

DIGGERS OF TUNNEL INTO GDR PAID BY NBC

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(Text) New York--West Berlin--NBC, the American radio and television company, paid 2,500 dollars to every one of the agents who, in the middle of September, undertook an armed breakthrough to the GDR capital via a tunnel from the cellar of a plastics factory in the French sector of West Berlin. This fact was made known on Saturday by AP. On Friday, an NBC spokesman at a press conference in New York refused to mention the sum which NBC made available for these provocations endangering peace.

From West Berlin it has been learned that 17 agents were involved in the building of the tunnel. An NBC spokesman was compelled to admit on Friday that this American radio company provided "a certain sum" at the time when the attack on the GDR frontiers was in the planning stage." One of the West Berlin provocateurs has confirmed that the provocations against the antifascist defensive wall was a "lucrative business."