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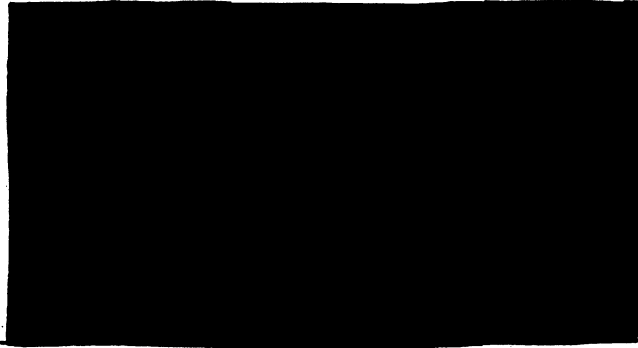
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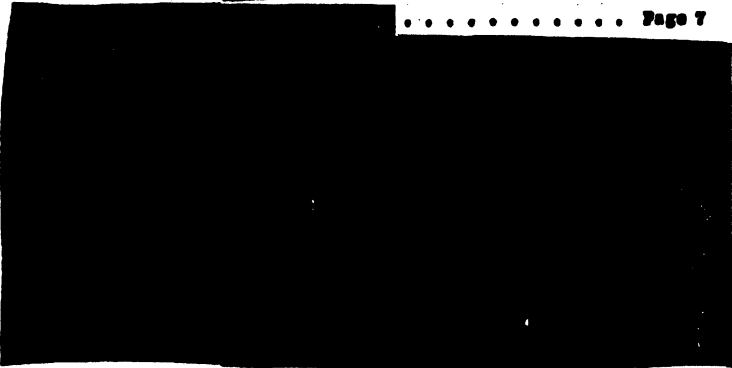


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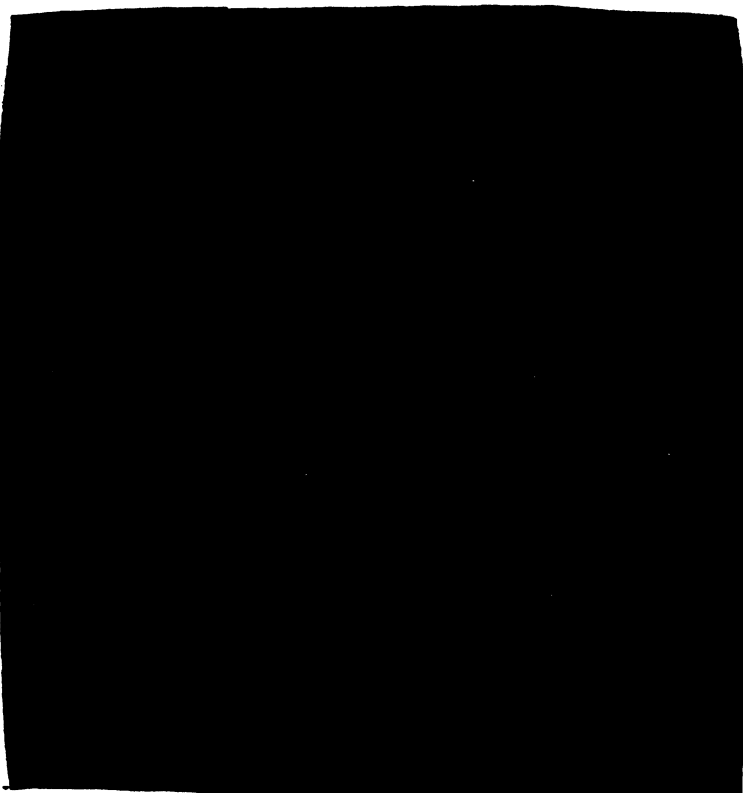
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FLIGHT OF REFUGEES FROM EAST GERMANY

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280,000 since 1949; this loss of personnel makes unlikely any rapid increase in economic development. In addition to the loss of skilled workers, technicians, and managers, a very large increase in the defection of doctors, scientists, and teachers has created serious problems.

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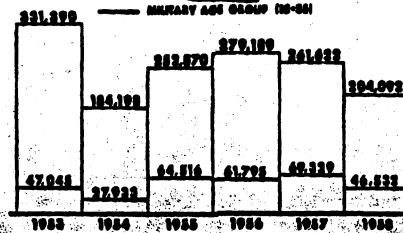
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By increasing internal controls, the regime succeeded in early 1958 in reducing the number of refugees. The exodus, nevertheless, rose last summer to a high figure, including a large number of intellectuals, forcing the regime to make certain concessions, notably to doctors and small shopkeepers.

The authorities in Bonn estimate that there is but one doctor per 1,700 persons in East Germany, compared with one per 750 in West Germany; 1,243 doctors, dentists, and veterinarians fled in 1958, an increase of almost 300 percent over 1957. It is reported that doctors from other satellites may be called in to help staff some East German institutions. To alleviate the shortage of teachers, the call has gone out to

ers and farm workers, 350,000 skilled workers and craftsmen, 33,000 persons in the technical professions, and more than 350,000 children have fled. The majority of the refugees are under 40, a

EAST GERMAN REFUGEES TO WEST GERMANY



Note: Figures include only those entering through normal West German refugee channels.

High percentage of them of military age (18-35).

References to shortages of agricultural labor have appeared in numerous reports, and East Zone publications are urging women to work a few hours daily on the farm or in the factory. Almost 10,000 farmers fled last year, largely because of the intensification of pressures on the private peasant.

The loss of some 11,000 engineers in the last five years, including 3,345 in 1958, has also had an adverse effect on the regime's ambitious plans. The chairman of the party economic commission, dismayed at the flight of the intelligentsia, expressed anxiety that the loss of technical and scientific personnel would hinder the chemical industry, which is designed to become one of the pillars of the East German economy.

BREAKDOWN OF EAST GERMAN REFUGEES BY OCCUPATION

Occupation	1957	1958
MILITARY & MARINECRAFT	41,200	25,370
TRADE & TRANSPORT	21,470	22,700
SKILLED WORKERS	21,400	22,400
INDUSTRIAL	24,320	21,200
AGRICULTURE	12,200	2,200
HOUSEHOLD & HEALTH SERVICES	11,470	11,200
ADMINISTRATION & AMBULANCE	1,200	1,100
TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS	1,200	1,100
ARTS	1,200	1,100
HOUSEWIVES	44,200	25,100

young workers and housewives to volunteer for training to replace some of the elementary-school teachers who fled in 1958.

The flight of personnel has also had a deleterious effect on some sectors of the economy. During the 1948-58 period, more than 123,000 far-

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