

June 24, 1953

CIA Information Report 'Continuing Resistance Among Workers'

Citation:

"CIA Information Report 'Continuing Resistance Among Workers'", June 24, 1953, Wilson Center Digital Archive, Central Intelligence Agency (FOIA release). On file at the National Security Archive, "Soviet Flashpoints" Collection.

<https://wilson-center.drivingcreative.com/document/112619>

Summary:

A CIA report states updates regarding East German workers, many of which had fled to West Berlin during the uprising on June 16-17, and their plan to continue resistance at their place of employment.

Original Language:

English

Contents:

Transcript - English

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

Country: East Germany Report No.: []

Subject: Continuing Resistance Date Distr.: 25 June 1953

by Workers No. of Pages: 1

Date of Info.: [] Requirement No.: []

Place Acquired: [] References:

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.

THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

Source: [Excised]

1. The labor unrest in East Germany does not seem to have subsided. The majority of the workers who fled to West Berlin or were temporarily stranded there as a result of the disorders of 16-17 June are determined to return to their places of employment and to continue their resistance there. Most of these were members of the Communist-controlled FDGB, and some belonged to the SED, as well.

2. This attitude is said to be in contrast to that displayed in the past, when workers who came over as refugees were terrified and were determined to remain in the West illegally if they were not recognized as refugees.

3. Assemblies of groups of people are now allowed in East Berlin, provided prior permission is obtained.