

LEADERS ATTEND BERLIN WALL ANNIVERSARY RALLY

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[Text] Berlin--Readiness to fulfill the decisions of the Ninth SED Congress and insure the protection of peace in the GDR is now being demonstrated by tens of thousands of working people in the GDR capital at a combat rally in Berlin. To mark the 15th anniversary of the day when secure protection was established for the GDR state border on 13 August 1961, 8,500 members of the combat groups of the working class and other armed forces of the GDR have lined up in the Karl-Marx-Allee.

Stormy applause greeted the appearance of the grandstand of Erich Honecker, general secretary of the SED Central Committee and chairman of the National Defense Council; Willi Stoph, member of the SED Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the GDR State Council; and other members of the party and state leadership. The rally will be addressed by Comrade Naumann, member of the SED Central Committee Politburo and first secretary of the Berlin Bezirk SED Executive.