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Abbreviations

AAO       Action-Analytical Organization
AFN      Armed Forces Network
AGSS      Action Association of Spandau School Pupils
AHA      General Homosexual Working Group
APO      Extraparliamentary Opposition
ASH      Action School Pupil Self Help
AUS       Action Center for Independent and Socialist School Pupils
BFBS      British Forces Broadcasting Service
BRD      Federal Republic of Germany
CDU      Christian Democratic Union
CSU      Christian Social Union
DAAD      German Academic Exchange Service
DDR      German Democratic Republic
DFFB      German Film and Television Academy Berlin
DGB      Confederation of German Trade Unions
DKP      German Communist Party
FDJ      Free German Youth
FDP      Free Democratic Party
HAW      Homosexual Action West Berlin
HIB      Homosexual Initiative Berlin
IEST      International Essen Song Days
InfoBUG   Info Berlin Undogmatic Groups
KBW      Communist League West Germany
KFA      Campaign for Disarmament
KPD      Communist Party of Germany
LSD      Liberal German Student League
MSB      Marxist Student League Spartakus
NATO     North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NPD      National Democratic Party of Germany
NSDAP    National Socialist German Workers Party
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