

BERLIN CAULDRON SIMMERS.

Berlin's Potsdamer Platz, where the Russian sector juts into the Western zones - becomes the focal point in the struggle between East and West. The City's American Commander Gen. Frank Howley, inspects the trouble spot, where increased Soviet pressure has led to gunfire and kidnapping. A parley between U.S. and Soviet officers restores calm, for how long depends on the Kremlin! Meanwhile, Western Germany is rallying to the support of the beleaguered City. An outdoor circus in Essen, for instance helps to raise money for vital food shipments. Prepared to go all out to aid Berlin, this aerial artist goes all the way to the top of Essen's highest building. Like him, the people of Western Germany know that their future is in the balance, that their fate like Europe's depends on the outcome of the battle for Berlin. Marks are collected by every possible means - showing German solidarity. Thousands of Bavarians raise more money by a charity concert in Munich.

Back in Berlin, the Western powers step warily to counter continuing Soviet aggressiveness. General Herbert - the British Commandant - makes an on-the-spot survey to check the so-often-violated British boundary. Measures to clarify the frontiers in the Potsdamer Platz and make them plain for all to see are put in hand. Meanwhile, at the Kremlin, shrouded in great secrecy - Eastern and Western diplomats continue their shadow boxing tactics. Progress seems painfully slow. For the price of peace lies in the heart of Berlin. The Western powers determination is clear - Soviet terror and fear must trespass no further into the Western world.

② With Berlin still clamped in Soviet blockade, Western Germany continues to rally in support of the Western sector. Essen for instance, staged an outdoor circus to raise money for vital food shipments. Germans everywhere are prepared to go far towards helping Berlin but none was prepared to go farther than this aerial artist - all the way to the top of Essen's Deutschlandshouse on a prayer and a good set of malaria. Stuttgart too remembered Berlin. Mayor himself called a mass meeting to demonstrate Stuttgart's support for the 2 1/2 million people, who refuse to submit to Soviet sanction. Another speaker, Social-Democrat Hans Recker, who came to tell the story of Berlin's fight for freedom. And back in Essen the situation was looking up. Still another city with a programme of aid was Munich. Tickets for a benefit concert were at a premium as thousands of Bavarians gladly contributed their Western marks for supplies for Berlin. And Essen's campaign was finally over the top. Thus, one way or another, the people of Western Germany were expressing their solidarity with the people of Western Berlin. Inside the city itself the new Tagel airfield in the French sector was being rushed to completion. Here, for comparison sake is the way Tagel looked three short weeks ago as work began. Today, with the new field scheduled for October operations, the Western Allies and the Berliners were working together and working fast. Designed to bolster Gateway and Tempelhof, Tagel's completion should enable the Western powers to bring 8,000 tons of food and supplies into Berlin every day.

① Meanwhile in Potsdamerplatz new troubles flared when the Markgraf police of the Russian sector staged their latest attempt to panic the population. Shots were fired and arrests were made by each sector police in a so-called blank market raid. But neither the Berliners nor the Western powers were easily terrorised. Here General Herbert, commandant of the British sector and his staff make an on the spot survey. They check and re-check the British sector boundary so often violated by the Soviets and their police. Next day measures are taken to clarify once and for all the boundary question in Potsdamerplatz. Signs, fences and painted lines are established to keep Soviet tactics limited to the Soviet sector. Col. Howley, commandant of the U.S. sector also makes a personal investigation of the trouble zone. Later U.S. and Russian officers discuss the situation, but the attitude of the Western powers is clear - terror and fear will not be allowed to trespass in the Western sectors of Berlin.

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