

The Week In Washington, D. C.

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Germany was the last country we visited on our European trip. We were there a week, mostly in the Munich area. With the fine help of George Godfrey, from Eugene, who is the U. S. Senior Resident officer in Munich, I met and talked with quite a number of Germany people. Some could speak English; others I conversed with through an interpreter. I learned considerable about conditions and problems but, most important of all, I think I got a pretty good idea of the attitudes and ideas of the German people.

I found not the slightest hint of unfriendliness. In fact, there was an evident attitude of good will toward Americans. Those people are bitter toward what the Hitler regime did to them. They want no more dictatorship in government. They seem to be learning how to operate a free government and seem to take pride in what they have accomplished along that line thus far.

There is one ambition — one desire — which lies deep and strong in the minds of all thinking German people. It was not mentioned unless I dug it out by questioning, but it is always there. They want a UNITED Germany. They will do the best they can to have a successful West German Republic but what they REALLY want is a republic of ALL Germany.

Meanwhile, our policy makers so far as Germany is concerned seem either to ignore or not be aware of this fundamental German desire. Emphasis in speeches, news and propaganda emanating from our people in Germany always emphasizes the West German Republic. We are now talking about an agreement, or contract, or treaty with West Germany. In all of this we contribute to the idea of a permanent division of Germany instead of moving toward ultimate German unity. The people of West Germany trust us and our motives and apparently are co-operating in every way possible. Nevertheless I sensed a feeling of hopelessness. Down deep they

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simply don't believe that what is going on will lead to a solution. The solution they think of is the uniting of both Eastern and Western Germany under their free representative government.

On the other hand, the Communists have a plan and are driving at it hard night and day. They propose to unite all of Germany under the communist banner. They are infiltrating, propagandizing and inviting the people of Western Germany to join up and be a whole Germany again—a Communist Germany. While it is true that as of now the people of West Germany want no part of communism, the pressure is heavy and will increase as the indoctrinated youth of Eastern Germany become of military age. With that pressure increasing and with what I sensed to be a feeling that we are right now setting the stage for a repetition of what happened in Korea.

What should we do? Well, I think we should meet the problem face to face. We should propagandize the idea of a free Republic of all Germany. In any agreement or treaty all of Germany should be included in its terms with the door open to the East and an invitation for them to throw off the shackles of communism and join their brothers in a free and united Germany. Let the West German people themselves do the job of pressuring the East to join with them for the glory of the Fatherland. With our encouragement they certainly would do a good job of it. That, in my opinion, is the way to meet the communist threat in Germany.

We must insist that West German school children be taught the principles of free government in the schools. We should have done that long ago. I refer to the courses we call civics

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in our schools. The communists have pounded communist theory into the East German children for six years. During that time the principles of free government—their government—have not been taught in West German schools. Those principles are not being taught right now. How can we or they hope for success in face of the communist pressure when the you of Western Germany does not even know the advantage of, and the facts about the system of government under which he lives?

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William Skopec have received word from their daughter, Miss Mary Montgomery, telling of the accident she and her friend, Mrs. Colleen Cole, had near Langlois on their return trip to Cottage Grove after spending a recent week-end here. They made the trip in Mrs. Cole's car which skidded on the highway, and was demolished but the two young women were only a little bruised and scratched. Miss Montgomery had spent the week-end visiting her folks here and Mrs. Cole had visited her husband's parents in Brookings.

Mr. and Mrs. Skopec had previously received word from Honolulu telling them that one of their sons, Jim Montgomery, had been in the hospital two weeks after a motorcycle accident in which two motorcycles ran over him. Jim is with the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Co. in Honolulu, T. H.

Mrs. J. J. Selbig, of Billings, Mont., arrived Monday for a ten-day visit with her two sisters, Mrs. Dora VonSeidlitz, and Mrs. Grace Zirbel and families.

Roy Newman left last week for DeSmet, South Dakota, to bring his mother, Mrs. Blanch Maney, here to make her home with him. He is building a home off Easy street.

Pilot class ads pay—use them. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bowlin are making their home at Portland where he is enrolled at the dental school.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Graham have gone to San Diego to spend the winter as is their custom.

Mrs. Harriett Baker is now employed at the Curry County Bank at Gold Beach and is making her home there.

Chairmen in Curry County for Crusade for Freedom funds are Vern Kolen and Mrs. R. L. Erickson, both of Gold Beach, it was learned this week.

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