

ALL QUIET AS REDS MARCH

Before the Brandenburg Gate- one of the key-points where East and West Berlin meet - British patrols stand ready for any emergency. Across the road, East and West Berliners face each other. And then rockets, flags, pigeons and leaflets herald the start of the Soviet Zone Parade of German Youth. For over eight hours, half a million blue-shirted members of the Free German Youth Party marched through the rain along Unter den Linden, the Piccadilly of Berlin. This was what Hitler gave their father, regimentation, parades, the glorification of a uniform. Uniform - the drug to make them forget and march!

The march was the spectacular climax to a 5-day Communist-organised Rally. If the original intention was to take over all Berlin, then the plan was quickly changed in face of the steadfastness of West Berlin and the support promptly given by the Western Powers. There were no serious incidents. But the danger is not passed. The threat is still there. With the 50-thousand strong military-trained People's Police to take control, any move could be put down to the natural feelings of the people. The weapon is there to hand. No puppet Hitler must ever be allowed to seize it.