

Aged Woman Eludes Reds, Jumps Safely

BERLIN (AP) — A 77-year-old woman hung from a second story window on the border between East and West Berlin. Communist police tugged at her hands, a West Berliner at her feet.

Finally, she fell into a West Berlin fire net unharmed.

A photographer recorded the scene Sunday at Bernauerstrasse, one of the streets where the houses are in East Berlin and the sidewalk in the West.

West Berlin police refused to give the woman's name, but they told this story: Early in the morning, Communist police came into her flat and said she would have to move. She argued, and other tenants backed her up. The police went away — not very far, apparently — and someone managed to notify West Berliners.

At 11:30, a West Berlin fire truck drove up and the firemen spread their net. First, the woman threw out a shopping bag containing a few personal belongings, and — a witness said — her cat. Then the old woman herself climbed out and stood on a ledge below the window.

A small crowd of West Berliners gathered. There were cries of: "come on and jump!" But she couldn't make up her mind. A young West Berliner climbed on to the ledge of the brick-up ground-floor window. He slipped and fell into the net. A second climbed up and grabbed at the woman's foot. Her shoe came off in his hand.

At that point the Communist police showed up at the window and grabbed her by the arms. Up climbed the two West Berliners again. One caught her by the leg. He pulled. The police tugged. Finally the West Berliner just dropped, still hanging on to the woman's leg. They landed together in the net.

A West Berlin newspaper quoted her as saying: "I always hoped to die in that apartment. I lived there so long. They told me I couldn't even do that. So I went."

Families Say House Has Ghost

NOTTINGHAM, England (UPI) — Several families in an apartment house here claimed today they are haunted by a female ghost that goes around tickling a baby.

The ghost, whom the families believe is a woman who killed herself in the house several years ago, is claimed to:

- Teach out its arms in a gesture of appeal.
- Show itself only to women.
- Move articles from cupboards.

One of the tenants, Leslie Weatherill, said: "We are moving out. We have only lived here a week but my wife has seen the ghost twice."

Reginald King, another tenant, said his child began to laugh unexplainably as it slept in its cot. "When one of the children we have staying with us got up, she asked if that 'strange' woman would be coming back. She had seen her tickling the baby."

King added: "Although no men here have seen the ghost all of them will tell you how frightened they are. Even on a warm night they suddenly feel their rooms go cold and drafty. We know we are being watched."

A third tenant, Louis Leonardi, said a bar of soap was missing and later found. "Knives have been moved mysteriously from the cupboards to a table," Leonardi said.

The Rev. George Muxlow said the "couples are extremely frightened by what has happened."



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