

There are at least three ways in which the United Nations might be of assistance in the Berlin situation.

The first is to focus world attention on the problem and leave the four powers in no doubt that they have an obligation to reach a negotiated settlement. This debate is already serving that purpose.

Secondly, if the four powers agreed, the United Nations could serve in an observer capacity in the whole city and on the access routes. Properly integrated into a four power settlement a United Nations presence in the Berlin area would add stability and restore confidence.

A third possibility is that the United Nations might be asked by the four powers to assume some responsibility for operating an international regime for the whole city of Berlin. The influence of this international regime could be strengthened by locating the European Office or other agencies of the United Nations in Berlin. If Berlin were internationalized in this way, a heavy burden would be placed upon the Organization, but the United Nations should not shrink from assuming the responsibility and accepting any obligations involved.

Nuclear Testing and Radiation

Mr. President, during the last two weeks of September, following recent Soviet weapons testing in the atmosphere, the level of radioactive fall-out over one major Canadian city -- Toronto -- jumped by as much as one thousand times over previous readings. We are making available to the United Nations complete details of Canadian readings but the following figures will demonstrate that there is real cause for the gravest concern.

Whereas in the week ending September 10 the highest level recorded anywhere in Canada was 20 disintegrations per minute per cubic meter, in the next week the following high