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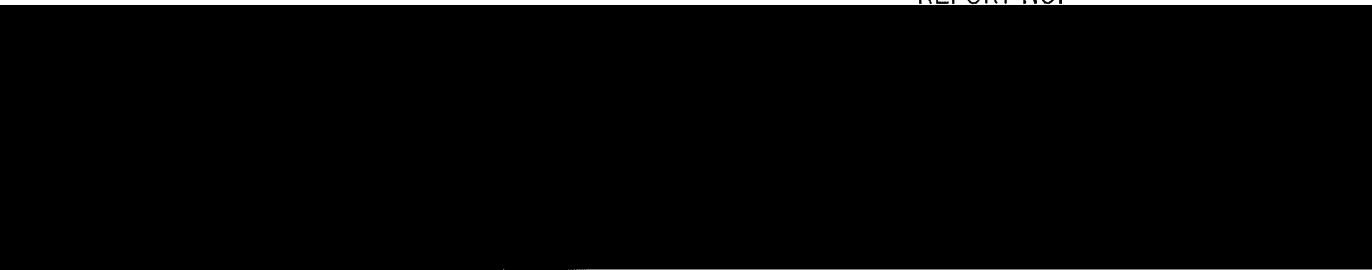
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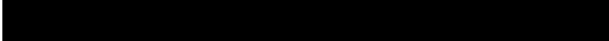
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1. Effected on orders from the Landesleitung, the handling of Communist Party funds in Rheinland-Pfalz has been taken away from local party treasurers and turned over to the local party chairmen (Ortsgruppenleiter). Chairmen are instructed to raise money by taking up collections at meetings, soliciting moneyed party members, and any other means at their disposal. Former treasurers remain in the party as ordinary members without a party office. ( [redacted] Comment: It was previously reported, evidently in error, that former treasurers were dropped from the membership lists.) If a local group needs additional funds for propaganda, it may apply through its chairman to the Landesleitung. [redacted] Comment: It is supposed that the CP Rheinland-Pfalz submits a fictitious financial report to French Gouvernement Militaire in order to continue to meet the requirement of a quarterly statement.)
2. CP headquarters at Bezirk level still exist for some Bezirke in the French Zone. There is such a headquarters in Rheinhessen. Informant believes, however, that these offices are retained merely to pad out the shrunken body of the CP. The Bezirk offices have only "organizational" functions, such as distributing propaganda, keeping membership rolls, and (until now) keeping finance books. Policy decisions come from Land headquarters.

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