



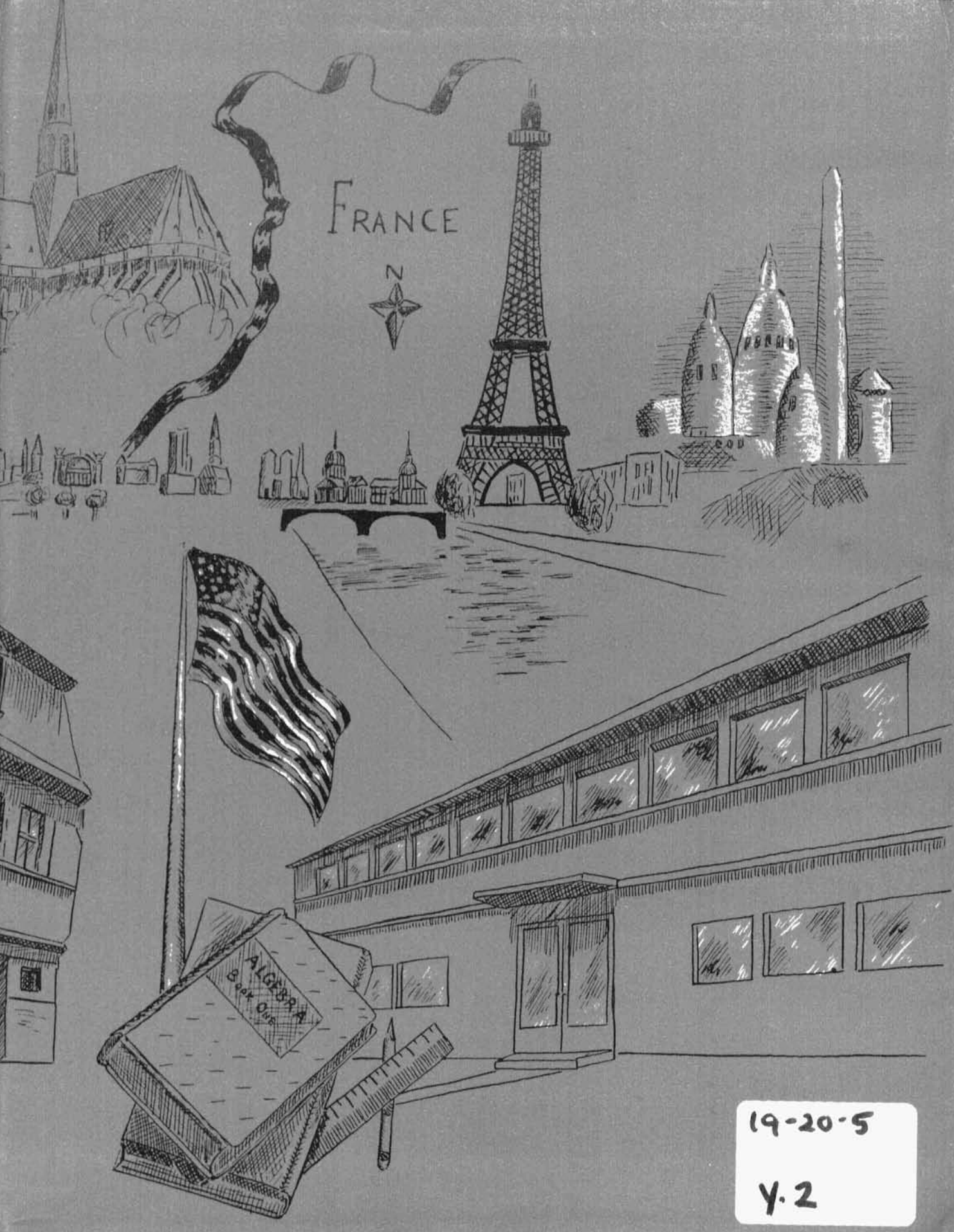
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AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS OF GERMANY AND FRANCE

DEDICATION

With respect and admiration we dedicate our yearbook to our hosts, the people of Europe, who are striving together with us to strengthen our world against fear, destruction, and prejudice.



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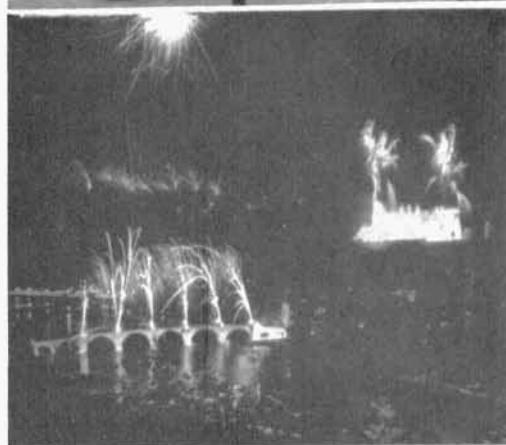
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To you who have just turned the first page of *ERINNERUNGEN*:

We, the fourteen staffs of the 1956 *Erinnerungen*, have put into one annual the story of this year at American high schools in France and Germany. It is our hope that you will find it both interesting and informative, and that it will bring back many pleasant memories of this year in USAREUR.

The *Erinnerungen* began in 1949 when seven schools in Germany combined their annuals. Since then it has grown until it reached the present size for this, the eighth edition which, like the first, still bears the original title — the German word for memories.

Although the fourteen schools represented here are spread all over Germany and France, the common experience of going to class in a foreign country has bound them together, enabling them to present their different stories in the same book. Each staff uses its section to emphasize its own situation and background through the theme, pictures, and art work. These different sections are then tied together to make a composite, an attempt to give the reader an idea of what life is like in *all* the schools of USAREUR.

Life in Europe in 1956 gave to us who were a part of it so much to remember that no book can contain it all. But within the pages of *Erinnerungen* we have combined the highlights of our lives and our memories.



Members of the Graduating Class:

Yours is a special honor, you are graduating from an American school in Europe. You have had the privilege of being regarded as a representative young person from the United States; and foreign opinion of American youth has been partly based on observation of your behavior. When you return home you will be less conspicuous; but you will find yourself representing there the school generation of those who have come up through an American public school system in another nation.

Your experience in Europe 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.

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. I am sure you will not only take it back but try to transmit it.

James B. Conant

James B. Conant
American Ambassador



To the 1956 High School Graduates:

Your graduation from the High Schools of the US Army, Europe, marks a very real step in your development as young men and women, and in your maturity and acceptance of the responsibility of adult citizenship.

Your education, though typically American, has been unique. Many of you have attended school in various parts of the United States and have learned to know and understand the problems of different sections of our own country. Here in Europe you have had the privilege of traveling in different countries, learning European history and tradition first hand, and living among people who speak a language different from our own.

You have had another unusual advantage in living in the military community. Of all the citizens of our nation, none accept their responsibilities more fully than those whose lives are dedicated to the defense of our country. You have lived constantly in an environment of devotion to duty and of service to our nation. These unusual circumstances, added to your American-type education with its emphasis on the ideals of liberty and freedom, have prepared you to assume your full share in the weighty responsibilities facing our country in its role of world leadership.

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for success.

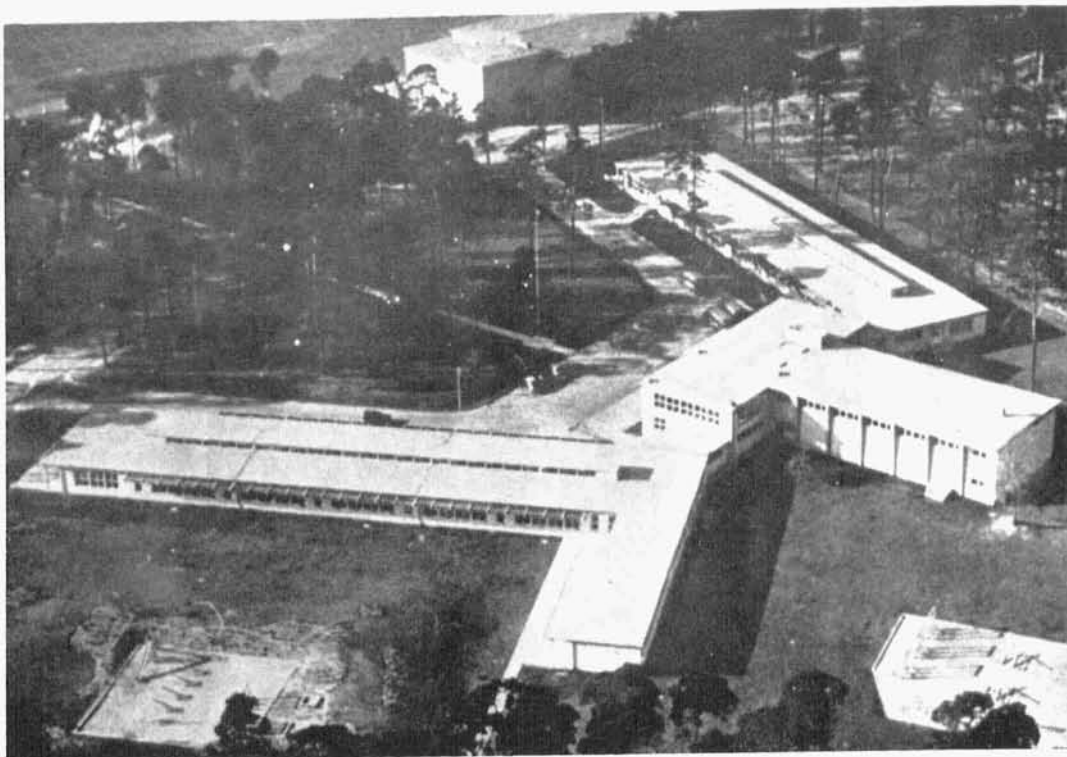
Sincerely,

A. C. McAULIFFE
General, US Army
Commander in Chief

BERLIN



Berlin, Rathaus Schoeneberg



BERLIN AMERICAN SCHOOL

Originally the first Berlin Dependent School met in a German girls' school and opened to American children on September 12, 1946. In that year there were 400 people in the school, 80 of whom were high school students. During the Berlin Blockade there were only 90 people in the entire school. The highest total that has been reached was 650, eight years ago. This year, 1955, there are 437 students from kindergarten through the twelfth grade, 24 of whom are in the high school. The new building was officially opened by Brigadier General Charles F. Craig in 1953. The official name is Berlin American School, but the honorary name of Thomas H. Roberts was given to honor one of the soldiers killed in action on August 4, 1944, in Normandy, France.

Thomas A. Roberts was born in 1899 in Spring-

field, Illinois, and was appointed to the United States Military Academy on June 14, 1918. He graduated on June 15, 1920, and in 1942 left the United States for Foreign Service. He was then promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Roberts was killed in action on August 4, 1944, in Normandy, France, as the result of a direct hit by enemy shell fire while serving with Headquarters 2nd Armored Division. He was authorized the Legion of Merit; Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and many others.

We the students of Berlin are proud to be in the only American school behind the Iron Curtain and we hope that the people large and small, old and young, who come in the future will be just as proud as we are.



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CHARLES
L. DASHER, JR.
U. S. Commander
Berlin



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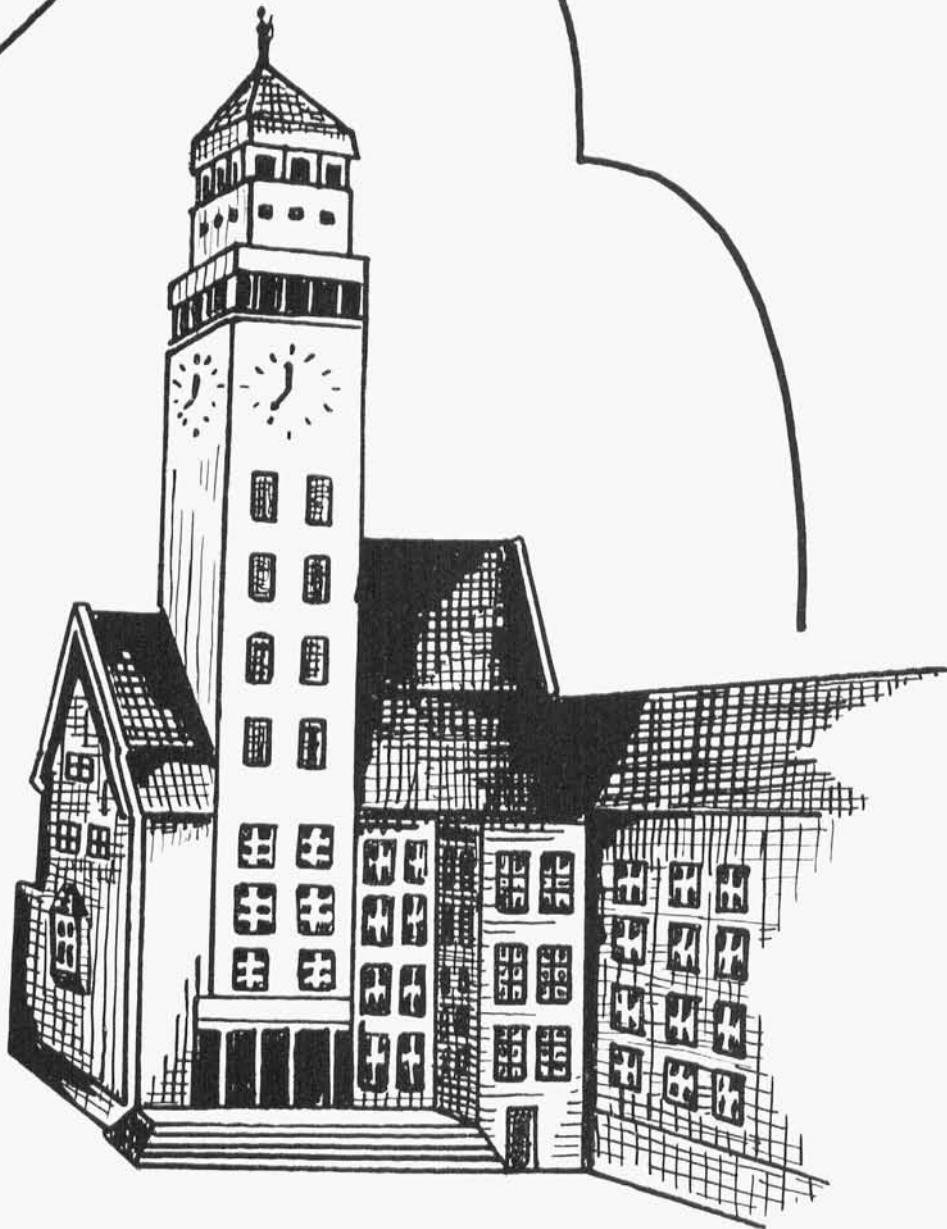


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CLASSES



Berlin-Neukölln, Rathaus



DALE LEARN

Sam

Spokane, Washington

Student Council 2, 3, 4; President, 4

Art Editor, Annual 2, 3; Editor, 4

Drama Club, 2, 3; Photo Club, 2

Newspaper 2, 3; Track 3

Ambition: "To see snow again."

California Institute of Technology



MARIAN KING

Babe

New York, New York

Student Council Vice-President 4

Radio 4; Glee Club 2, 4

Spanish Club 2

Ambition: "To be a 'pop' singer."



ROBERT O'BRIEN

Bob

Janeville, Wisconsin

Student Council 1, 4

Radio 4; Glee Club 3, 4

Spanish Club 2, 3; Golf 3, 4

Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3

Ambition:

"To be a radio announcer."

University of Southern California

SENIOR CLASS

Upon assembling and taking a nose-count we found that the senior class was the smallest in the school. Nothing daunted by this we determined to make up in industry what we lacked in size and plunged in. It is only now, when it is all over, that we pause to review what we have done.



Berlin's Freedom Bell

We have many fond memories: the "get acquainted" party which we held for the newcomers at the first of the year; holding positions of leadership in the Student Council, on the annual staff, and in the radio club; the bright faces of the orphans at the Christmas party the students gave for them; field trips; preparations for college and careers; the Christmas dance; and all of the other things which kept us busy. We recall also, though perhaps not so fondly, that through all of this we, somehow, even found time to learn a few lines of *Macbeth* and a little about our government and its operation. And looking back upon it, we realize that all of this has been part of the preparation which will enable us, for better or for worse, to help shape the world of tomorrow.



Lee Norton
Gail King

Patricia Pachler
William Gilbert

Richard Pears

Since both the Junior and the Sophomore Classes are small their homerooms were together. We started out the year with 10 students in all, but with changes and moves only 8 remained for the full two semesters. As far as participating in school and outside activities was concerned, both classes had a high percentage of honors.

In the Junior Class, Gail King was secretary of the Student Council and Lee Norton was parliamentarian. William Gilbert and Dick Pears were very active in the school radio program. We were also very proud that all the boys in both classes participated in the basketball team. Toward the end of the semester, Pat Pachler, an active booster in all activities, left for Paris.

JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES

In the Sophomore Class Larry Hall made his name in the AYA Bowling League and the Berlin Golf Tournament. He was also an active Explorer Scout who became an Eagle. Jocelyn Spragg was a great help in making the radio program a success. Radio and music were George Mills' great interests. Elsie Rose was a willing helper on all social committees. Ronald Nash's great interest was boxing. Toward the end of the semester, Ronnie left school.

Radio Club to which Jocelyn, George, Ronnie, Gail, Dick, and Bill belonged was a big activity this year. The students wrote their own scripts and tried out for the position of announcer. Each week a different class in school was a guest on the program, presenting some aspect on their school work. It was up to the Radio Club to work their guests, announcers, and records into a smooth script. The highlight, of course, was the program on Saturday noon.

As we look back on the past few months, that made up another year in Berlin we say to ourselves that it was a lot of fun!

George Mills
Elsie Rose

Jocelyn Spragg
Lawrence Hall

Ronald Nash





Back Row: Clarence A. Huffman, F. Thomas Padler, Sallie K. King, Walter W. Davis, Donald G. Bundren
Front Row: Patricia L. Stephens, Barbara J. O'Brien, Cathy M. Schaub, June A. Hanfman, Dannelet G. Alley
Absent: Charles F. Messer

FRESHMEN

As we, the freshman class, walked down the hall from day to day, we thought we were mighty big until a senior passed us by with his head in the clouds feeling mighty proud because he had reached his last year of high school.

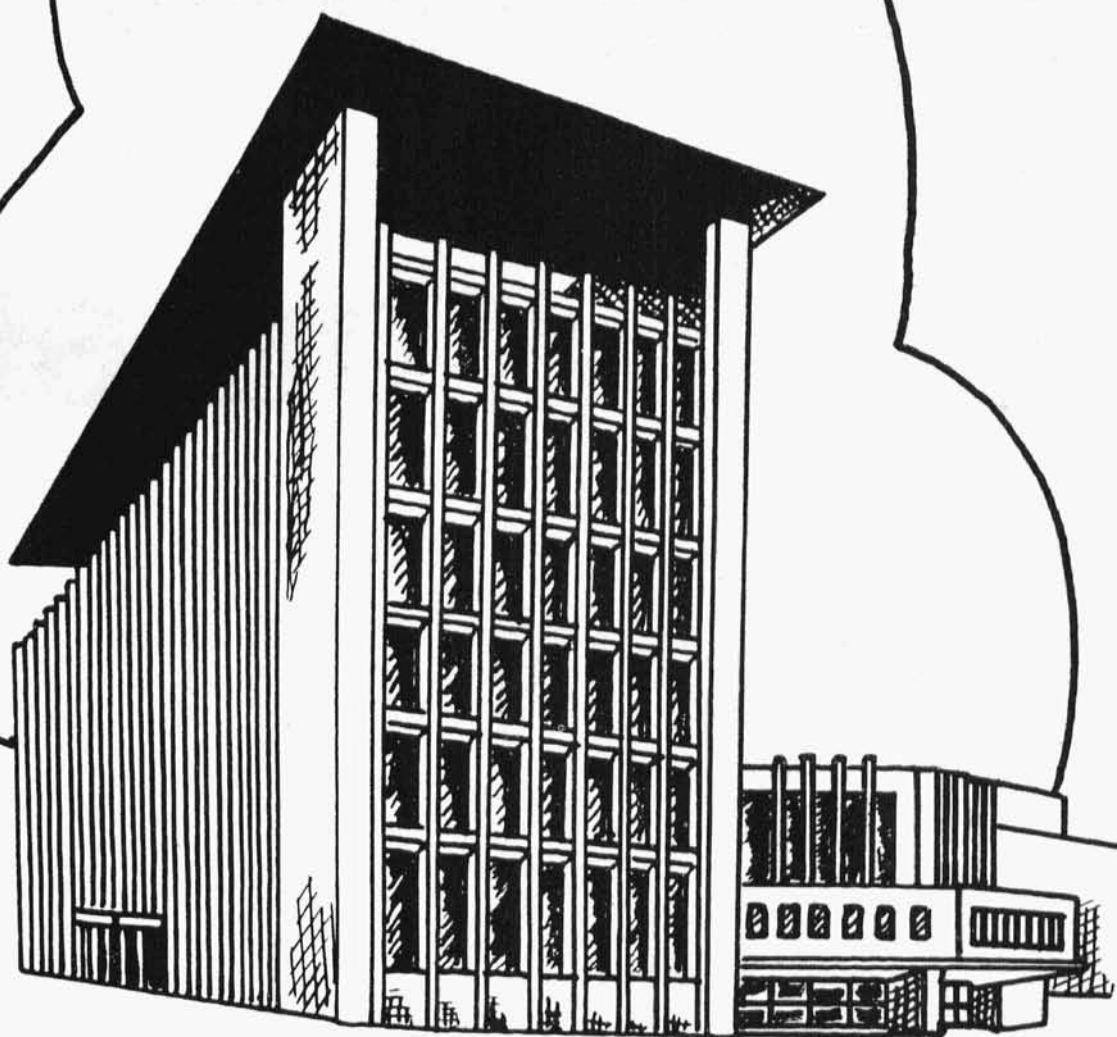
At the beginning of the year there were twelve beginners, but during the second week of school Jimmy Mauldin left for Frankfurt. In December we lost Tom Pachler who went to Paris, France. During October we went on our first field trip

to the Funkturm. Later on we visited a couple of German schools and made a few more trips to the Funkturm.

About fourteen students joined the music club. Whenever we left the music room you could tell where we had been. We came down the hall singing away, almost as if we were not in school.

It was a good year for the freshmen who look forward to being sophmores.

SCHOOL-LIFE



Berlin-Charlottenburg, Handelskammer



Mr. Sidney Willar explains the theorem on parallel lines to the Plane Geometry class. Listening to the explanation are, from left to right, William Gilbert, Jocelyn Spragg and Lawrence Hall.



Dissecting frogs was a new experience for the Biology class. Some of the members observe Mr. Wilder's technique on procedure. From left to right: George Mills, Richard Pears, Mr. Bob Wilder, Gail King.

CLASS

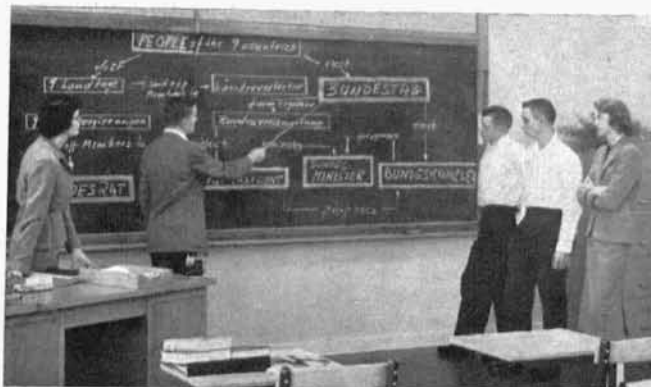


At the left Miss Margot Pietsch examines Donald Bundren's model airplane while other art students work on their fire prevention posters. Center row, left to right: Clarence Huffman, Dale Learn. Far right, left to right: Sallie King, Marian King.



In German I the students read their translations while Mrs. Erika Schirmer listens.

For six weeks a German Student visited the school and attended classes. During American Government class Werner Dalluegge explains the organization of the German Federal Government. From left to right, Miss Emily Loennig, Dale Learn, Robert O'Brien, and Marian King listen so that they may later use the information in class discussion.



In the front row Robert O'Brien types under the supervision of Mr. Verlin Odell while Lee Norton continues his exercises in the second row.



ROOM

Mrs. Gertrud Geicke helps Patricia Pachler find a book for her history report. Elsie Rose (seated) does research work for a science report.



The old spelling rule "i before e" comes up again in English 9. Mrs. Dorothy Fay quizzes freshmen (from left to right) Cathy Schaub, Danellet Alley, Barbara O'Brien, Thomas Pachler, Walter Davis, and Patricia Stephens.





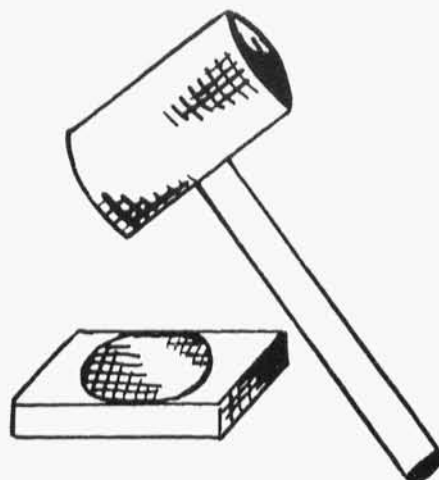
Back Row: P. Stephens, E. Rose, G. Mills, L. Hall, C. Messer, C. Huffman, D. Alley, J. Hanfman.

Second Row: R. Nash, B. O'Brien, P. Padler, R. O'Brien, R. Pears, T. Padler, J. Spragg, S. King, W. Gilbert, D. Bundren.

Front Row: W. Davis, L. Norton, M. King, Mr. Fay, D. Learn (President), G. King, C. Schaub.

All students in grades 9-12 are members of the Council which organized field trips to German Schools, a Christmas party for German orphans, and other activities.

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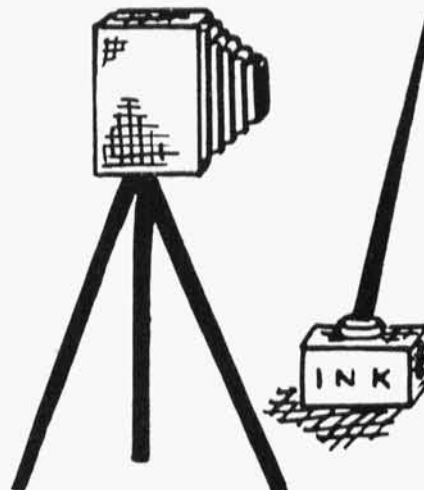


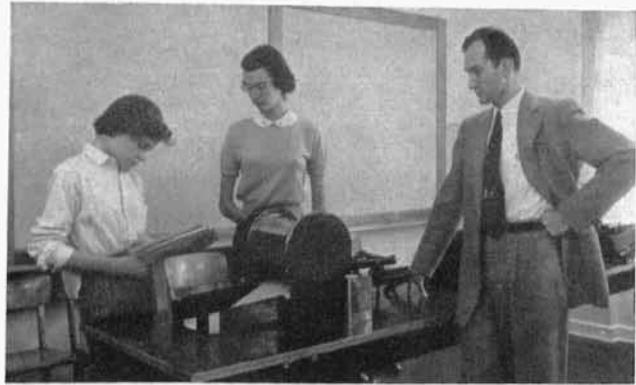
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Seated: Walter Davis, Barbara O'Brien, Miss Margot Pietsch, Dale Learn (Editor), Mrs. Dorothy Fay, Jocelyn Spragg, Sallie King, Patricia Stephens

Standing: Lee Norton, Gail King





NEWSPAPER

Left to right: Madeleine Ehrman, Jocelyn Spragg, Mr. Verlin Odell



RADIO CLUB

Seated: George Mills, William Gilbert, Gail King, Richard Pears, Marian King, Cathy Schaub
Standing: Ronald Nash, Miss Emily Loennig, Jocelyn Spragg, Robert O'Brien



CHORUS

Left to right: R. Nash, G. Mills, Mr. Wilder, W. Gilbert, L. Hall, R. O'Brien, W. Davis, R. Pears, D. Bundren, M. King, J. Hanfman, G. King, E. Rose, B. O'Brien, S. King, P. Stephens



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1. German Orphans receiving Christmas gifts.
2. Game time at the Student Council Christmas party for orphans.
3. Lee and Tom coming to school.
4. Delighted faces at the Orphans party.
5. Tom, Bob, Dick, Joe in the boy's locker room.
6. Elsie checks office work with Miss Landeck while Marian types the absentee list.
7. Al, Barbara, Pat inspect china at the Industrial Fair.
8. Mrs. Henaschoff collects mess bills from Pat and Cathy.
9. Girls Physical Education.



Facing Page:

1. Don, Danny, Cathy at the Industrial Fair.
2. Cafeteria staff.
3. Mr. Fay and Dr. Floyd Miller congratulate Dale on winning the Voice of Democracy Contest. Dale placed second in USAREUR also.
4. Sallie gives an orphan her gift.
5. Don, Mrs. Fay, and Sallie inspect a textile loom at the Funk-turm.
6. Rest time in gym class.
7. Hungry "cherubs" in lunch line.
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9. Volleyball during Boy's Physical Education.
10. Mr. Fay greets Bob Mathias before an assembly where the latter spoke.
11. Brandenburg Gate — As far as we go!



