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More than 3 million Germans left their homes in the East German provinces under Soviet control after the war.

This week saw a new peak when 1,926 refugees were registered in west Berlin within 24 hours.

In this year alone 144,000 have fled to west Germany.

The east German "Volkspolice" are excelling as man-hunters and thousands of refugees were unable to cross the border-sector dividing east and west Berlin before Sunday night, when the east German puppet administration headed by Ulbricht definitely closed the sector border.

Barbed-wire entanglements were set up and trenches were dug across the city's streets.

The Underground stations giving access to west Berlin were closed. An artificial bottle-neck was made at Friedrichstrasse and the entire passenger-traffic is now checked here. The trap is closed.

It is now virtually impossible for the zonal refugees and the 50,000 east Berliners who work in west Berlin to cross the border. It is a crime to cross to the west. It is only possible to leave the east ~~for west Berlin~~ sector for west Berlin if a special permit is issued to the applicant.

Berlin, the capital-proper of Germany, has the appearance of a besieged town in a civil-war.

The heavily armed east German soldiers in the familiar uniforms of the Hitler Wehrmacht and the armed civil-guards keep a rigid control of the dividing border.

The measures of the communistic east German administration are a flagrant violation of the four-power status of Berlin.

(See also agency reports on the pending situation)

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