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## Starvation

Intelligence officers of the U. S. Army, just returned from Germany, brought appalling stories of conditions under the policy of divided control established at Potsdam last August.

Berlin, they reported confidentially, had a pre-war population of four million and an average daily death toll of 175. Berlin today, although harboring over a million refugees from what was Eastern Germany, has a population of just over three million; deaths, 4,000 a day.

Multiplying the current daily death toll by 365 the officers pointed out that, at this rate, in a year one-half the present population of Berlin will have expired, for the most part from sheer starvation.

**Meaning.** Those dying are mostly old people and small children. The tough, gangster Nazi youths were getting enough food, somehow—and keeping the Nazi movement going, underground.

**Effect.** U. S. protests against the seeming recklessness of Allied policy in Germany multiplied even within Administration ranks. "Our basic program toward Germany must be changed," thundered Senator Eastland (D.-Miss.) on the Senate floor. "By following a vindictive policy we are injuring and dislocating American economy."