

remarkable about it is not so much its promises but what it does not promise. It promises a Utopia but it denies free elections. It promises a degree of democracy but it does not promise to end the secret police. It promises education but there is no reference to freedom of the individual. It promises economic advantage but not freedom of choice. It promises some change in government - that is, from one generation to another or from one leader to another, but it has not yet determined a principle of political succession. In thousands of words there is contemptuous abuse of Western systems of government, of our economies and our efforts to build just and prosperous societies. It says we in the West are decadent; it says we are doomed to failure; it deals with some of the evils of free enterprise of 45, 50 and 100 years ago. It ignores the changes that have taken place in welfare, the cushions that are today applied against economic hardship. It denies the existence of freely-organized labour unions; it denies the freedom of choice that is today available in the Western nations; it says it is ultimately going to destroy us because of these things, many of which are merely historical and no longer exist. It fails to recognize that such structural faults as may be in democracy are diminished regularly by the flexibility of Western society. It promises free rent, free use of public transportation and free holiday camps but it does not give the individual freedom in the selection and use of these free services. It offers free travel without the freedom to travel. It offers plans for a house in which the landlord keeps the only key. Mr. Khrushchov says we are going to be undermined shortly.

I think we can say to Mr. Khrushchov that, as long as there is a free press and free people in the free world, the West is not going to lie down and roll over simply because he tells us in his party programme that we are done for. Mr. Khrushchov speaks of the contradictions in the capitalist society and talks of the Soviet paradise. At the same time we find the other exponent of Communism, China, exhorting the people to work harder, sacrifice more, and be prepared for struggles abroad. Somewhere between Peking and Moscow the wires of Communism are crossed.

I mention what Mr. Khrushchov said in that document on July 31 because in that document are the blueprints of the future. Hitler never wrote more clearly than does Mr. Khrushchov today as he places his plan before the people.

### Spotlight on Berlin

The headlines of today are being drawn in Berlin. The Soviet Union has declared its intention to sign a separate peace treaty with the East German régime and turn over to them all control of access to the city of Berlin unless what is called a "peaceful solution" with the West is achieved by the end of the year. Mr. Khrushchov claims the right with the single stroke of his pen to terminate Western rights in the city which are based firmly on wartime and post-war agreements, unless we accept the kind of agreement that he desires. The Free world for the first time is