



RUIN STILL STANDS — Fourteen years after the end of World War II, the blackened bombed-out ruin of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial church still stands in West Berlin as a grotesque reminder of the horrors of armed conflict between nations. Around the church a profusion of gleaming post-war buildings stand on sites devastated by some of the 154 U.S. and British air raids that rocked the city. Note the construction work visible in the lower left portion of the photo. (UPI Telephoto)

Wartime Optimism in Berlin Not Unfounded as City Rises

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Berlin — UPI — In the dark days of defeat in World War II Berliners cheered themselves by singing a popular song called "Berlin Will Rise Again."

Their city was in ruins. It had been hit by 154 U.S. and British air raids. Someone estimated there was enough rubble in Berlin to build a wall 105 feet wide, 10 feet high and 260 miles long.

But Berlin's optimism was not unfounded. The city is rising again, and faster than expected.

Fourteen years after the end of the war, West Berlin is one great construction site. There are 100,000 construction workers employed on more than 2,000 projects. They are building houses, office buildings, subways, bridges, streets and highways.

Public Funds Used
Since the war, West Berlin has built 150,000 new apartments, most of them with public funds. Even at this rate, however, it will be another five years before the housing shortage disappears.

Factories have been rebuilt or repaired to the point where current production figures surpass those of 1936. Unemployment in West Berlin has dropped from 300,000 immediately after the war to 80,000 today. Berlin is West Germany's greatest industrial city, producing \$2,000,000,000 worth of goods per year.

The city's new roads, if stretched end to end, would

make a highway 10 yards wide stretching from Berlin to Istanbul. Of the 84 bridges damaged or destroyed by bombs, 23 have been rebuilt completely and the rest repaired.

Not a train was running in Berlin on V-E day. Now, all the subway lines are back in operation and the city is planning to enlarge the system.

Before the war what is now West Berlin had 394 schools with 8,289 classrooms. In

Contempt of Court Fine Costs Judge

Lima, Ohio — It cost a judge 25 cents to fine a man for contempt of court.

This is how it happened during a domestic relations case in Common Pleas Court: Mrs. Luther Change claimed her estranged husband, Joseph, violated a restraining order when he went to a drugstore where she worked, used abusive language and threatened her cousin.

Change told the judge he believed the cousin was instrumental in breaking up his marriage.

The judge felt there had been a technical violation of the restraining order "but it was awful slight." He held Change in contempt and fined him 25 cents.

Change had no money with him.

"I'll pay his fine," the judge said, and he did.

1945, there were only 198 school buildings and 2,346 classrooms still standing. Today, there are 338 schools with 7,355 classrooms.

Face Slower

The pace of reconstruction has been much slower in East Berlin. There, the scars of war are much more evident. The only notable project has been the clearing of the old Frankfurter Allee and the construction of the Moscow-style apartments known as Stalin Allee.

The famous neighborhoods around Unter den Linden and Wilhelm Strasse have changed little since the war. Grass grows where the American embassy once stood. Only the servants quarters remain of the once-famous Adlon hotel. The presidential palace is a ruin. The only trace of the Chancellery is a huge boulder which was part of the bunker where Hitler committed suicide.

Big Business Spreads Culture

Schenley, Pa. — Big business has decided to help spread a little culture and is injecting it into product promotion.

It has even gone behind the Iron Curtain for some rarely viewed art treasures. As a result, 19 masterpieces now hanging in Leningrad's Hermitage museum and Moscow's Pushkin museum will soon be made available as full-color art prints for the first time in the U.S.

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The masterpieces will include works of Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet, Gauguin, Renoir, Grant Wood, Winslow Homer and other art giants.

Bandits Beware As Woman Drives

Rome, Ga. — With diminutive Mrs. Ethel Goodwin, 66, at the wheel of her car, it's strictly "Let the Bandits beware."

When three thugs attempted to rob her as she was pulling out of a shopping center parking lot, Mrs. Goodwin swung into action.

She slipped her car into gear and bowled over two of the hoods who blocked her exit.

The third reached in for Mrs. Goodwin just as she was rolling up her window. He was dragged 20 feet before he managed to break away yelping.

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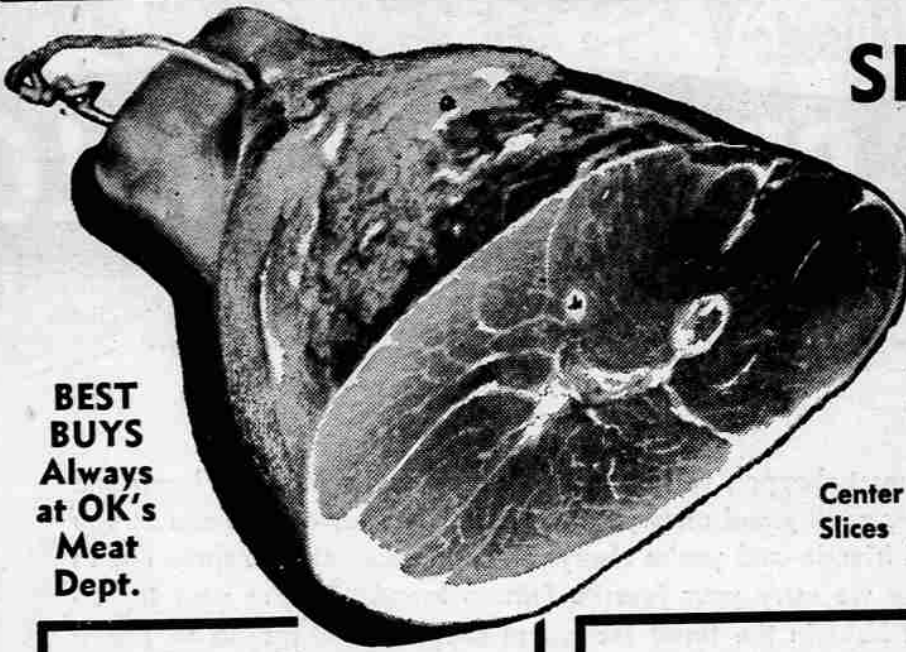
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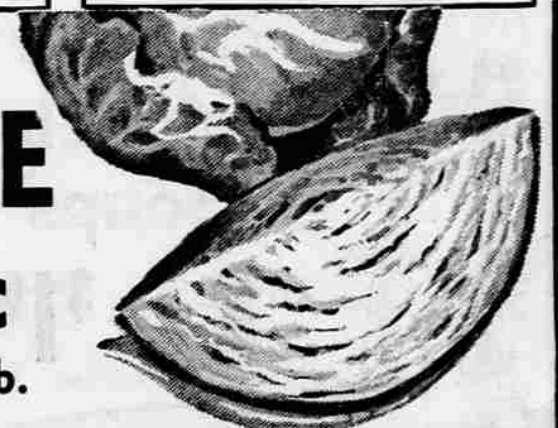
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