

PAPERS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN WALL

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[Text] All newspapers recall 13 August 1961 and describe this event as an achievement for peace. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND writes: At that period in the cold war there were often moments when European peace was on a knife's edge. One such threatening situation arose in the summer of 1961. The danger was averted on 13 August, the day when the GDR, in accordance with the decision of the Warsaw Treaty states, secured its state border with the FRG and West Berlin. The 13 August [action] unequivocally enforced respect for the inviolability of the border of our socialist state and at the same time the border of the community of socialist states. This safeguard against disturbances has operated very favorably for peace and building socialism, not only in the economy but in all aspects of society. So much for NEUES DEUTSCHLAND.

The BERLINER ZEITUNG stresses the following: This demonstration of our power was a salutary lesson to our enemies. Their "roll back" [English expression used] policy, that is of rolling back socialism, came up against the true balance of forces in central Europe. Their grand post-war designs thereby suffered a fiasco.

The central organ of the Liberal Democratic Party DER MORGEN adds: One cannot write or talk about 13 August without thanking those who see to it that security and order prevail at the state border--our border soldiers. They have put up with many sacrifices and privations for the sake of the security of all of us. Any action which serves peace cannot be rated too highly.