9 August 1961

DIA and DOS review(s) completed.
9 August 1961

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

CONTENTS

1. West Berlin: 2,017 refugees registered on 7 August. (Page 1)

2. West Berlin: US Mission sees among local leaders more concern than at any time since November 1958 that West will make concessions in negotiations over Berlin. (Page 1)

3. West Germany: Adenauer would not approve call-up of reservists or extension of conscription before 17 September election. (Page 1)

4. Tunisia. (Page 2)

5. France: Reported increase of security forces in Paris area reflects government's concern over coup rumors. (Page 2)

6. Saudi Arabia: King Saud may be considering purchase of arms from bloc. (Page 2)

7. Mali: President Keita rumored ill; successor regime would probably be more extremist. (Page 3)
TOTAL ANNUAL REFUGEE FLOW INTO WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY

WEST BERLIN REFUGEE TOTALS

DAILY TOTALS SINCE 15 JULY 1961

9 Aug 61 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN Chart Page
9 August 1961

DAILY BRIEF

Berlin: 2,017 East German refugees registered in West Berlin on 7 August, a record figure. The total included 160 "border crossers," East Germans and East Berliners whom the regime has been pressing to give up their jobs in West Berlin. (Chart)

West Berlin: The US Mission in Berlin reports that although the "stanchness" of the West Berlin leadership remains ostensibly unimpaired, the outward optimism appears to shield greater doubt regarding the future of the city than at any time since the Soviet ultimatum of November 1958. The morale of political and public leaders is subject to "more fluctuations" than previously as new East-West negotiations draw near. The Berlin leaders still believe that the USSR does not want war and remain convinced that the West will not yield on the question of West Berlin's freedom. The US Mission reports that the Berliners are, however, apprehensive that what they consider vital elements of Berlin's present status may be "bargained away." They base their fears on what they refer to as the willingness of certain "political and opinion-forming groups" in the United States to make "damaging compromises" and their belief that the British eagerness to negotiate reflects a readiness to make one-sided concessions.

West Germany: Defense Minister Strauss has told American officials in Bonn that Chancellor Adenauer has given him the go ahead on all "administrative measures" for boosting West Germany's military strength to meet the Berlin crisis, but has refused to allow an immediate call-up of reservists or extension of conscription. Adenauer indicated that such moves should come...
only after the 17 September elections, and preferably should follow the announcement of similar measures by other NATO allies. According to Strauss, Adenauer wants to avoid creating public unrest or making the Federal Republic appear as a "warmonger." On 4 August Strauss publicly stated that plans were being made to complete the build-up of West Germany's eight divisions assigned to NATO, which are now at 70 to 80 percent of authorized strength. Strauss also announced new commitments totaling $550,000,000 for the purchase of military equipment in the United States and Great Britain. Meanwhile, Economics Minister Erhard and Finance Minister Etzel told a Christian Democratic campaign rally on 4 August that the German people must be willing to make sacrifices for the defense of liberty.

**Tunisia:** A limited prisoner exchange on 6 August may have alleviated tension slightly in the Bizerte area. A potential still exists, however, for renewed hostilities in the continued French aerial surveillance over most of Tunisia, retention by French forces of strategic points outside the Bizerte base, and the Tunisian military build-up as troops are returned from the Congo.

**France:** The reported concentration in the Paris area on 6-7 August of approximately eight Republican Security Companies drawn from other points in France indicates the government's increasing concern over the current wave of plotting and coup rumors. The move may be connected with the reported warning from the minister of the interior to De Gaulle concerning a possible assassination attempt. Current rumors focus on the period from 12 to 20 August as that in which such an attempt may be made.

**Saudi Arabia - Soviet Bloc:** Saudi Arabia, which has no diplomatic relations with any Communist bloc country, may now be considering the purchase of some arms from bloc.