

Berliners Accept Communist Threat, Daily Weather as Part of Life



REPRISALS THREATENED - The Communists have threatened reprisals if the Western Allies embargo trade shipments to East Germany in retaliation for harassment of Berlin traffic. The map above shows the trouble area of Germany. (UPI Telephoto)

The largest number of tuberculosis cases is found among men. The United States honey crop declined 7 per cent in 1959. About 10,500,000 gross of lead pencils were manufactured during 1959.

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Editors note—If the Communist nose is lightened around West Berlin during Nikita Khrushchev's pilgrimage to the UN, it won't surprise West Berliners. Few days go by without fresh demands for Western withdrawal from the outpost city. Here is the story of West Berlin's precarious existence behind the Iron Curtain.

By JOSEPH FLEMING

Berlin - UPI - Whenever the weather turns bad in this isolated city people have a tendency to look at the sky and say, "It's blockade weather."

That happens quite often because there's almost as much rain and fog here as in London.

This way of describing the weather is an expression of the fact that Berliners accept the threat of action by the surrounding Communists as part of their daily life - just as they accept the weather.

And they should be used to it. In the long years of occupation there have been blockades, and baby blockades and creeping blockades and many other sort of blockades.

From the Nazis

In fact, the first Soviet blockade began before the Western Allies even got into the city and it should have warned them of things to come.

Enriched Diet Helps Man to Withstand Stress

Washington - (Science Service) - A diet enriched with extra B-complex vitamins can help man withstand nervous and mental stress, Dr. Victor Efremov, a Russian nutritionist said in an interview here. Dr. Efremov is scientific leader of the Vitamin Research Laboratory of the Central Institute of Nutrition, Academy of Medical Sciences, USSR.

Men and animals given higher than required daily dosages of vitamin B-complex demonstrated more balance and control under stressful situations, said the Soviet scientist. He is a delegate to the Fifth International Congress on Nutrition here. He praised the Conference as "outstanding."

Daily vitamin B-complex recommendations are higher in the Soviet Union than in the U.S., Dr. Efremov noted. He suggested that these might be adopted by the United States "where the burden of physical work has been lessened but psychological and nervous tensions have increased."

Recommends More

Soviet Ministry of Health recommends three and a half milligrams more of vitamin B-2 (riboflavin) daily than U.S. Public Health authorities and three milligrams more of vitamin B-1 (thiamin). The ministry has recently recommended adding to the daily vitamin intake two milligrams of B-6 (pyridoxine hydrochloride). The latter has been used medicinally to treat muscular weakness and muscular disease, and radiation sickness. It is present in many foodstuffs such as yeast, liver and cereals.

The dietary habits of those in the cold, far north areas of Russia have resulted in a higher incidence of high blood pressure, Dr. Efremov said. He explained that northern diets are heavy in fatty meats and fish and are very low in fresh vegetables and fruits.

Better nutrition in northern USSR demands more abundance of fruits and vegetables than currently available.

Thus Soviet scientists are working to develop edible plants and fruit-bearing trees that can withstand extreme cold. Dr. Efremov reported some success in this research in the development of a variety of apple tree and potato that can be grown and harvested in northern Russia.

Device Eliminates Jet Smoke Trails

Washington - (Science Service) - A device has been developed that prevents high-altitude jet aircraft from leaving smoke-like trails that friendly and enemy observers can follow easily.

Air Research and Development Command engineers developed the method for reducing the size of water vapor particles so they are no longer visible from the ground. In the method, the size of the water droplets forming the trail are reduced by mixing dust-like particles in the engine exhaust.

The smaller droplets can not be seen from the ground. The method has been proved effective, the Air Force said here, in tests at L. G. Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass.

On June 17, 1945, Col. Frank L. Howley was ordered to take a 500-man reconnaissance party to Berlin to make plans for Four-Power rule of the city.

When the convoy arrived at a pontoon bridge over the Elbe River, the Russians proclaimed their first blockade. They said the convoy was not crossing the Elbe.

After a seven-hour quarrel in which the Soviets displayed all their techniques of debate and evasion Howley was told he could take only 35 officers and 175 men with him to Berlin.

Never Get There

But the party never got to Berlin. The Russians escorted the convoy to Babelsberg, a Berlin suburb, and Russian guards were thrown around the American camping site.

The Americans finally were allowed to enter Berlin July 1.

Discussing his first meeting at the Elbe with the Russians, he said: "We learned then in seven hours just about all we were to learn about Russians in Berlin."

For 15 years West Berliners and a long line of Howley's successors as U.S. commandant here have been learning about Russians.

There have been so many agreements broken, so many evaded, so many bent that it is almost impossible to enumerate them.

Military convoys have been held up or refused passage. Trains, trucks and barges halted or harassed under one pretext or another. Even aircraft have been shot at.

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The cosmic ray shower occurred about midnight Dec. 3, 1959. Scientists have been analyzing results since then. In a period of only ten months of a second, about ten billion atomic particles rained down on the New Mexico station's detectors.

The scientists estimated that the primary cosmic ray causing the shower had an energy between 20 and 40 billion electron volts. Cosmic rays are particles from space constantly bombarding the earth's atmosphere.

'Powerful' Shower Recorded in 1959

Cambridge, Mass. (Science Service)—The largest and most "powerful" cosmic ray shower ever observed has been recorded by scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology here.

It confirmed evidence that some cosmic rays come from outside the Milky Way galaxy in which the sun and its planets, including earth, are located. The very high energy shower was analyzed by Drs. John Linsley and Livio Scarsi, who are stationed at MIT's research station in New Mexico.

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