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Confidential

Subject: INCIDENT MAJOR BUXTON DURING NEWSPAPER-DISCUSSION.

1. Corresponding to their wish I on 3rd of December 1945 in my office informed 12 authorised representatives of the political parties and other organisations interested in the press on the present state of affaires.

I referred to the information which Lt Col SHEPHERD had given me on this subject with the authorisation of making use of them.

2. During this debate Major BUXTON came in, listened to the comments of the gentlemen for about ten minutes and then began to speak to the audience in an excited manner, reproaching me

" that this discussion was not authorised to take place without his previous knowledge and that its only subject were to thwart designs which concerned Dr.THUN as the individual put in charge of editing the newspaper. What had been said here he called nonsense, using the word "Quatsch" (squash) repeatedly. He emphasised that these were only urgings against Dr.THUN because of his jewish descension, adding that in Press Matters the decision only lay with him, not with the Detmold Military Government."

His special attacks were directed against Hofrat STAERCKE.

3 . I, however, only told Major BUXTON that I restricted myself absolutely to the limits set by Military Government Instructions and I stated that in my presence no objection had been made against Dr.THUN's jewish descent.

4. This incident was an outrage which hurt me deeply, especially by the way in which it was brought about.

When I was put in charge of my office as Landespräsident Military Government Commanding Officer assured me that nothing would happen what might prejudice the reputation of my office in public. Accordingly throughout the 8 months of my renewed service I have always experienced fair and polite treatment by Military Government Officers. I acknowledged it, I think, by scrupulously fulfilling my duties.

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G. Mc Gregor
in a letter
to the
Hofrat*

4 December 1945.

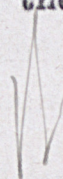
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INCIDENT DURING NEWSPAPER DISCUSSION (continued).

5. The audience was so numbed by this incident that hardly any of the gentlemen attending dared to speak any more. It is regretted that thus the purpose of this discussion failed to be reached and time was lost without any positive work being done.

6. May I beg Colonel Mac GREGOR as Commanding Officer the favour of investigating in this matter and to set it right as I cannot possibly work under such humbling and offending conditions.

7. In case this matter cannot be settled By the Detmold Military Government Commanding Officer I should be obliged for forwarding it to the authorities concerned.


Landespräsident.

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