

# Almost Daily Incidents in Berlin Raise Question of New Blockade

By JOSEPH FLEMING  
 Berlin—U.P.—Is West Berlin in peril again?  
 Do the almost daily incidents, the arrests, riots, Communist threats to seal off the city and the "sovereignty" given the East Germans mean the Reds are getting ready for a showdown to try to push out the Americans, British and French?

The correspondent has been posted in Berlin much of the time since World War II, and frankly I don't know.

No one on the Western side professes to know, but certainly there are signs in the threats and tensions of the past few weeks which indicate that the West may be faced again with the blockade it broke seven years ago only through the miracle of the airlift and the spending of millions of dollars. Is the West capable of mounting another airlift?

The answer to that is an emphatic yes!

The man who ran the 1948-49 effort was Gen. William H. Tunner. Now he is commander of the U. S. Air Force in Europe.

Tunner, asked about the possibility of a new air lift, said "We are ready to do anything within our capabilities that our headquarters orders us to do."

Asked if the capabilities included mounting an airlift, he

answered "Yes."  
 Some aviation authorities assert a new air lift would be even more successful and easier to mount than the last one when from June, 1948, to May, 1949, the American and British air forces carried in 2,243,301 tons

of food and other supplies on 277,264 flights.  
 The Air Force now is better equipped. It has better guidance systems, better radar, more supplies. New high altitude transports such as the C118 and C132 could fly faster and above the

weather.  
 But there are hitches. Back in 1948 the 2,000,000 West Berliners in this outpost 110 miles inside Russian-occupied territory were barely existing and the problem was merely to keep West Berlin alive.

Now the city has considerable prosperity. Businesses have been re-established which must have contact with the outside to survive.  
**Precious Lift No Victory**  
 Then, too, it would appear unlikely that the Russians, having

been beaten once by an airlift, would permit another blockade of Berlin without taking counter measures.  
 Some American military men have long felt that the 1948 airlift, while a logistic miracle, was no victory for the West.

One who holds that view is Brig. Gen. Frank L. Howley who was American commandant in Berlin under military governor Gen. Lucius Clay.

Howley put it this way: "If I try to get in the front door of my house and some fellow stands in front with a club and dares me to try and get in, it is not a victory if I go around

to the back, climb the garden fence and then go in the kitchen window.

"Yes, I'm in the house all right. But I didn't go in the way I had every legal right to go. That's no victory."

So a question facing the Allies now in case of another blockade is "Do we go in through the front door?"

## As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Parents can be badly hurt by their children. However, when an emergency arises, the children usually come to the rescue, in spite of what they may have said.

(Q) "Five years ago, my daughter was married. Shortly after they came home from their wedding trip, her husband said, 'It is not the daughter's duty to take care of her parents when they are old. It is the son's duty.' I was terribly hurt and more so when my daughter agreed with her husband."

"Just last week, when we were at their home, the husband said the same thing and my daughter agreed with him again. My husband was so hurt and angry that he put on his hat, walked out, and said he would never go to their home again. We are comfortable and there is no thought in our minds we will ever have to call on them for help. We have two sons and another daughter but they do not make these remarks. We feel her husband has influenced her this way as she was such a devoted daughter before she married."

(A) There is no question that your daughter has been influenced by her husband to believe your sons should be responsible for you and your husband in your old age, should the necessity arise. He, unquestionably, wants you to understand now, before the time arrives, that you cannot expect to receive any help from him or will his home be open to you.

It is certainly most unfortunate they have taken this stand and have made it so clear how they feel. Naturally you and your husband are hurt and resentful. However, you need not worry too much as you can count on the help of your other children, should the need ever arise.

You should not let this pass with just hurt feelings on your part. Instead, you should make a point of informing them that you and your husband have given serious thought to their remarks which, you assume, express their true feeling about you. Then point out that you feel justified in giving any help you can, either in money or aid, to your other children rather than to them. Don't like a finger to help this daughter and her husband in an emergency they have unless they change their tune about you.

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