

# Walter Ulbricht's Speech on the Berlin Question (June 15, 1961)

## Abstract

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Walter Ulbricht, Chairman of the Council of State [*Staatsrat*] of the GDR, discusses the Berlin Question at an international press conference on June 15, 1961, at the House of Ministries in East Berlin. In his remarks, Ulbricht welcomed Soviet proposals for a peace treaty and called for the neutralization of West Berlin. Additionally, he made the famous pronouncement "Niemand hat die Absicht, eine Mauer zu errichten!" — "Nobody intends to put up a wall!" Photo by Gerhard Kiesling.

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Source: Walter Ulbricht delivering the speech in which he famously declared, "Nobody intends to put up a wall!" Image 2 of 5. Date: June 15, 1961. Photo: Gerhard Kiesling.

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