

## NOTES ON THE AUTHOR

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Elmer L. Beck prepared for his career at the School of Journalism of the University of Wisconsin. Subsequent to his graduation from the University, Mr. Beck became active in journalism and particularly in labor journalism with which he has been closely identified for twelve years. He has served as editor of the former "Sheboygan (Wisconsin) Times", a trade union weekly; reporter on the "Milwaukee Evening Post", a weekly, and as associate editor of the "Wisconsin Leader", a weekly. For the past six and one half years, Mr. Beck has been the editor-in-chief of "The Kenosha Labor" which serves jointly the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations in Kenosha, Wisconsin. For the past six years, Mr. Beck has held the post of Vice President of the American Newspaper Guild Local 159 in Kenosha.

At the invitation of U.S. Military Government, Mr. Beck came to Germany in June 1948 for a three-months tour of duty as expert consultant on trade union journalism to the Manpower Division, OMGUS. During this period, Mr. Beck undertook first-hand surveys of the labor press in the Bizonal Area. For purposes of his study, he consulted with German trade union editors and union officials, and with Military Government Manpower and Information Service representatives; and visited union editorial offices, publishing establishments, and industrial plants. The results of his findings are incorporated in the following report which Mr. Beck submitted upon completion of his mission to the Director of the Manpower Division, OMGUS. Except for minor editorial changes, the report has been reproduced in its original form.