

12 October at Drewitz

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(Text) Berlin--The members of the U.S. convoy, who since 10 October tried to evade in a provocative manner the usual check by the Soviet Army at the checkpoints on the GDR autobahn, today at noon at last gave in at the Drewitz checkpoint (GDR territory--ADN) and could pass.

It was again pointed out to the U.S. officer in charge that the military convoy, after regular control in accordance with the arrangements about the passage of military vehicles, could immediately proceed. The U.S. Army major did not accept the justified demand. The U.S. convoy's attempt to force passage was prevented.

It is symptomatic of the intentions of the U.S. forces to disrupt free traffic that two U.S. Army crane vehicles, which were given permission to proceed after control, were prevented from doing so by U.S. military police and, consequently, these vehicles also obstructed the passage of civilian traffic in the territory under control.

Despite these provocations, traffic between West Germany and West Berlin was dealt with, although through the fault of the U.S. forces cars piled up and delays became unavoidable. West German and West Berlin truck drivers gave empathic expression to their feeling of annoyance about the attitude of the U.S. occupation forces.