

OCCUPATION SUPPORTS BERLIN PROVOCATIONS

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(Summary) We keep on declaring that the remnants of World War II must be eliminated. We are confronted with them every day, the latest case being the tunnel at Wollankstrasse station. The GDR is responsible for the railroads. Assuming something had happened to one of these military trains and French soldiers had been killed, we would have been accused of an "aggressive action" against French armed forces. We even might have been forced to repel West Berlin provocations on GDR soil. All this might easily plunge us into war, and the situation is very serious. There is evidence that this latest railroad adventure was supported by the West Berlin police, and even that it was sanctioned officially by the West Berlin Senate.

"The foundation of this West Berlin situation, which threatens peace, is the occupation regime, a particularly untimely remnant of World War II, 17 years after the end of this war. Either the forces of the occupation powers protect and support the hordes of agents, provocateurs, and gangsters, or they themselves are disturbing the peace, as in the case of the tunnel at Alt-Glienicke, or the armed thrusts of General Clay at Friedrichstrasse. Their mere presence increases the danger of war originating in the frontline city. Armed forces of the most important NATO powers are stationed in West Berlin. If a war were provoked in West Berlin, it would be a NATO war which would develop into a world war. All three occupation powers are atomic powers. A war originating in Berlin would lead to an atomic war. Under present circumstances, West Berlin is a slippery road to atomic war, steep and potentially dangerous at any moment. This danger must be eliminated."

Bonn insists on keeping alive the remnants of World War II. Bonn also makes far-reaching efforts to put pressure on its allies, even to block negotiations on West Berlin, and to obstruct positive results. Bonn does not wish to accept the new state borders. It does not recognize socialism or the boundaries of countries like Poland and

Czechoslovakia. Should we not make all possible efforts to eliminate the remnants of war in order to forestall the outbreak of a new war? Forestalling this new war is a basic factor in our policy.

"This means that peace must be secured by concluding a German peace treaty and a peaceful solution of the West Berlin problem. First, the remnants of war must be eliminated in West Berlin. All disruptive measures against the GDR and the socialist camp must be stopped, including RIAS. The occupation regime must be terminated, even if token armed forces including Soviet forces are to be stationed in West Berlin for a certain length of time. Sensible relations must be established between the West Berlin Senate and the GDR Government. These are the most vital essentials. A German peace treaty, which will become the basis for the transformation of West Berlin into a demilitarized free city with international guarantees, will confirm, under international law, the existing borders of the GDR, Czechoslovakia, Poland, the Soviet Union, and will eliminate all basis for revanchist clamor. A prerequisite therefore is that Bonn abandon the idea that World War II has not yet come to an end. A new leaf must be turned over. Thus a third world war will be avoided.

(Editor's Note: East Berlin JUNGE WELT 5 February carries an editorial article by Gerhard Stuchlik who writes: "The West Berlin frontline city politicians apparently ignored the fact that, by organizing such acts of violence, they are virtually undermining West Berlin's communications with West Germany. They bear the full responsibility for all consequences arising for West Berlin from such actions. The troublemakers around Brandt should know that we shall present our bill to them. The citizens of our republic now even more urgently demand the speedy elimination of the last remnants of World War II, the transformation of West Berlin into a demilitarized free city.")