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INITIAL LOCAL OFFICIAL REACTION DETENTION BY BRITISH
OF PROMINENT EX-NAZIS ACCUSED INFILTRATION MIDDLE CLASS
PARTIES FAVORABLE WITH SOME REGRET GERMANS NOT TAKEN INTO
CONFIDENCE ACCORDING ACTING SOCIALIST MAYOR DREDELIUS.
LATTER HOPED BRITISH HAD SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SINCE IN
CONTRARY CASE PUBLIC OPINION, ESPECIALLY REGARDING EX-HAMBURG
GAULEITER KAUFMANN WHO IS GENERALLY WELL REGARDED, WOULD BE
UNFORTUNATE.

PUBLISHER OF LARGEST HAMBURG DAILY, INDEPENDENT
CONSERVATIVES, WENT OVER READERS LETTERS PERSONALLY TODAY
AND REPORTED THAT REACTION, INCLUDING WORKERS, PROFESSIONAL
MEN AND OTHERS WAS UNANIMOUS DISBELIEF, ESPECIALLY IN
KAUFMANN CASE. HE PREDICTED STORY WOULD DO GERMANY GREAT
HARM ABROAD AND WOULD WEAKEN ADENAUER'S INTERNAL POSITION.
PERSONALLY HE DID NOT BELIEVE BRITISH HAD CASE.

LOCAL CONSERVATIVE DEUTSCHE PARTEI LEADER DOUBTED
ANY ORGANIZED INFILTRATION HIS PARTY ALTHOUGH ADMITTING
POSSIBILITY AND SUGGESTED THAT SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, LARGEST
SINGLE GERMAN PARTY, WOULD BE EASIER INFILTRATE THAN
GERMAN GOVERNMENT COALITION PARTIES. HE REFUSED BELIEVE
THAT THOSE ARRESTED WERE ACTUALLY THREAT TO SECURITY.
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY REGRETTED ACTION VERSUS
KAUFMANN.

BELIEVE WE MUST AWAIT CHARACTER OF EVIDENCE GATHERED
BY BRITISH BEFORE VENTURING DEFINITE OPINION, BUT NOW
SEEMS CERTAIN THAT ARRESTS WILL DEFINITELY CAUSE VERY ADVERSE
REACTION UNLESS BRITISH HAVE GOOD CASE.

TIMBERLAKE

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