

Regulations for Auto Sale

impoverishment of large parts of the population as a consequence of the totally lost war... We shall not despair... What infused our people with pride and joy when they celebrated May Day in former centuries is still ours today: the strength of our hands, the insight and the inventiveness of our brains, and our hearts' belief in the recovery of our people."

The **Fuldaer Volkszeitung** also dwelled on the importance of work to help Germany. It criticized especially those who shirk work because the money they earn is worth so little: "To the degree that work is honored, laziness must be condemned. It is the purpose of the workers' holiday to make the demands of the working people a hymn of praise for work."

The paper deplored that recent war experiences have not aroused the pacifist emotions of the people enough to cry for "No more war".

Wishes of People

The **Schwaebische Donau-Zeitung** (Ulm) in discussing the question of a party press said:

"The representatives of the licensed press are not opposed to party papers on principle. They have repeatedly expressed that opinion, for instance, at their meeting in Garmisch-Partenkirchen last December. They realize that, because of the paper shortage, the parties cannot always be granted the amount of space necessary to represent their just interests. But the wishes of the population should be considered... Several papers in the US Zone conducted polls in order to determine public opinion on this question. The result has always been a clear desire for keeping the above-party press."

The paper announced the following results on its own poll, which was answered by 2,172 subscribers: "90.8 percent prefer continuation of the present above-party press, and only 5.9 percent want the above-party press to be replaced by a party press. 16.8 percent would like to have the individual parties issue their own paper in addition to above-party papers."

Sweeping regulations governing the sale, transfer, and registration of motor vehicles in the four Laender comprising the US Zone of Germany and the American Sector of Berlin were promulgated simultaneously by EUCOM and OMGUS.

The regulations are aimed at safeguarding the German economy from the loss of motor vehicles through sales to foreign interests and preventing profiteering in transactions involving motor vehicles by insuring that purchases are made for use and not for resale. At the same time, the blanket ban against the purchase, sale, pledge, transfer, barter, or other disposition of a motor vehicle, in effect since 31 March 1947, was lifted.

The OMGUS regulations are contained in MG Ordinance No. 13, which applies to all persons within the US area of control not subject to military law. The EUCOM restrictions supplement the ordinance by imposing substantially identical prohibitions upon persons subject to military law.

Ordinance No. 13 divides all persons, governments, and businesses in the US area of control into two classes—domestic interests and foreign interests. Domestic interests include all German residents, businesses, and governmental agencies, as well as displaced persons and foreign nationals who are living in the German economy and have been within the US area of control for more than one year. Foreign interests comprise all other persons, businesses, and foreign governments, except persons subject to US military law.

The ordinance does not apply to transactions between domestic interests. However, all transactions in motor vehicles between domestic interests and foreign interests are prohibited unless licensed by Military Government.

Transactions between foreign interests in motor vehicles which have been owned at any time by a domestic interest are also prohibited, except those vehicles which are obtained through proper Army procurement channels, which are authorized German exports or which are regi-

stered under the EUCOM Vehicle and Traffic Code.

These prohibited transactions may be licensed by the Directors of the Land Offices of Military Government or the Office of Military Government for Berlin Sector if the foreign interests concerned are living or engaging in business or the practice of professions in the German economy.

The ordinance imposes two additional restrictions. UF citizens within the US area of control are prohibited from engaging in transactions in motor vehicles with persons not US citizens or foreign corporations whose principal place of business is not in the United States. Such transactions may be licensed, however, if the US citizen is living in the German economy, if the vehicle concerned is not located within the US area of control or is registered under the EUCOM Vehicle and Traffic Code.

The second additional prohibition prevents a foreign interest from engaging in a transaction involving any motor vehicle which has been acquired in or imported into the US area of control within six months after the importation or acquisition. In the event the foreign interest is leaving the area permanently within this six months' period or a serious emergency requires disposition of the vehicle, the transaction may be licensed.

Finally, German authorities are prohibited from registering in the name of a foreign interest any motor vehicle formerly owned by a domestic interest unless written approval of Military Government to the transaction is presented.

Location with APO

Beginning 1 June, all official correspondence must show the geographical location and APO number on letterheads and on envelopes. This information will also be given preceding the date line in indorsements. An example of this is the following: "Office of Military Government for Germany (US), Berlin, Germany, APO 742, US Army."