

Berlin Crisis

Berlin Crisis 1961 Khrushchev tries to pressure Kennedy into removing troops from West Berlin Kennedy won't and neither will other powers
Flow of refugees from East to West Berlin increases Travel restrictions imposed August 13-22 - Khrushchev orders barbed wire fence and later a wall of concrete
Consequences/Results Berlin physically divided Free access to East and West ended Families split flow of refugees almost ceased
Kennedy accepted action refused US proposal to tear down wall made him look weak Khrushchev lost face - didn't remove Western powers
he believed Kennedy was weak East/West tension increased Division of Germany looked more and more permanent Why was the wall built? A
crisis occurred in GDR due to: Khrushchev's Berlin ultimatum New labour laws- no strikes/factory discipline increased complete collectivism of farms
January 1960 - Police forces went into countryside to enforce farm collectivism caused so much chaos, there was lack of food etc. Prices rose
Therefore people fled West Berlin was more prosperous than East. (People wanted to go there) Khrushchev had to allow Ulbricht to seal off East Berlin,
or see the collapse of the GDR Known as the anti-fascist protective wall, built on the 13th of August 1961

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