

Germany's New Nationalism Holds Threat to Russian Domination

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BERLIN—A newspaper cartoon shows four giant soldiers sprawling in the ruins of a city. A tiny bespectacled man stands on the outskirts.

"Pardon me," he asks timidly, "where is the German sector?"

The cartoon, published this summer, is out of date.

For a "German sector," born of East-West strife, has grown in the mind if not the body of Germany.

It reached its climax early in September in a demonstration of 250,000 Germans against the Russians in Berlin. Some of them stoned the gigantic Soviet war memorial commemorating the Red Army sweep from Stalin-grad to the heart of Germany. One man defied bullets to climb on the Brandenburg Tor and fling down the Red flag. It was a plain red flag and not the official Soviet banner, but only a pedant would quibble on the difference.

Even a year ago such a hostile demonstration against one of the occupying powers would have been hard to conceive. Today the mind has become so grooved along East-West lines that the outburst was hailed by western supporters as a defiant cry of freedom, and by the Russians as an attack of Fascist gangsters.

Who was right? Neither side, entirely. More accurately, the demonstration can be defined as the greatest sign to date of the rising tide of a new German nationalism.

'Germany For Germans'
Few experienced observers of the German scene would ven-

ture to say that the mass of Germans had entirely rubbed off the taint of Nazism and militarism and, in three short years, became peace-loving free men.

On the other hand, most agree that the Germans daily are displaying a greater show of independence in the zones controlled by the British and Americans. From Joseph Cardinal Frings in Cologne to socialist Franz Neumann in western Berlin the cry is Germany for the Germans.

The rebirth has been nursed along by official British and American policy. A high point came last spring when British Military Governor Gen. Sir Brian Robertson lifted the few remaining official bans on social intercourse and called the Germans "Christians."

Thus, three years after the smashing of Hitlerism, the Germans became socially acceptable. The French, fearful of any sign of German revival, still treat them as inferior conquered people and base their policy on long term occupation and re-education.

Russians Hated By Germans
The Russians, although they

Soviets Tighten Berlin Blockade



(NEA Telephoto)
The Communist-dominated east German "Peoples Council" placed itself squarely behind Russia and demanded that the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers be convened to discuss the entire German problem. Here Russian-controlled German police check a German truck at checkpoint set up in Russian sector of Potsdamer Platz, on the British-American sector border boundary in the tightened-up blockade in western-zone Berlin.



IN POISON DEATH CASE—Mrs. Dannie Sue Hughtett (above), charged with first degree murder for poisoning of a Texas soldier she said she planned to marry, is shown during questioning at Great Falls, Mont. Prosecutor Truman Bradford said she told of poisoning coffee in hope of getting him into a hospital instead of a guardhouse for intoxication. (AP Wirephoto)

plump for withdrawal of all occupation forces and for "German unity," also frown socially on the Germans. The unified Germany they seek is a Communist Germany.

So far the spiritual rebirth of Germans poses the greatest threat to the Russians. The mass of Germans are largely anti-Russian and anti-Communism. Germans openly admit they want a crack at the Russians.

This raises the question of how, if it should come to an East-West war, would the Germans do as a fighting. Will there be a German army?

In setting up the West German state there are no known plans for a war office, or even a foreign office. The question of rearming the Germans never is mentioned publicly, but it is in the background of everyone's thoughts.

For, aside from the material aid such a force could furnish the West, it obviously is difficult to conceive of rebuilding Western Germany economically without also providing the Germans with the means for defending their gains.

This explains French aversion to the idea of reviving Germany. For the new nationalism which today is pointed against Russia may take a different turn tomorrow in the surprise bag of his-

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total fish catch is obtained
with fixed appliances?

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Q. If fixed appliances
take only 30% what takes
the remaining 70%?

A. Gill Nets.

Q. If fixed appliances
are prohibited and gill
nets account for 100%
of the catch, isn't that
a monopoly?

A. 100% of any-
thing is a monopoly.

Q. What happens to
the price of fish for my
family if a monopoly
controls the Columbia
River?

A. The price of
fish goes up!

Q. Then why should I
vote to prohibit fixed
appliances?

A. Unless you want
a real monopoly and
higher fish prices
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