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By Hank Bond



Never in my lifetime

As events continue to unfold in Germany and the wall falls, it was certainly something I didn't figure would happen in my lifetime.

For the better part of my life the wall has stood as a symbol of the difference in philoso-

phy and culture.

Then, as quickly as it went up, the wall fell. Thousands have made their way to the wall and into West Germany to see what they have been missing for nearly three decades. I didn't figure it would happen in my lifetime - or my children's lifetime

President John Kennedy called for the wall to come down. So have Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush.

Now, after all of these years, the streets are open, the border is open, and as families are reunited, the German people must settle into

the reality there may be some problems.

While most Germans and Americans as well are caught up in the fervor of the wall roming down, the reality of housing, food and jobs, continues to haunt the leaders of West Germany - and those people.

As the citizens take hammers to the wall, and the East German soldiers use heavy equipment to bring it down, maybe its time to consider the possibility of a bait and switch. Although the Russian leaders appear to behind the entire process, is it possible they are

attempting to lull us asleep? Make the big

Certainly there is a real possibility the wall will never be there again but, what if the East Germans prove to be too strong and take control of the German government as it attempts to reunite?

What is to stop the communists from taking control of an entire country instead of half

a country? I hope I am wrong. I hope we, as the world's people, have finally moved to make lasting

However, as we continue to read about and watch the events unfold, we should remem-ber we bailed the Soviet Union out in World War II and then took a beating for our assistance - just like in France.

We shouldn't let that happen again.

And so, for another week, thanks and

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propile.

Certainly the last few months have contributed to positive public opinion and the tide of people that swelled across the border during in minist atspace of the Berlin Wall destruction has started to recede. I don't think anyone can reliably say on which hope the changes remain positive.

side the pendulum has swung in regards to

Western socialism.

On the one hand, requests that all members of the Politbure in East Germany resign makes me think Gorbachev is not making many friends. But those he has replaced the politbure with are supporters more accepting of his leadership. Therefore it is difficult to see if his position is solid

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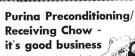
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