

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND Comment

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(Text) NEUES DEUTSCHLAND declares: We thank the West Berlin press for explaining how deliberately the provocation of the U.S. military convoys was contrived. Enthusiastic over fresh front line city dispatches, they let slip the fact that at checkpoints U.S. occupation soldiers had hitherto always "left their vehicles to enable the Soviet control officer to count the stated number of men." They thus had always done what was legally demanded of them on Thursday.

The question remains: What was the reason for it? It can easily be answered. On the day the provocation began, Adenauer, detente enemy number one, was moving about in West Berlin. He stated there that the ultras were "gravely worried over the Moscow treaty," and he outlined a plan to torpedo the letter and spirit of the treaty, as well as any further steps toward a detente. This evil plan was immediately followed by an evil deed.

Insofar as the causes of the provocation are concerned, we repeat the question asked British journalists, namely is it right that certain NATO circles should use organized incidents to support their demand that a nonaggression pact be linked with so-called guarantees for West Berlin? Be that as it may, the provocation failed. Its effect has differed from that planned by its instigators on this and the other side of the ocean.

It is now even clearer than before how dangerous remnants of World War II, the existence of the NATO bridgehead, West Berlin, and the occupation regime are. It has become apparent to the world how West Berlin is being used as a barrier to a detente and an understanding.