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1. Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger and an unnamed member of the SED who is an official of the East German Embassy in Warsaw have independently expressed the opinion that the Soviet Union will probably resign from the United Nations Organization, since it is consistently outvoted on all significant issues.
2. Dr. Gerhard Reintanz, chief of the legal division of the Foreign Ministry, recently stated privately that the present crisis will not lead to a general war, and that the USSR will not intervene directly in Korea. A similar opinion was expressed by Father Josef Plojhar, the Czechoslovakian Minister of Health, during his recent visit to Berlin.
3. An anonymous lead article in Neue Zeit on 29 October, attempting to ingratiate the East German government with the French, was written by Dertinger. He intends to write a series of such articles, which will be published in Neue Zeit on coming Sundays (not necessarily every Sunday). On the occasion of assigning to a colleague the task of writing an article on the Prague conference for Volk und Welt, which was to be directed especially at West German youth, Dertinger explained that the Soviet Control Commission had ordered more restraint in propaganda against the West, and added that such words as "puppets" and "war criminals" should be avoided. He said a "much more moderate tone" should be adopted.
4. At a recent meeting of the CDU Executive Committee, Otto Nuschke expressed disappointment at the fact that the NDP is to get the same number of posts as the CDU in the new list of cabinet ministers which is scheduled to be announced on 15 November 1950. However, Hans-Paul Ganter-Gilmans (CDU) is to be Minister of Trade and Supply.
5. In the course of the reorganization, a functionary of the FDGB will become Minister of Labor. A State Secretariat for Church Affairs is to be set up in the Ministry of the Interior.

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