

Today's Germany Is Divided by Barbed Wire, Land Mine Strip

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Frankfurt - (UPI) - The single most compelling fact about Germany today is that it is a divided country.

The western two thirds of Germany, as big as two Ohio's, is divided from the eastern part by a Communist barbed wire and land mine strip running from Hof near the Czech border to Luebeck on the Baltic.

West Germany's 56 million citizens have democracy, the strongest economy in Western Europe, a \$25 a month average wage and what Ger-

mans claim is the best beer on earth.

East Germany's 17 million citizens have communism, the sickest economy in the Eastern block, a \$125 a month average wage and their best beer is imported from Czechoslovakia.

Find Few Scars
In Bremen, Stuttgart, Cologne and other West German cities gutted during World War II bombing it is difficult now to find a scar. Whole stretches of Dresden, Leipzig, East Berlin and other East German cities give the impression the war ended the

day before yesterday.

In Cologne, the West Germans have just finished rebuilding one of the Western world's great churches. In East Berlin the biggest Lutheran church in Germany remains with rubble walls and bricked up doors.

On the outskirts of the great neon-spangled industrial cities of West Germany, such as Stuttgart and Essen, massive low-rent apartments sprout like Iowa corn. In East Berlin's showplace Karl Marx (formerly Stalin) Alee, drab workmen toil to repair the drab show piece

Communist apartment houses whose balconies sag and whose tile walls peel off.

Ulbricht Rules Reds
In East Berlin spade-bearded Walter Ulbricht, speaking with a Saxonian honk, rules the Communist regime with a grip that even won Stalin's applause. In the West German capital of Bonn, aging Chancellor Konrad Adenauer uses four score and seven years' political sagacity to lead the lively, rambunctious, ambitious but Democratic government of West Germany.

There is only one party, the Communist party, east of

the death strip that separates the two Germanys. But in West Germany communism is outlawed and the parties are all anti-Communist. They include Adenauer's generally conservative Christian Democratic party, West Berlin Lord Mayor Willy Brandt's soft-line Socialist but hard-line anti-Communist Social Democrats, and the much smaller, middle-of-the-road Free Democrats.

Julius Caesar conquered the Germanic tribes - praising them as "fierce warriors" - shortly before he invaded Britain. Mid-

dle ages princes patched Germany into the Holy Roman empire for a thousand years until the country was broken into hundreds of petty states during Europe's Protestant-Catholic wars. To this day South Germany still is chiefly Catholic and the north Protestant, mostly Lutheran.

Martin Luther, who ignited the rebellion against Rome, also wrote a Bible giving the Germans a common written language and the urge to nationalism. Napoleon helped it along centuries later and the "Iron Chancellor," Otto Von Bismarck, completed the job a

century ago by walloping Austria, Denmark and France in the world's first blitzkriegs.

Wilhelm and Hitler
Kaiser Wilhelm II and Adolf Hitler in turn took command of Germany, which in a generation had mushroomed from a backwater farm nation to one of the world's great industrial powers, rivaling the United States and Britain.

According to the West German government, 50 million persons died in the Second World War. Slightly more than 7 million were Germans. Former Nazis are still being

tried in West Germany, far rightwing political parties are dead at the polls and the millions of Jews displaced or killed by Hitler's minions still lie heavily on the nation's conscience.

Of 47 German Nobel winners, only three took peace prizes. Germans have won 19 Nobel chemistry prizes, 12 for physics, seven for medicine and six for literature.

Among the winners were the man who invented the x-ray and Albert Einstein who later fled to the United States.

Germany has produced composers Wagner, Beethoven, Bach and Brahms, writers Goethe, Lessing, Schiller, Heine, Mann and Brecht, the first operational jet airplane, guided missiles, the diesel engine, the world's largest cannon, the first national social security system, cyclon gas, modern architecture, modern city government organization, philosophers Kant, Hegel and Nietzsche, the dirigible, the gasoline automobile, the gasoline carburetor, the gasoline engine, smokeless powder, printing, color printing and soap.



Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn W. Watkins
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'Oil Bugs' Turn Petroleum Into Rich Protein Product
Not impossible at all - an oil station could have a colony of "oil bugs" in the back room or even under the parking apron, always hungry and even eager to eat up all the old oil the station has to throw away.

Sounds fantastic, but oil bugs do exactly that. In fact, they have been ever active under blacktop pavements, eating away from the bottom.

In land near oil wells, where the land is smirched by an overflow of oil, the bugs have disposed of the messy residue in a short time, to the amazement of oilmen observant enough to notice, and it's all due to the peculiar taste for petroleum of the oil bugs.

These "bugs" that eat and digest oil are microorganisms, and what's more important, as well as amazing, they turn messy oil into protein - a nutritious protein concentrate, as rich as any food we know anything about. They work in complete silence, absorbing petroleum and producing a food product; quite an accomplishment.

Nobody Knows
Even the scientist who discovered this microorganism, and later put them to work and found how very valuable they may be to supplying protein for an exploding human population, doesn't know exactly how the little things work; it's enough to know they can, and do. As a source of protein for man and animal, the oil bugs promise wonderful possibilities.

Man has always depended on meat as a rich source of nutrients; protein is necessary to human health and well being. To supply ample amounts of protein, the housewife serves generous amounts of meat, as well as other foods known to be rich in this element.

There are many areas in this world where the human population is terribly short of most protein-rich foods; in some of those countries there are ample amounts of crude oil. What colonies of oil bugs could do for such areas is said to be sensational.

The time may come, even in rich America, when a top-heavy human population will have to seek other sources, aside from land farming, to fill hungry stomachs. So it is not too early to begin to look for other sources of supply. The world's oceans play an important part in tomorrow's food supply, and now oil bugs have been discovered to offer another important contribution: microorganisms that can "feed on low grade, or even crude oil and petroleum products," and turn them into protein.

Many Varieties
As is natural with microorganisms, bacteria, mice or song birds, there are many varieties, and science carefully selected the one kind of oil bug that worked the best and produced the resultant proteins in the greatest amount. Once they knew what strain was most willing, they began raising them in a laboratory, and the reported results are almost unbelievable.

Oil bugs can turn cheap, crude oil into valuable protein about five times as fast as a well fed steer can synthesize grass and clover into protein. And the oil bugs are always ready, willing and eager, and it costs little to make them happy. The resultant protein from the oil bugs' efforts will first be fed to livestock, and perhaps later used as human food.

And when, and if, it all works out as hoped, what a thrill it may be. Instead of eating on a pot roast, we ingest a food synthesized by oil bugs, microorganisms that became edible because they had an appetite for petroleum products.

Falwell Promoted By Gas Company
Edward M. Falwell, employee of California-Pacific Utilities company at Medford, has been appointed division auditor and credit manager of the gas company's Southern Oregon and Shasta (California) divisions, according to V. V. Lyman, Southern Oregon and Shasta division manager, Medford.

Falwell has been employed by the gas company since March, 1959. He has served as division chief clerk with headquarters in Medford. His new duties of division auditor and credit manager will encompass a larger scope and responsibility for accounting and credit matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Falwell and their two children reside at 548 Pennsylvania ave., Medford.

State Property Tax Payment Being Held Up
Springfield, Ill. - (UPI) - The Illinois State Journal today printed the following letter to the editor on its front page:

Editor:
Today I received in the mail my personal property tax in the amount of \$39.16. I am only 15 years old and do not even own a bicycle. I am waiting to pay it because I want to see what my sister's will be. She is four years old. She owns a tricycle.

Carol Antonacci,
Springfield, Ill.

Medford Man Pleads Guilty to Charge
Howard Derrill Todd, 31, of 205 North Holly st., Medford, was sentenced to five year to life term in the California state penitentiary Monday in Siskiyou county superior court on a charge of armed robbery.

Todd pleaded guilty to the holdup of the Safeway store in Weed, Calif., on May 4. He and Richard Edward Husted, 35, of Oakland, were arrested by Medford city police in Medford following day.

Husted, who admitted being with Todd about the time of the holdup, but denied any part in it, pleaded innocent to the charge. His trial has been scheduled June 25.