

BerlinREFUGEES SWARM INTO WEST

The stream of refugees from the Soviet controlled East sector of Berlin to the British and American zones has become a flood in recent weeks. Each day they form huge queues outside refugee headquarters to hand in their applications for political asylum and to be identified. Three thousand cross the frontier every day, and the authorities cannot hope to deal with them all immediately.

A quarter of a million refugees live in West Berlin, about 50,000 in special camps. An airlift has been started to fly them out to Western Germany - but civil airlines cannot cope, and soon the Royal Air Force may be called in to give aid.