

On the other hand, in present conditions the inclusion of a peace treaty is precisely the measure which can most quickly bring the German people to a solution of its main, nation-wide problem - the reunification of the country. The definition in a peace treaty of the military status of Germany, as well as of the external conditions, by observing which she would protect her internal development from any foreign interference, would open up before the German people clear perspectives for the future of Germany and would greatly assist the Germans, who are living in two states with different social and economic systems, to find ways of developing contacts and of establishing mutual confidence. A peace treaty would create a firm base for a rapprochement between both German states and for surmounting those profound differences which still bar their path to unification.

In justice it must be said that the Government of the F.G.R. bears a considerable share of the responsibility for the situation created in Germany including the fact that Germany is to this day without a peace treaty, inasmuch as it has set its course towards re-militarisation and has closely linked its policy to the plans of the NATO military bloc which are in radical contradiction to the national interests of Germany. If new proof is required that the Government of the F.G.R. is following precisely this course, the proof is provided by the note of the Government of the F.G.R. of January 5, 1959 in answer to the Soviet Government's note of November 27, 1958 on the Berlin question. This note shows that, instead of contributing to a solution of the Berlin question in the interests of peace in Europe and of the German nation itself, the Government of the F.G.R. is striving in every way to inflame passions and exacerbate the situation on the Berlin question with the aim of perpetuating the occupation régime in West Berlin.

It is impossible to justify a situation in which the states, who took part in the war with Hitlerite Germany, are forced to wait and remain passive observers in such a serious and urgent matter as the preparation and conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany. These states, which managed to set up close collaboration between one another in war time, have an opportunity now to find a common language, despite the existing differences, so as to bring to a conclusion a peaceful settlement with Germany, and at last to guarantee to the people of Europe, including the German people, a quiet and peaceful life. The necessity of deciding this problem is the more urgent since in both German states - the D.D.R. and the F.G.R. - a movement is spreading for the speedy preparation and conclusion of a peace treaty.