

Tourists Can Pass Wall Easier Than Berliners

By GEORGE BOUTWOOD
 BERLIN (AP)—An oddity of the Berlin situation is it is much easier for tourists from some distant spot to pass through the Berlin Wall than it is for natives of the divided city. The Wall is three years old Friday. Thousands of tourists take bus trips through it to look at the Communist-run sector of Berlin.

Only a few of the city's 3,500,000 inhabitants can do this. The Communist authorities make a few exceptions for only those persons whose trips they consider helpful to the Communist regime. Other Berliners are kept apart by the 2 1/2 miles of concrete and barbed wire snaking across the city's waist. Those who cross without official permission risk being shot by the guards.

Foreigners who want to go to the East sector can take the elevated drive or walk across the border. In all cases they pass through Communist control in customs bars alongside the wall. They surrender their passports and fill out a declaration of how much money they have with them. This has to be shown, along with receipts for money exchanged and spent, on leaving. Foreigners who go by car or on foot pass through the Friedrichstrasse opening in the wall. On the Western side is the U.S. army control post, known as Checkpoint Charlie. The gaps in the wall are deliberately narrow, to frustrate would-be refugees. Only one vehicle at a time can pass and the opening for pedestrians is just wide enough for one person.

There can sometimes be long, inexplicable delays in the Communist control stacks. Passports disappear behind a grill and the owners sometimes have to wait an hour before they are handed back. When there is a security drive on, people may be searched. They can be asked to turn out their billfolds to prove the amount of money they have declared. Strangers in town can avoid much of this trouble by taking one of the regular commercial bus tours. Big buses, with large sight-seeing windows, can be picked up in the main street of West Berlin, the Kurfurstendamm. The buses also call at leading hotels by arrangement. The tour, lasting about five hours, covers the whole of the city, East and West. CHOICE OF TOUR Tourists also have the choice of tours that cover only West

or East. Multilingual guides accompany the tours, giving a running commentary during the trip. At the border the guides change. The West guide is not allowed to enter East Berlin and the East guide is not permitted to come to the West. The bus manoeuvres through the concrete obstacles on the border and halts on the East side. Two security men check passports. There is no filling out of forms or long waiting for the bus passengers. They are taken on a prescribed route which shows post-war reconstruction. The tour includes a stop at the vast memorial park in Treptow, laid out to commemorate the Soviet soldiers who died in the conquest of Berlin. About 5,000 fallen Russians are buried there. Another brief stop is made

R.F. Kennedy Qualifications Face Democrat's Challenge

NEW YORK (AP)—A Democrat said here he would challenge U.S. attorney-general Robert F. Kennedy's presidential qualifications if Kennedy seeks the New York Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. The announcement came in Albany from George Palmer of Seneca, a top strategist in the camp of U.S. Representative Samuel S. Stratton of Andover, an undeclared candidate for the nomination. Kennedy, brother of the late president, is a Massachusetts voter now living in McLean, Va. Federal law says that a senator "when elected, be an inhabitant of that state for which he shall be chosen," making it appear that Kennedy would be eligible if he moved to New York before the Nov. 3 U.S. general election. But Palmer maintained that state law required a senatorial

nominee to be a resident of the state at the time of nomination. The candidate will be chosen at a state convention Sept. 1. Palmer said any legal action would be initiated in the State Supreme Court and would be on a crash basis between the time of any Kennedy announcement of candidacy and the convention. Besides Stratton's undeclared candidacy, two men have announced for Democratic nomination to the seat now held by Republican Senator Keating. They are Anthony Akers, former ambassador to New Zealand, and Louis Wiser, lawyer and author. Various others have been mentioned, including Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York who has said emphatically he is not a candidate. Wagner, regarded as the

state's most powerful Democrat, appeared to hold the key to a final decision by Kennedy on the Senate race. Wagner has spoken highly of Kennedy as a possible candidate without committing himself to an outright endorsement. Kennedy said Monday he would not consider running against Wagner's wishes.

EXHIBIT CAMERAS QUEBEC (CP)—West Germany has reserved 432 square feet of space at the Quebec Provincial Exposition here Sept. 5-13 to exhibit cameras and other precision equipment. It is the first time in several years a foreign country has taken space on the exposition. EARLY COWS Cows were first brought to the United States by Virginia Cowles.

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