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TO INCREASE PEOPLE'S POLICE

79,210 MEN IN PEOPLE'S POLICE -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 31 Dec 51

According to the Northwest German Radio in West Berlin, the East German People's Police numbers 79,210 men at present. In addition, there are about 75,000 policemen and border patrols in the GDR. These figures are to be increased in 1952.

Seven officers' training schools, ten special schools, and six special maneuver grounds are being operated by the People's Police in the GDR, in addition to the Soviet officers' training schools in Leningrad, Volsk, and Kuybyshev, where 400 officers of the People's Police are being trained.

Some 280 Soviet tanks, more than 80 reconnaissance cars, 40 rocket launchers, and 40 cannon have been made available to the People's Police for training purposes. In addition, 15 jet fighter planes, 5 jet bombers, 18 fighter planes, and 17 bombers are at the disposal of the Air Police, which has units stationed in 19 East German towns. Its headquarters is in Berlin-Johannisthal.

SOVIET, EAST GERMAN POLICE AT CZECH BORDER -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 1 Dec 51

Berlin -- East German sources report that 20,000 Soviet and 2,000 East German policemen are to carry out special assignments at the Czech border, as of January 1952. Reportedly, these formations will hold winter maneuvers together with the Czechs.

MEMBERS OF PEOPLE'S POLICE FLEE GDR -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 29 Dec 51

Berlin -- During the last 18 months, 1,847 members of the People's Police have fled from the GDR and Berlin's Soviet sector to West Berlin. The number of deserters has been increasing from month to month.

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