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VOTERS ROUT COMMUNISTS.

There was a big reception for Chancellor Adenauer at Berlin Town Hall. On the eve of the election in the Western Zone, his arrival boosted the morale of anti-communist voters. It was the chance to give a resounding NO to the Russian proposals to make Berlin a "Free" city. Burgomaster Brandt and the other democrats won hands down and Berlin had the bands out.

On the other side of the barbed wire there's precious little joy at any time. East Germans lethargically patrol the border to stop people escaping to the west, where school children are now bringing Christmas parcels to be sent to East Germans. Every post office in the Federal Republic is crammed with this traffic. The gifts express the yearning of the whole nation for the unified Germany which they hope will be achieved before long.

Sign of American faith in Western Germany is the new Hilton Hotel. To be ready on time they got a super move on.

Work at more normal speed in the kitchens prepared the banquet to which U.S. Hotel King Conrad Hilton invited sixty V.I.P.s., and with almost military smartness the uniformed staff prepared for the great man himself. Like many other tycoons Conrad Hilton believes that Russia will never push Berlin into the communist camp. And when big business backs faith with money you know they mean it.