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- I. Moscow has adopted harder attitude on Berlin to heighten sense of urgency in West for a settlement.
 - A. Authoritative Soviet statements stress Khrushchev line that separate peace treaty with East Germany will be signed soon, after which West will have to deal with GDR.
 - B. Soviets stonewalled in recent series of high-level talks, insisting on clearly unacceptable positions.
 - C. Increased pressures on Western rights in Berlin seem likely over next month or two.
 - 1. East German security personnel are being familiarized with procedures used in controlling Allied land access.
 - 2. Berlin Wall being fortified at stepped-up pace.
 - 3. Communists tightening controls along zonal border.
 - D. While Soviets appreciative of high risks involved, may have decided at long last to sign separate peace treaty.
 - 1. Western ambassadors in Moscow believe if no movement in negotiations, peace treaty will come after August.
 - 2. Sovs could sign abbreviated treaty altering conditions of access but without complete turnover of controls to East Germany.

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