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DEDICATION

Because we believe in the right of man to live within the scope of the dignity of his soul, we dedicate our yearbook to *Light*. May it penetrate the shadows of doubt, fear, and suspicion, that devastate this troubled continent upon which we live.
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To you who have just turned the first page of *ERINNERUNGEN*:

You are about to read the pages and look at the pictures which represent a year in Europe to every American high school student in Germany and France, especially to those who have had any part, no matter how small, in the production of this book. Before you turn the next page, you may have no idea of what is to follow. Perhaps not until you have perused every article and picture in our annual will you realize that fourteen different schools in foreign lands have worked together to prepare one memory book.

Our yearbook has grown from the original 317 pages which represented seven schools in 1949 to the 536 pages you are now reading which represent eleven high schools and three junior highs in Germany and France. Each school has a unique story to tell. Our European setting makes *Erinnerungen* entirely different from the usual annual, for each staff emphasizes its particular 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.

To our friends at home we hope to give a few glimpses of our school life in Europe. To those who are a part of "our big family", who will never forget your European alma maters, we bring memories of the laughter and tears, the successes and failures, and all the little details that only you can remember—all of which make this year one of the best in our lives.
Members of the Graduating Class:

You have been privileged to enjoy the unique experience of obtaining an American education in a foreign country which has over the centuries contributed to the cultural heritage of our nation. Many of you have been in Germany for several years and thus have had the good fortune to observe the tremendous progress made by the German people. You can profit from this experience in the important task of furthering and strengthening the cultural bonds between the two countries.

The American schools in Germany are an expression of our national heritage. The attitudes and behavior of United States citizens abroad determine to a large extent the idea of America current in the minds of the inhabitants of a foreign country. In a sense each of you may be considered a special representative of America. You have an important responsibility in demonstrating our concept of the way of life in a free nation.

In the crucial years ahead youth will be called upon to play an increasingly important role in world affairs. Because of your enlarged horizons through living and learning abroad, you can be of great service, I feel sure, in furthering the cause of freedom and understanding among the free countries of the world.

JAMES B. CONANT
United States High Commissioner for Germany
To the 1954 High School Graduates:

At the close of the academic year, it is customary in thousands of schools and colleges throughout the world to congratulate the graduates upon the successful completion of their studies. To those of you who are being graduated from the high schools of the United States Army in Europe, I should like to express my congratulations in a great deal more than the customary sense.

It is no small achievement to carry out a significant program of work over a period of twelve or thirteen years. For most of you, this job has been complicated by the frequent moves associated with the military profession. In many cases, it has been necessary for you to become acquainted with new languages and new customs while adjusting at the same time to more advanced studies, new teachers, and different school systems. Along with all this, you have made many new friendships and have taken part in a wide variety of school and community activities.

Here in Europe our schools have placed special emphasis on an appreciation of foreign cultures and on the development of international understanding. The opportunities you have had for broadening experiences in a foreign land, coupled with the adaptability you have shown in meeting so many new situations, promise well for your future as participating members in a democratic world community.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Oberbürgermeister
First established in September, 1946, the Thomas A. Roberts School of Berlin was one of the first American organizations in operation after the war. Formerly located on Im Gehege, the school moved to Dahlem, near the center of the American Community, during the summer of 1953. With appropriate ceremonies, Brigadier General Charles F. Craig officially opened the modern building which was completed shortly before the fall term began on September 8.

The enrollment has fluctuated erratically since 1946, ranging in attendance from hundreds to the present number of twenty-five regular students and eighteen correspondence students.

Berlin High has weathered everything from a polio epidemic (when school was conducted via AFN) and the historic Berlin Blockade to the East Sector Riots of June 17, 1953. To quote some of the “old-timers”, “We are still here,” and we hope to remain as long as we can continue to serve as an example of American democracy in the last outpost of freedom behind the Iron Curtain.
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Classes
SENIOR HISTORY

As graduation draws near, our thoughts go back over our high school years and experiences. Even though there are only four of us, our pasts are different. We have been drawn together by fate, and we have learned to know and understand each other, although our acquaintance has been short. As we look back over this year, the first days are vivid in our memory. For us seniors they were not only the beginning of a new school year, but also the closing of our high school life. All our years in high school have been happy ones. We have all looked forward to our senior year, and now at last we have obtained our goal!

Charles (Chuck) Harrell, our Student Council President, came to us from Paris in August. Chuck, who is from Wyoming, is looking forward to attending the University of Oregon.

Janice (Jan) Ewalt, Student Council Secretary, is the "old timer" of the Senior Class, having come from Seattle, Washington, in the summer of 1952. She also plans to attend the University of Oregon after a year at the International School at Geneva, Switzerland.

Virginia (Jan) McConnell is from the "Flickertail State" of North Dakota, and came in late September of this school year. She is planning to travel through Europe for one year before starting her education at the University of Wyoming.

Gary (Butch) Holman, from Leavenworth, Kansas, arrived in Berlin just in time for Christmas vacation. We were all very happy to have a new addition to our Senior Class, as we had been awaiting his arrival for two months. Gary plans to attend West Point in the familiar Army tradition.

We seniors owe many thanks to our principal, Miss Reilly, and to all of the other teachers who have helped us over the rough spots this year. Each one has proved a friend to us in many ways, and we do appreciate each act of kindness very much.

Attending the Berlin American School has been a unique experience for each of us. When we graduate, our lives will take different paths, but we shall always look back upon our senior year with many happy recollections.

SENIOR WILL

We, the Senior Class of Berlin American High, being of sound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament. Signed this twentieth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

I, Jan Ewalt, leave my ability to eat and stay thin to Ginny Wine.

I, Chuck Harrell, leave my well worn gym shirt to Dale Learn and my typing ability to Toni Dolozik.

I, Jan McConnell, leave my ability to see in the dark to Bobbie Douglas.

I, Gary Holman, leave my ability to make perfect letters to Dale Learn.
Boasting the largest membership, the Junior class is among the most active in school affairs. Its five members may be seen scurrying to and from Annual, BEAR FACTS, Photo Club and Drama Club meetings on all days of the week. Three editorships and two presidencies are filled by Juniors while they also claim two old timers in Germany with thirteen years of overseas life between them.

Our original four Jimmy, Toni, Wally and Ginny, were reinforced in October by Ruth Zornow. Included in the long list of activities are the Christmas pageant with all members of the class in major parts and the March of Dimes raffle sponsored by the entire high school.
The sophomores started out in September with only two people but by October had increased to the staggering number of three. Members of this class include a Californian, a New Yorker, and a fellow from Washington, all of whom are active in student activities such as Annual, Photo Club, BEAR FACTS staff, and school sports. These three lively personalities do much to add to the bustling atmosphere which surrounds Berlin High.

The Freshman Class in its entirety was composed of only two members. The first was Charley Bartlett, active especially in sports, who was with us only from September to October. Shortly after his departure for Frankfurt, Barbara Douglas came to fulfill the whole school’s hopes for another freshman to initiate. Her contributions to the school consist chiefly of secretarial and Honor Roll positions.

*Food from the Free*
First Row:
Robert Goetz
Edward Raymond
Nancy Potter
Ann Higgins
Richard Deming
Robert Miller

Second Row:
David Smith
Walter Hardyn
King Douglas
Cecil Morgan
Vaya Skakich
Nevin Travis
Thomas Timberman

Strasse des 17 Juni
Au Revoir

Auf Wiederschön
STUDENT COUNCIL
Roy Pellegrino, Parliamentarian; Charles Harrell, President
Miss Reilly, Adviser; Janice Ewalt, Secretary

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Mrs. Schirmer
Tonia Dolozik, Literary Editor
Miss Pietsch
Jan McConnell, Editor
Miss Henson
Walter Smith, Layout Editor
Barbara Douglas, Art Editor
PHOTO CLUB
Jimmy Cox, Secretary; Roy Pellegrino; Charles Harrell; Dale Lear; Walter Smith
President; Barbara Douglas; Ruth Zornow, Vice-President; Tonia Dolozik; Lynda Potter

RECREATION CLUB
Seated:
Virginia Wine
Jan McConnell
Lynda Potter
Charles Harrell
Dale Lear

Standing:
Roy Pellegrino
Jan Ewalt
Barbara Douglas
Ruth Zornow
Walter Smith
Tonia Dolozik
ANNUAL STAFF

Left to right:
Dale Learn, Art Editor; Tonla Dolozik, Literary Editor; Miss Pietzch; Mrs. Schirmer
Jon Ewalt, Editor-in-Chief; Miss Henson, Walter Smith, Photo Editor; Charles Harrell
Business Manager; Ginny Wine, Art Editor (not in picture)

DRAMA CLUB

Seated:
Barbara Douglas, Ginny Wine
Ruth Zornow

Standing:
Mr. Landry, Adviser; Lynda Potter, Lou Marchlanks, Nancy Potter, Voya Skakleh, King
Douglas, Charles Harrell, Edward Raymond, June Ham-  
mann, Tonla Dolozik, President
(not in picture).
CORRESPONDENCE STUDENTS

This year, for the first time, the Berlin American High School has become a center for Correspondence students. At this date eighteen students, scattered far and wide over all of Europe, have enrolled in these courses.

In Madrid, Spain, Barbara Berquist, the only senior enrolled, is taking a regular academic course and is preparing to enter college next fall.

The following are registered students:

**Juniors**
- Elizabeth Donaldson, APO 132, USAF, Germany
- Janet Foxx, Brussels, Belgium
- Gene Gragg, Returned to United States
- Karen Howard, Brussels, Belgium
- Ann Packard, APO 132, Germany
- Jeanne Sargent, Brussels, Belgium
- Susan Schnieder, Brussels, Belgium
- Penelope Sperry, Stockholm, Sweden

**Sophomores**
- Janice Kranz, Brussels, Belgium
- Judy White, Copenhagen, Denmark

**Freshmen**
- Norman Carroll Chafin
- Walter Griffith, Bitburg, Germany
- Marie Logel, Sampigny, France
- Lucille Medley, APO 132, USAF, Germany
- Roger Boure, APO 122, U. S. Army
- Marie Sargent, Brussels, Belgium
- Billy Tillock, Metz, France
BERLIN SNAPS

Halloween Howls
and
New Year’s Noise
1. Christmas Pageant
2. Chow Time
3. National Book Week
4. High School Visits Industrial Fair

5. Change of the Guard at Spandau
6. Wednesday Bowling Club
7. Junior High Physical Educations Class