and it is a dangerous counterfeiting of the great goal of the U.S. of Europe. Germany will fulfill its task as the country of the middle between East and West.

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2. In articles on the Nuremberg verdicts in Neue Zeit on 1 and 2 October, the following passages were cut out by the censor:

.....The Soviet General Rudenko in his presentation concerned himself thoroughly with this principle and stated that according to the present-day concept, a war of aggression can quite rightly be considered an international crime. In Nuremberg an unwritten law was clearly expressed. The men on the bench of the accused knew that war had been banned by basic security treaties such as the Kellogg-Briand pact. They knew that Hitler had given foreign countries other legal guarantees in order to lull them into security. In this connection especially the decision of the verdict will be of basic importance.

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.....Actually it was only Hitler's closest collaborators who knew of his plans, who helped him plan and helped to execute the plans.

.....The court with strict objectivity has reaffirmed the old legal rule, in dubio pro reo, in case of doubt in favor of the defendant.

.....As far as the "guilty" verdicts are concerned, it may be said that a German court would have reached the same verdict if it had had the chance.

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The accused Schacht, Papen and Fritzsche were absolutely not acquitted because of guiltlessness, but because the guilt could not be proved so that the court would have had to declare them "guilty".

..The accused Schacht, Papen and Fritzsche were acquitted.

..The Decision of the Court

..A Just Court

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- 3. According to [redacted] the SED press was also subjected to deletions by the Soviet censor in its articles on the Nuremberg verdicts. All strong expressions protesting the acquittal of Schacht, Papen and Fritzsche were out. For example, the word "Empörung" (indignation) was changed to "Bedenken" (misgivings).
- 4. The new supervisory officer at Radio Berlin, Major Lebedev, who has replaced Capt. Rosanov, refused to approve a program of "man-in-the-street" protests against the acquittals. The program had been recorded by SED radio reporters. Words and phrases used were considered too strong for broadcast.

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