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1. Since about 9:00 in the morning of 18 June, East German police, both regular police and members of the KVP, supported by Russian soldiers with tanks, have barred all the entrances into the Eastern sector of Berlin from West Berlin. No one has been allowed to cross, not even persons holding East German identification papers who were attempting to return to East Berlin. Civilians (presumably belonging to the SED) with machine guns are firing at individuals who try to cross the line without permission.
2. This is the most complete isolation of West Berlin from the Russian zone that has yet been enforced.
3. The Glienicke Bridge leading from the American sector to Potsdam is still open.

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