

## WEST PLOTS EXTENSION OF BORDER SHOOTINGS

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(Text) Berlin--For some days now the West German and West Berlin press of the Springer combine has been kindling a calculated campaign designed to disturb order and calm along the GDR state border with West Berlin. It demands that the West Berlin police be permitted officially to shoot at soldiers of the GDR border protection forces while the latter discharge their duties. Existing regulations which formally "permit the use of firearms only if and when the property and life of West Berliners in West Berlin are in danger" are allegedly no longer sufficient. Although this provision is being constantly ignored in practice--several GDR border soldiers have already been murdered by West Berlin police--"greater freedom of action" is being demanded for the use of firearms.

At a meeting of members of the West Berlin police, Bonn minister Gradl, who has no business in West Berlin, and West Berlin CDU Chairman Amrehn affirmed this point of view. At a consultation between Bonn Minister of the Interior Luecke, who also has unlawfully interfered with West Berlin affairs, and Mayor Albertz, who is responsible for the police, "security matters" in West Berlin were discussed.

At the same time, the occupation authorities are being accused of "having the strictest orders from Washington, London, and Paris not to allow any unrest to develop along the wall." They are being urged to take either an active part in the aggravation of the situation or at least to give a free hand to the West Berlin police and its paramilitary auxiliary bodies.

In this connection, ADN is authorized to state: Regrettably, influential circles of the West Berlin Senat stand behind this demand on the part of the Springer press to transform the provocative activities which have so far taken place along West Berlin's border with the GDR into a state of permanent military provocation. Also, West Berlin SPD Chairman Mattick has called for "more effective measures." This clamor conceals the intention of the West Berlin ultras to lay special stress once again on West Berlin's position as a "frontier city," to spread a frontier city mentality, and to counteract GDR suggestions to ease the tension of constant provocations.

The GDR, its border protection installations, and the soldiers serving along the state border with West Berlin have been insuring calm order, and security since 13 August 1961. The aggressive circles in West Germany and West Berlin, who oppose an understanding, will have to be told that the consequences of the provocations intended by them will rebound on them. It is to be hoped that the forces of reason in West Berlin who are willing to come to an understanding will prevail and will repel the intended provocations.