

EAST GERMAN ~~SWARM~~ SWARM INTO BERLIN

In the shadow of the bomb-battered Brandenburg Gate where the Russian zone meets the West flows the legion of freedom lovers seeking refuge from East Germany. Asylum in the West cannot be denied them. As many East Germans work in Allied Zones the Red police are unable to prevent the exodus. In warehouses receiving centres have been established. After food comes a medical examination. All this has been ~~man~~ rapidly organised. The normal trickle of East Germans to the West became a flood after the Communist executions in Prague, which East Germans feared foreshadowed wholesale executions among themselves. The refugees can't stay in Berlin. As soon as possible they are sent to the West German Republic. There it has become a major problem how to settle them. 25-thousand came over in January, more than that in December and the flow goes on. They have to be screened politically, to detect any Red ^{agents} ~~spies~~. Dr. Adenauer came to see this himself. He fears that if all freedom-lovers come West, East Germany will be wholly Communist. To the airfield go the refugees after screening, to be flown into the West.

Here is proof that millions wish to escape the tyranny behind the Iron Curtain.