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BERIYA IN EAST GERMANY TO ORGANIZE POLICE

(Special correspondent) -- One of the most powerful men of the Soviet Union, Police Chief Beriya, is supposed to have arrived recently in Soviet Zone Germany. He came under conditions of great secrecy and, to attract as little attention as possible, is staying neither in Karlshof nor Potsdam, but in the city of Brandeburg on the Havel River.

His visit is connected with the transformation of the East German police into a real military force which, the Soviet Union calculates, will ensure the stability of the Communist regime in Eastern Germany as soon as it is established.

The Eastern German government will be proclaimed after the Western German Bonn government has taken over its functions. The police army in Eastern Germany will be made so strong and organized in such a way that it can replace the Soviet occupation troops which, for propaganda purposes, will be withdrawn.

Great attention has been aroused in Bonn over the fact that the Berlin newspaper Tagesspiegel has spoken of an East German police army to consist of 800,000 men at the end of 1949. Communist leader Wilhelm Pieck's son-in-law General Staimer, will be the commanding officer of this large police army. Eastern German youths will be given a 6-month officer training course in special schools to be organized in the five laender of the Soviet Zone. German and Russian weapons -- "Stalin Organs" included among the latter -- will be used. Berlin will be surrounded by a ring of police garrisons.

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