

PREFACE

The program set forth on the following pages was prepared in June 1950. In view of international developments since that time, there has been a relative shift of interest among Germans and in HICOG from internal problems toward foreign relations.

But our basic policy, to seek a democratic Germany created and supported by the active interest and cooperation of free and informed citizens, remains. The definition of the problems and the statement of the goals in the following pages are unchanged. The methods suggested to interest individual Germans in public affairs and to make more effective the expression of their interest are still valid. New items and new approaches have been developed in the light of changing conditions, but it has seemed better to issue the program in its original form than to incur additional delay through rewriting it to add these new factors.

Accordingly, the program is circulated for the guidance of those working in this field and the information of those interested in the subject matter.

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