



U.S. Plans News Unit In Germany

Frankfurt, Germany, Sept. 28 (AP)—The information control division of the United States Army is planning to establish a German news agency along the lines of the Associated Press of America.

The division, under Brig. Gen. Robert McClure, is now operating a news agency servicing Germany called DANA (*Deutsche Allegemeine Nachrichten Agentur*), which means German Allied News Agency.

At the same time the division has been going ahead licensing German papers to operate in the American zone. There are presently seven such papers and between 20 and 25 are expected to be licensed by the first of the year.

Publishers Called To Meeting

A meeting has been called of licensed newspaper publishers to lay foundations for taking over control of DANA. The Americans proposed that the German publishers form a board of directors for the agency, elect a general manager to run the agency and share costs of its operation on a co-operative plan.

It is expected to take approximately six months to complete transfer of DANA from the present American Army agency to a private German owned and operated organization.

DANA distributes its news by *Hellschreiber* broadcasts from Bad Neuheim, 25 miles north of Frankfurt, on a broadcasting schedule of approximately fourteen hours a day.

Plan For 24-Hour Schedule

The agency is prepared, however, to go on a 24-hour schedule when required. The paper shortage thus far has confined papers in the American zone to semi-weekly publication. It is hoped to get the papers to publish five days weekly by the first of the year.

The Americans are the first to put their zone on the way back to private enterprise in the publishing business. The French and British zone have no "licensed" newspapers. Licensed papers are those operated entirely by the Germans, who are free of censorship but are held responsible for what they publish. Only strictly army-edited papers exist in the French and British zones. The Russians strictly censor all papers in their zone.