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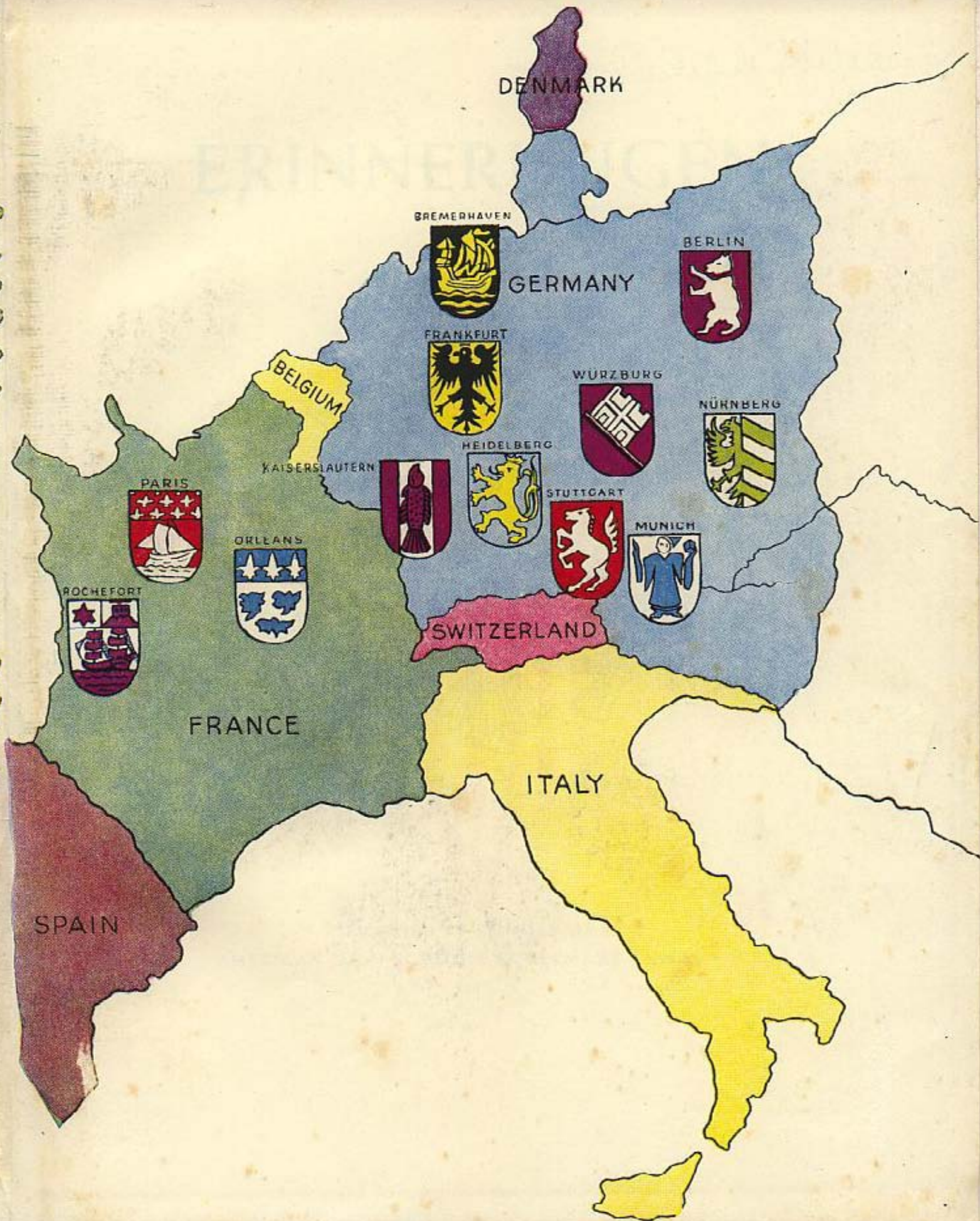


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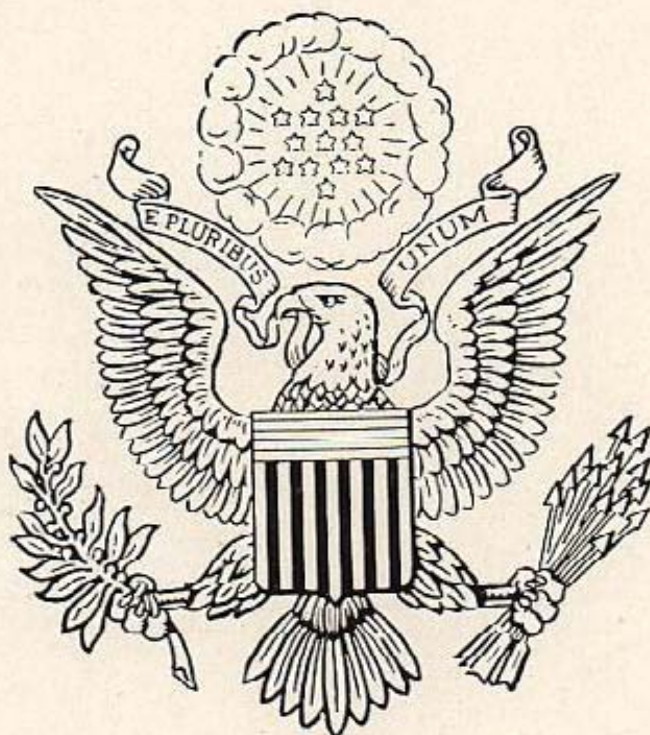






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# ERINNERUNGEN



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AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS IN GERMANY AND FRANCE

## DEDICATION

As American students in Europe who have witnessed the ever-present threat to the free world, we dedicate this book to future generations of Americans in the hope that they, like us, will have an opportunity to further the ideas of democracy, freedom, and world peace.



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## To you who are about to peruse these pages:

Bound by the unique experience of attending high school in Europe, twelve separate staffs have prepared this yearbook. Mirrored in each section are the scenes and background which give each locale its particular charm. Here in one book we offer the reader a glimpse of our European school days.

From the original 317 pages which represented seven schools in 1949, our yearbook has grown into the 600 page volume you are now reading. Each school in Germany and France has its own story to tell. Our setting makes *Erinnerungen* entirely different from the usual annual, for each staff emphasizes its own background with a theme which brings out a distinctive feature of its environment. Yet every one contributes to the story of American youth living and learning in a foreign country.

Many persons unfamiliar with the school situation overseas must question our having one annual rather than twelve separate ones. But you see, students often shift from place to place during their four year period. No matter how many times the student moves within the command, he still has a record of his many scattered friends. Thus, *Erinnerungen* is both a meeting place and a memory book. May you who are about to turn its pages enjoy the renewal of old associations and the recollection of cherished activities.





### *Members of the Graduating Class:*

*Graduation from the American schools in Germany will in your case mean something more than graduation from high school at home would mean. As you have often been reminded, you have been looked on here as representative young people from the United States; and foreign opinion of American youth has been partly based on observation of your behavior. At home you will be less conspicuous; but you will find yourselves representing there the school generation of those who have come up through an American public school system on foreign soil. See that you do not let them down.*

*Your experience in Germany should have contributed materially to your education. Your education is the total of what you learn, and your ability to understand and profit from it. It is to be hoped that you have learned here, among other things, to appreciate the importance of understanding people despite language differences. The will to understand is half the battle, good will the other half. Language is merely an aid, though an important one.*

*As a result of overseas experience you will be "different" when you go home. Will "different" mean more interesting, and able to contribute more to the common fund of experience of the new groups in which you find yourselves? Or only different? The answers are for you to find.*

*Your curriculum has been planned with a view to enabling you to pick up the step at home with a minimum of inconvenience. Perhaps you can not only "pick it up" but quicken it. You will have something to take back with you from a relatively small American community overseas to some comparable unit of the great friendly community of Americans at home. Try to take it back — and transmit it.*

*James B. Conant*  
JAMES B. CONANT  
American Ambassador





### *To the 1955 High School Graduates:*

*In the military service when a mission is assigned, it is expected that it will be accomplished. If it is well done, that is also generally taken for granted. When it is well done in the face of extremely difficult circumstances or in a manner which can be cited as representative of the highest traditions of the service, a commendation is frequently in order.*

*You who are this year being graduated from the high schools of the United States Army, Europe, are completing missions of long standing. The quality of your work has met the required standards and in many cases has been superior. For all, the circumstances have been difficult in comparison with those of your friends at home who have not had to make the adjustment to new schools, unfamiliar languages, and foreign customs.*

*You are to be congratulated, not only upon the successful completion of the school program but also upon the good fortune which has placed these additional difficulties in your paths and given you the capacity to overcome them. Through such experiences, you have earned the right to confidence in your ability to meet a variety of challenging situations and you have acquired a background for international understanding. These accomplishments give good promise for those roles of leadership of the less fortunate which are the responsibility of educated men and women in a democracy.*

*I wish you the best of success.*

Sincerely,

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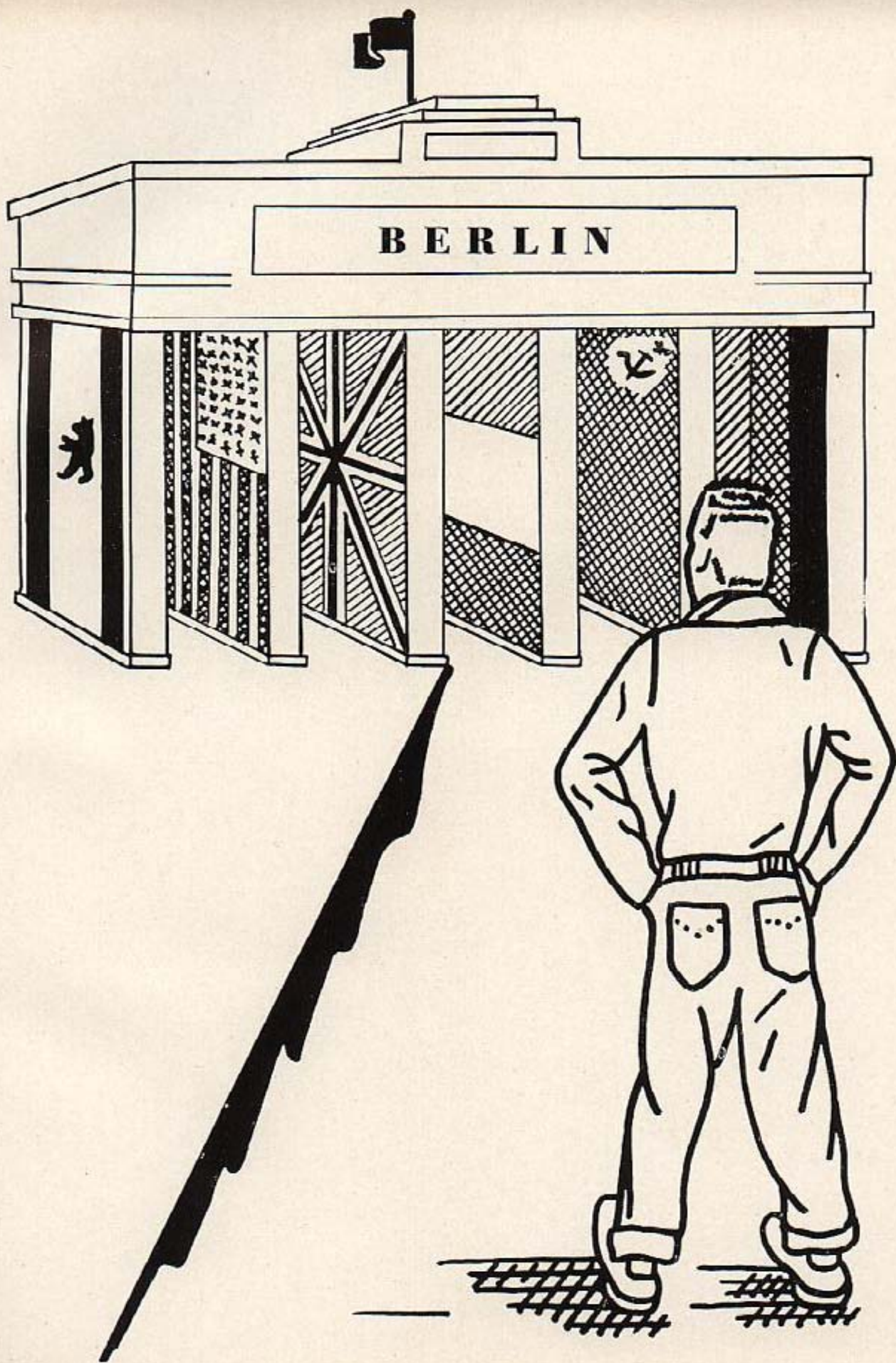


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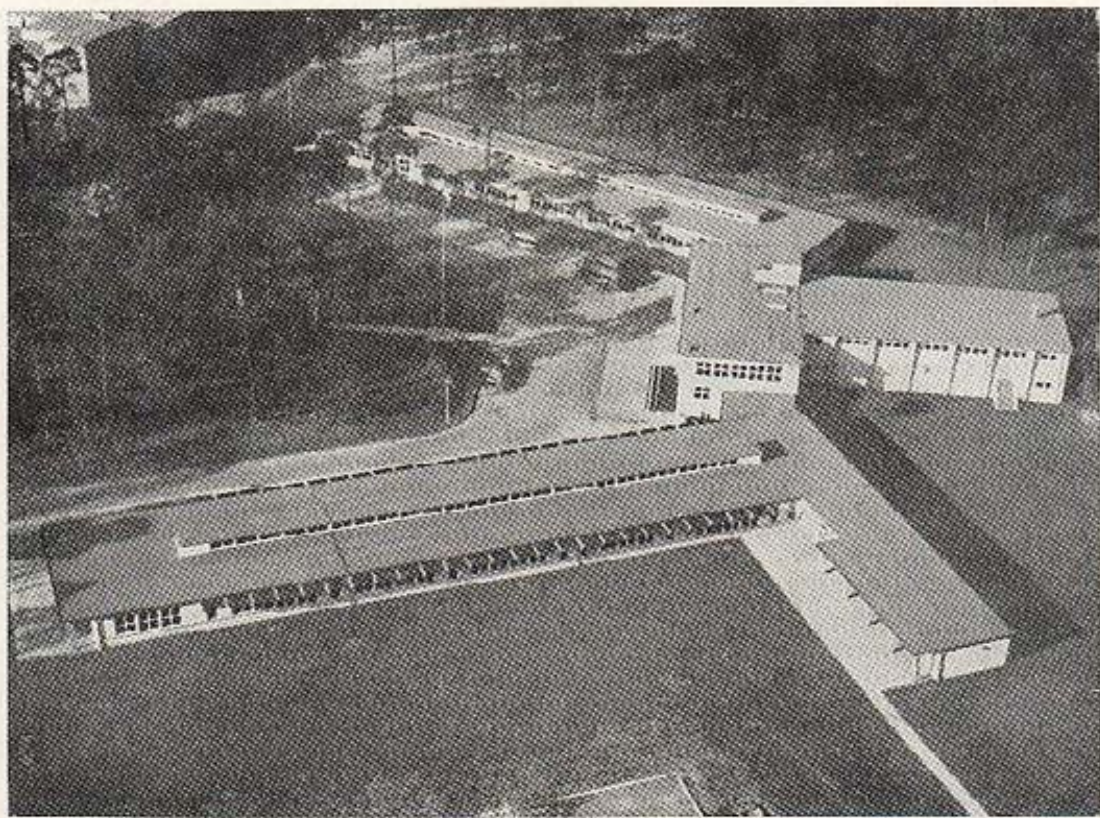


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First established in September, 1946, the Thomas A. Roberts School of Berlin was one of the first American organizations in operation after the war. During the past nine years the school has weathered everything from a polio epidemic, East Sector Riots in 1953, to the historic Berlin Blockade. The first site, in this Four Power City, was that of the present Gertrauden Schule on "Im Gehege". The site, however, was changed in the summer of 1953 to Dahlem, near the center of the American Community. Brigadier General Charles F. Craig officially opened the modern building which was completed shortly before the fall term.

September 8 marked the opening day both in 1953 and again in 1954. The enrollment this second year in the new building was increased by more than one hundred percent over the previous year's total of twenty-six.

With this fluctuation in numbers also came an increase in school spirit. We, the students, are proud, not only of our many achievements this year, but also of our opportunity to serve as an example of American democracy in an outpost of freedom "behind the Iron Curtain".





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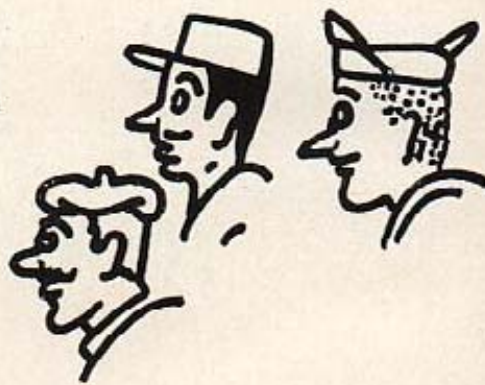


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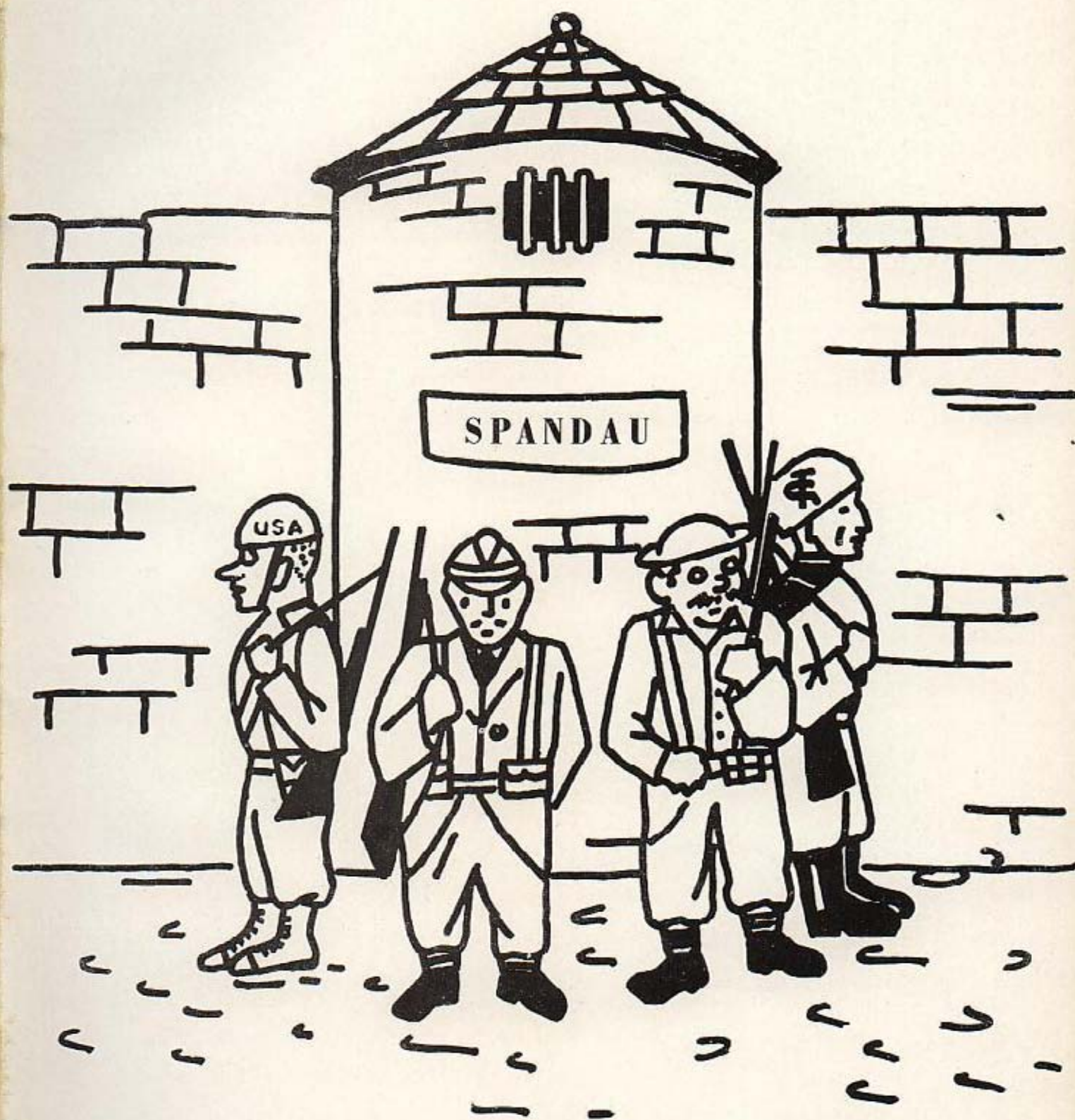


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# CLASSES







GORDON KING

"Gorg"

Duncan, Oklahoma

Student Council President 4  
Track 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Bowling 2  
National Honor Society 2, 3, 4  
President 3; Annual 4  
Drama Club 3, 4; Newspaper 3, 4  
Chorus 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Letterman  
Ambition: To graduate from Medical  
School

University of Oklahoma

# SENIOR

The Berlin High graduating class of 1955 was composed of four girls and two boys. This group, from the first, contributed their share and more to every and all activity.

With their educational tour of Copenhagen and Sweden newly instituted senior privileges, school jackets, and class rings, they presented a united front in all that was undertaken. As graduation drew nigh, last minute preparations were underway for annual portraits, and the conference deadline had to be met, as well as fittings of caps and gowns and sessions with the faculty on college and vocational guidance.

None will ever forget or cease to appreciate the constant aid and advice of their sponsor, Mr. Brown.\*

As Berlin's seniors review their last year of high school they gaze back with fond remembrance on all that transpired when they were the First Power in 1955.



KENNETH G. STILES

"Kenny"

Carthage, Missouri

Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3  
Key Club 2, 3, Secretary 3  
R.O.T.C. Drill Team 2, 3; Color Guard  
Annual 4; Newspaper 1;  
Drama Club 4

Ambition: To be an engineer  
School of Mines and Metereology



VIRGINIA WINE

"Ginny"

Toledo, Ohio

Senior Class President  
Student Council 2, 3, 4, President 2  
Secretary 3; Parliamentarian 4  
Drama Club Vice-President 3  
Newspaper 3, 4, Literary Editor 3  
Editor in Chief 1; Annual 3, 1, Art  
Editor 3; Biology Club 2; Chorus 2  
Ambition: To get back to warm weather



# CLASS

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1955, BEING OF SOUND MIND AND BODY, HEREBY DECLARE THIS TO BE OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

I, Gordon King leave my taxi service to anyone stupid enough to take it.

I, Kenny Sriles, leave my ability to go off the ten-meter board to ANY OTHER fool who wants it.

I, Ginny Wine, leave my ability to get into messes to Lianda King.

I, Toni Dolozik, leave Walt's dancing to anyone who can take it.

I, Patti Messer, leave my Boston accent to all those people who can't speak English, especially Southerners.

I, Dee Ehrman, leave a life-time supply of chewing gum to M. Fay.



PATRICIA ANN MESSER

"Patti"

Dedham, Massachusetts

Student Council Vice-President 4  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4

Newspaper 3, 4; Annual 4

Teen Canteen 3, 4

Ambition: To be a nurse



TONIA DOLOZIK

"Toni"

Shelbyville, Illinois

Senior Class Vice-President  
Annual 1, 3, 4, Literary Editor 3  
Editor 4; Drama Club 1, 2, 3, 4  
President 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4  
Chorus 2; Photo Club Treasurer 3  
Teen Canteen President 2, 3  
Newspaper Typist 3, Feature  
Editor 4

Ambition: To be an actress  
University of Illinois



HILDEGARDE EHRMAN

"Dee"

Washington, D. C.

Senior Class Secretary-Treasurer  
Intramural Sports 2, 3

Newspaper 4; Annual 4; Chorus 4

Ambition: To spend a summer in Florida



# JUNIOR CLASS



Lianda King



Gary Evans



Nancy Youngblood



Roy Pellegrino



Dale Learn

As members of the Junior Class, which is the second of our Four Powers, we were rather proud at the beginning of the year to find that, being a class of five, we were outnumbered only by the seniors. We were to be disappointed though, for at mid-term Nancy Youngblood left for the "land of the big P. X." This left us with three boys and one girl as "lower-upperclassmen" with whom to share our hopes for the future.

Each of the members of the class has held one or more important office. Dale Learn was art editor of both the annual and the school paper, "*Bear Facts*", while Gary Evans held down the job of sports editor for the paper. Lianda King was literary editor of the annual and newspaper as well as secretary-treasurer of the Student Council; Roy Pellegrino kept us well supplied with pictures as president of the Photo Club and lay-out editor for the annual. As a class, we are proud of the fine work done by our members. We also feel that all have greatly added to the spirit and social life of the school.

As we close this third chapter of our high school experiences, we look forward with eagerness to being seniors, but we shall always have a warm place in our hearts for the seriousness and fun, sadness and joys, of our junior year.



# SOPHOMORE CLASS



John Troyer



Mary Carolan



Barbara Douglas



Patricia Pachler



Dorothy Baetcke



Philipp Troyer

At the beginning of the school year the Sophomore Class consisted of only one survivor from the previous year, Bobbi Douglas. She was soon joined by three new classmates — Liz Carolan, Dorothy Baetcke, and Pat Pachler from Maryland, Michigan, and Florida respectively. Fate intervened with the arrival of the only twins in the high school, John and Phil Troyer, and brought the class attendance up to an imposing SIX.

The sophomores were well represented in the various clubs and activities. The attendance of the newspaper and Drama Club grew with the membership of Pat, Liz, Bobbi, and John. Liz served as the sophomore representative on the annual, while Phil supported the

Camera Club. As a class, this third of Four Powers added much to Student Council functions by excellent participation on committees.

Sophomores won further recognition by setting a record as the only entire class to be on the Honor Roll twice in succession. Two members have had the distinction of having all A's on their report cards. This class has much to be proud of and have not only gained much during their second year in high school, but have added much to the school itself by their spirit and participation in all things they have undertaken to do. We, the class of 1957, shall always remember our sophomore year and look forward to many more experiences as juniors.



# FRESHMAN CLASS



Katherine Kohner



Shannon Wonderly



Lawrence Hall



Elise Rose

As the class of 1958, our story starts on September 8, 1954. On that morning, three boys and girls walked up the steps of Berlin High and toward their first days in high school. Thus our class was officially born. Enrollment was soon increased to four by the addition of Kathy Kohner, and late in January the number rose to five with the arrival of Susan Ermisch.

We were extremely fortunate to be combined in homeroom with the Sophomore Class. We appreciate all the help they gave us with our typical "frosh" problems and the advice given to us by our homeroom teacher, Miss Henson. Because of this combination of homerooms, elections resulted in officers

from both classes, and the office of parliamentarian was filled by Kathy Kohner.

After several weeks of becoming accustomed to this new way of life, we settled down to the first routine of class work. Even though we have few memories as a class, we won't forget our participation in Student Council, the school play, the orphan's party, and the Christmas play. We will always remember these and other events as a part of the planning, the disappointments, and the success of our freshman year. We look forward to future years in high school and hope they may equal or excel our first.



# CORRESPONDENCE STUDENTS

Berlin American High School is, for the second year, the center for Correspondence students. This year there are twenty-four students from all over Europe who are enrolled in approximately four subjects. Listed below are the registered students:

## SENIORS

Sara Jane Baker, APO 288, France

## JUNIORS

Karen Howard, Brussels, Belgium

Penelope Sperry, Stockholm, Sweden

## SOPHOMORES

Betty Brooke, Gondreville, France

David Grigg, APO 256, U.S. Army

Donald Hay, Bonn, Germany

John Hoofnagle, Bonn, Germany

Janice Kranz, Brussels, Belgium

Judith White, APO 170, U.S. Army

Patricia Zink, APO 288, France

## FRESHMEN

Robert Bell, Bad Godesberg, Germany

Ronald Bell, Bad Godesberg, Germany

Allen Day, APO 256, U.S. Army

Lucy Guild, Garmisch, Germany

Lucy Harlan, Bonn, Germany

Mary Jane Louwenaar, Toul Rosiere, France

Bruce McDaniel, Bonn, Germany

Barbara O'Brien, Bonn, Germany

Beverly O'Donnal, Verdun, France

Billie Sue Skaggs, Verdun, France

William Tillack, Metz, France

Joan Tillack, Metz, France

Thelma Webster, Toul Rosiere, France



# CLASS



ENGLISH CLASS



HISTORY CLASS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



STUDY HALL



# ROOMS

GERMAN CLASS



PHYSICS CLASS



TYPING CLASS



ART CLASS





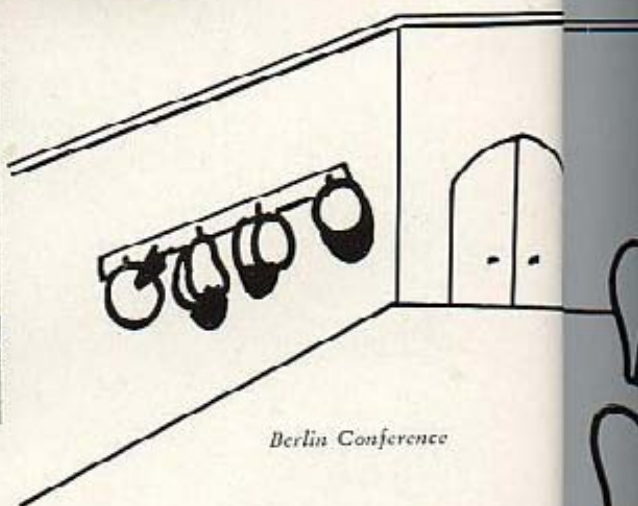
STUDENT COUNCIL



MUSIC



DRAMA CLUB



*Berlin Conference*

## ACTIVITIES

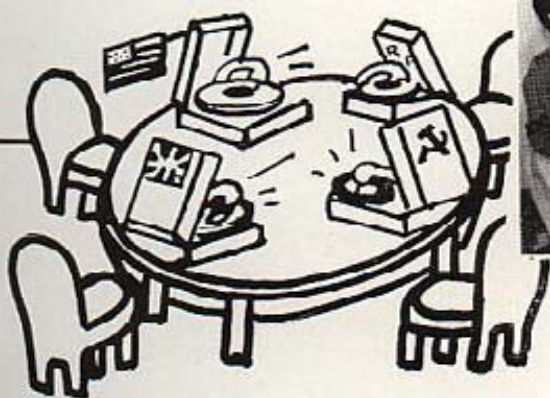




NEWSPAPER STAFF



ANNUAL  
STAFF



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB





- 1 Christmas Pageant
- 2 High School Chorus
- 3 Correspondence Students
- 4 Halloween Party
- 5 "Paul's Home Early"
- 6 Berlin Invades Kassel
- 7 Löwenburg Cathedral



# BERLIN SNAPS





- 1 American Government
- 2 German-American Relations
- 3 Decorating for German orphans' Christmas party



- 4 Kathy's Kapers
- 5 Industrial Fair
- 6 Atomic Display
- 7 Ah! Food!
- 8 Take a break

