

agreeing to administer the whole city as a unit.

Today the Communists have built an iron curtain, separating their zone, amounting to nearly a third of Germany, from the rest of that country. They call their section, "The German Democratic Republic," another example of their use of terms in an opposite sense from that in which they have ordinarily been used. There is no real democracy in the so-called "German Democratic Republic." Only one party is permitted. It is dangerous to express any dissatisfaction or disagreement with the people in power. It is safe to say that if the people of the Soviet Zone of Germany were given the opportunity of expressing themselves without fear of reprisal, very few would vote for a continuance of the communist regime. Freedom of speech and freedom from fear, those great principles which entered into our determination to take part in World War II, are a dead letter in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Today the Russian dictator is demanding that the western powers withdraw their troops from West Berlin, leaving its people at his mercy. He declares that its present situation is artificial, and must be ended. He hopes that people will not stop to ask the question, How did Berlin get into this position?

The question answers itself: It is because the agreements at the end of the war were not carried out.

The artificial division of Germany was produced by compulsion from outside, contrary to the solemn agreements made at the end of the war, and is not desired by any substantial portion of the German people. If this artificial division of the nation were ended, there would be no Berlin problem.

Why are not the Western Powers demanding that the Potsdam Agreements be carried out, that the German people all be given the right to democratic ex-