

# 'Even Keepers' Said Escaping From Behind Berlin Barricade

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Berlin — (UPI) — "Conditions are so bad in the prison that even the keepers are escaping."

That's a popular West Berlin description of East Berlin two years after the building of the anti-refugee wall that divides the city.

The wall, built by the Communists on Aug. 13, 1961, has not solved the satellite East Germans' problems, nor has it helped stabilize the regime as the Communists had hoped. It did halt the mass flood of refugees that threatened to bleed East Germany white.

But East Germans still brave death almost daily to flee by every conceivable means.

And the prison's keepers — the police, soldiers and border guards — are escaping in ever increasing numbers.

Western officials say the Communists would risk the almost complete depopulation of East Germany if they took the wall down now.

Two years ago when the wall went up East Germans were fleeing through the West Berlin hole in the Iron Curtain at the rate of up to 100 an hour.

In July, the last full month before the wall, 30,000 East Germans walked or rode across the East-West border.

The wall along the 26-mile East-West Berlin border halted that mass flow. In the two years since the wall 16,456 refugees have managed to get to the West. The first year 12,000 got out. Strengthened controls the second year cut the number to 4,456.

But the number of escaping soldiers and police has increased. The first year 400 soldiers, border guards and policemen fled. The second year 904. Only fear of retaliation

against their families and lack of opportunity keep most border guards from fleeing, defectors have reported.

**Despised by Civilians**  
Morale is said to be extremely low because the soldiers are despised by civilians for guarding the wall.

Pfc. Manfred Tucher, 21, who fled to the U. S. Army's Checkpoint Charlie last month, said "No matter how crowded a train is no other passenger will take a vacant seat next to a border guard."

"I was stationed in East Berlin almost two years ago and never got to know a girl.

They wouldn't talk to us. Outside of the men in my company I had no friends."

Pfc. Heinz Heger, 20, who also fled, said: "More than half of my unit would defect to the West in the first few days if war broke out. They would not fight for the regime or shoot at West Germans. At the most 30 per cent are Communists."

East German deserters say most border guards shoot to miss at refugees and even deliberately get bad scores in target practice to cover up. This would account for the fact that refugee after refugee

gets safely to the West although they often escape under Eastern police gunfire.

However, some guards do shoot to kill.

Since the wall 63 refugees have died, 54 trying to reach West Berlin and 11 on the East-West German border.

**Toll Believed Higher**  
It is believed the death toll is much higher but only 63 deaths have been documented. Western officials say without doubt others have been killed in deserted areas or behind the wall at night when there were no eyewitnesses.

rested trying to flee is not known.

Lt. Col. Martin Loeffler, who commanded an East German army regiment before he fled, estimated only one in 10 refugees gets through.

Those who do get through use every conceivable technique. They have swam lakes and rivers, broke through the wall in a stolen Russian-made armored car, crossed mine fields in horse-drawn sleds. There was even a circus performer who crossed a 100-yard long cable 30 feet above the ground.

took five months to build from East to West Berlin rescued 13. One blind woman was guided through by her sister. A 70-year-old grand-

mother was pulled along unconscious by a rope tied to her legs. Two small boys who were taken on a tunnel escape were told to pretend they were playing groundhog.



**STARS MARRY**—Singer Robert Goulet and his bride, musical comedy actress Carol Lawrence, smile happily after their wedding in New York. (UPI)

## Your Money's Worth

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**COLLECT THIS INFORMATION — VIII**  
This is the eighth in a series of nine articles.

So far this series has concentrated on what you can deduct. But, let me warn you again, no matter how valid your entertainment expense may be under the new rules, you will lose your deduction if you don't keep proper records.

Basing your expense account deductions on estimates alone, under the old Cohan rule, is finished.

Under the Cohan rule as developed by the courts, if you could prove that you had some deductible expenditures, though not the precise amounts, you were entitled to deduct a reasonable estimate. While the courts would weigh your own estimate against your failure to keep proper records, the net effect was to allow you to take a substantial deduction despite your failure to keep proper records. But the Treasury convinced Congress that this rule permitted taxpayers to deduct entertainment and traveling expenses to which they were not entitled. Congress changed the law so that if you don't have proper records now, you may lose all of your deductions.

The Cohan rule was eliminated only for travel expenses away from home, entertainment expenses and business gifts, though. You still can use the Cohan rule to justify deductions for reasonable estimates of other types of expenses, even if your records don't support them to the penny.

Here is the information you must have in order to make your expense account deductions affected by the 1962 law stand up.

**For Traveling Expenses:**

Cost, including transportation, meals and lodging, and incidentals such as telephone and telegraph, etc.

Time, including departure and return date for each trip, and the number of days away from home spent on business.

Place, or places of travel, by name of city, town, etc.

Business reason for trip, or nature of the business benefit derived or expected to be derived as a result of travel to each place.

**For Entertainment Expenses in General:**

Cost.

Time, including date.

Place or places, including name, address or location and description of the entertainment, such as dinner or theatre, if not otherwise apparent.

Business purpose, including business reason or nature of the business benefit derived or expected to be derived, from the entertainment, and the nature of any business discussion or activity. (For "quiet business meals," nature of business discussion or activity is not required.)

Business relationship of each person entertained for whom a deduction is claimed, including name or title, occupation or other designation which shows business relationship to you. If you think you can later recall the person's title, occupation, etc., keeping the name will be enough. You can give an examining agent the additional information.

If the entertainment directly precedes or follows a substantial and bona fide business discussion, you must also have the following information in addition to what is generally required.

Time, including date and length of business discussion.

Place of the discussion.

Business purpose, including nature of the discussion, and business reason for the entertainment, or nature of business benefit derived or expected to be derived from the entertainment.

Business relationship, including identification of those participating in the business discussion.

In the final column of this series, I'll explain how you should keep the required information and supporting evidence.



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