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**Result of the 4-hour Meeting with Wilhelm Pieck,  
Walter Ulbricht, Otto Grotewohl, Fred Oelsne, and  
Stalin**

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**Summary:**

Stalin meets with German officials to discuss various aspects of the post-war German economy and government.

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**Contents:**

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[Wilhelm Pieck, Walter Ulbricht, Otto Grotewohl, Fred Oelsner, Stalin]

Affair Gniffke - how possible - parity  
what lessons - Pol. bureau

Situation of the KPD

sever connection (with SED) -  
Tasks in consequence of split G[ermany]  
because of sep. Western state other -  
also because of split of the work[ers] movement other tasks -  
Struggle for democracy  
Help to KPD  
Literature - 5  
Paper - print shop - money  
Nutrition  
monthl. 1 80,000 W[estem] M[arks]  
Subsidies Paper [Ztg.] 80- 1 00,000  
Instructors  
in sm[all] secr[etariat] 1 man Dahlem  
especially for the West  
Party app[aratus]  
Radio  
send simple people into SPD  
Fight too open - mask  
discuss only with Reimann

whether companies from East to West  
Econ. penal law  
DWK [German Economic Commission] Oct.  
Economic questions  
Law against speculation  
Law excl[usive] buying right of the state  
in companies a[nd] stocks  
Law not cult[ivated] land will be retracted  
Law regarding agricultural workers situation  
Contradictions between  
Work[ers?] - Day [Arb. - Tag]  
Agricultural work[ers] a[nd] large farmers [Großbauern]  
Law mach. stations buy through the state  
from VdGB [Association for Mutual Farmers' Help]  
No dispossession, still too early  
in SU 1 925/27  
Preliminary stage to collectivization  
no people's democracy yet  
do not move against groups of owners  
only against individuals, when these sabotage [noun]  
regulate through economic means

raw materials, fuel  
Treaty instead of control  
not direct interventions, but zig-zag -  
opportunist policy  
toward socialism - Why  
Situation not equal  
to VD [People's Democracies]  
not uniform state yet  
do not stand before power  
Unity Peace  
Lowering of prices Wage increases  
Improve nutrition

Struggle too openly  
cautious policy necessary  
(Comparison Teutons)  
Undermine LPD  
Not boast of Plan, differentiate  
How to gather the people around the party  
Wholesale trade - question of the prices -  
central state trade offices [staatl. Handelszentralen] correct  
Delivery system elastic  
Favor small farmers  
little by little help from Moscow  
Nationalize Machine stations  
turn into pol. centers - as SU 1926/27  
Purge agric. cooperat[ions]  
Raw materials not through 1.-H. [Industry - Trade] chamber  
DWK  
Treaties  
Economic plan  
Groceries  
24,000 t fat raise by 20g [,] 600g month  
Foodstuffs (grain, barley, peeled barely)  
Raw materials - rolled products [Walzfabrikat], steel, sulfur  
Nitrogen for fertilizer  
Hungary sm[all] farmers

Prov[isional] German government  
- when in the West gov[ernment] in Feb/March  
leading people  
German People's Chamber [Deutsche Volkskammer] chooses government  
furthermore by People's Council [Volksrat], possibly people's congress  
Elections not before spring 1950

People's Police  
10,000 border

10,000 readiness } in barracks

furthermore 65,000  
who have to be turned into officers  
Academy in SU  
Criminal police  
pol. a[nd] mil. training

Prisoners of war  
Party questions  
Reorganization of the leadership  
elect by party conference - upon recommendation PV [Parteivorstand]  
Polbureau 7 a[nd] 2 candidates  
sm[all] secr[etariat] 5 for routine work  
Proposals control  
Central secr[etariat] continues to exist - because according to statute  
Party congress should decide  
State pres[idium] [Landesvorst.]  
sm[all] sekr[etariat]  
Party control commission will be elected by PV  
subordinate to it  
have confirmed

Core [engeres] sekr[etariat] of the LV [State presidiums]

2 chairm.  
P[ri]me M[inister]  
Unions

Internal } 7  
Org.  
Prop.

Questions regarding the candidates among the membership  
in SU Dec. 1919 8th Party Congress  
Principal decision at the party congress  
Party of the New Type  
(security measures for admission)  
requires consolidation - guarantee  
not jeopardized by influx  
of those not sufficiently trained  
Masses  
event[ually] confirm only at party conference  
Time - workers 1 year  
farmers 2 years

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intellectuals  
2 recommendations  
2 years  
Influx into the party  
warding off

preliminary stage  
Candidate as something inferior  
Quantity Quality  
1,800,000  
Term