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By savage methods the East German authorities are sealing what small gaps remain in the Berlin wall. 2,000 of their own people have been dragged from homes near the West Zone boundary; treated like hostile enemies in time of war. They see their houses stripped of everything; they themselves are ordered to find somewhere to live, further back. East of the wire a No Man's Land of bare earth even through the public gardens - will make it all but impossible for anyone to escape to the West. East Germany offers a Soviet type of government at home, a bullet in the back for whoever tries to dash over the border to freedom.

Friends on the west side ask, "Where will you live now?" All too often there is no answer. For East Berlin, has acres of ruins. So, a last look into the West, and then back to the streets of no hope, perhaps for life. Behind the wall the age of barbarism has returned.