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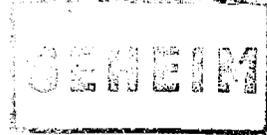
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THE SED AND THE BERLIN SITUATION

The vital question between SED and the USSR is to include Berlin in the D.D.R. The current plan has been made on the assumption that the Western Powers will not recognise D.D.R. as an independent state and will not conduct political discussions with it. The same sanctions apply to the German Federal Republic.

Both D.D.R. and USSR agree that the Western Powers would not support any serious military steps to prevent the inclusion of Berlin in D.D.R.

It is taken for granted that talks with the Western Powers by the USSR about the terms of occupation of Berlin will fail.

A major propaganda campaign is currently planned to hammer into world opinion and especially into Asian, African and neutralist peoples the conviction that Berlin is a domestic German problem and to stigmatise in advance the Western Powers as aggressors should they take political or economic measures to support their case.

When negotiations between USSR and the Western Powers have failed, and transfer of 'airspace' to the D.D.R. has been effected, a total blockade of West Berlin is planned for the autumn of 1959. SED are convinced that there will not be any significant military developments but that the Western Powers will evacuate West Berlin.

SED are said to have convinced the Russians to take the^{se} steps by their continued declarations that it will be impossible to carry out their economic and financial obligations if they cannot succeed in reducing the flight of refugees from D.D.R. In addition, the proportion of young workers will be decreased in coming years owing to reduced births during the war years.