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Lt. Colonel Kotyshev, Internal Affairs Section, SMA, instructed Police President Markgraf on 14 July 1948 to dismiss immediately, because of their provocative attitude toward the SMA, the Chief of the Schutzpolizei Hans Kanig (now on leave), Dahler, Chief of the Riot Squads (now on leave), and Hagendorf, Chief of the Präsidialabteilung. Kotyshev also ordered the appointments of Wagner and Eckemayer to succeed Kanig and Hagendorf, respectively.

(Field Comment: The Soviet move involves the dismissal and appointment of "city-wide officials" subject only to Quadripartite action. This is considered the worst provocation to date on the city level, especially in view of Colonel Kalinin's statement when the Komendatura was dissolved that the Soviets will "continue to respect Quadripartite agreements".)

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