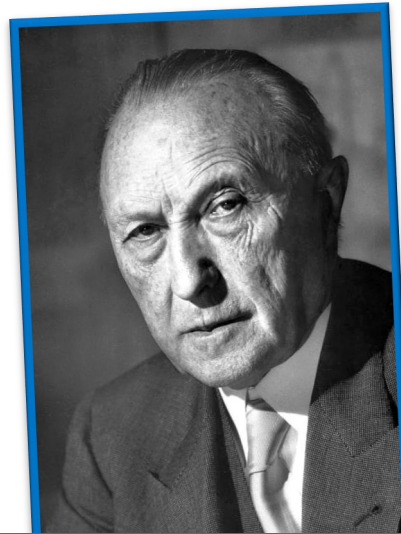


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'The Cold War helped rebuild the country as a capitalist democracy.'
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**GERMAN ECONOMIC MIRACLE
POSTWAR GROWTH**

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ECONOMIC MIRACLE



Even though the Ruhr remained under international control and Saar (coal) left to France – during **Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's** administration (1949–63) West Germany experienced what has been termed an economic miracle in the 1950s

Marshall Plan – a boost
Marshall aid gave a boost in confidence to investors and Korean War provided a boost to industry as it increased demand for German steel and manufactured goods. West Germany banned from spending on military so could use all money for economic growth.

Memberships
West German security was assured – and funded – by it becoming a member of NATO in 1955.

West Germany joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1952.

Treaty of Paris – EEC
The Treaty of Paris created the European Coal and Steel Community.

Would go on to form the basis of the European Economic Community (EEC) established in 1957.



Long Term Impact
Economy continued to flourish – 1960s + 70s. Chancellor Ludwig Erhard (1963–66) led revival as a social market economy – policies left the means of production mainly in private hands – capitalism – allowed the market to set its own prices and wages.

Long Term Impact
1951 –1961 FDR economy a growth in gross national product (GNP) of 8% per year. 'Best' farmers had fled West which benefited the economy – Government abolished all rationing – Export in this decade doubled – Growth was double the rate of the US and Britain.

Economic Equality
Government promoted social justice with policies to ensure more equal distribution of wealth – Living standards rose. Million Germans had fled to the West and many were skilled workers who helped the miracle of the 1950s and sustained growth in the 1960s.

Super Power
Germany had become a leader in world trade by the end of the 1980s. This sustained growth was achieved whilst maintain low inflation.

By 1990 the German economy was one of the biggest in the world.

SOCIAL



Partition of Germany and Berlin had split communities and even families. Urgent socio-economic problem facing the West German government was the resettlement of refugees from the East – By 1950 there were 4.5 million Germans from the east in West Germany.

FDR (FRG) = West Germany
GDR = East Germany

Refugees
Refugees were initially a huge social burden – but they assimilated quickly. Many were skilled workers + most productive farmers = major factor in the economic miracle of the 1950s. 1952 East Germany sealed the border with West Germany – but refugees continued to come via Berlin.

Escape
Berlin remained the 'escape' route from East Germany. As Berlin became the centre piece for US propaganda promoting the material benefits of capitalism and the rate of Germans deciding to move to the west increased a crisis developed between the superpowers developed.

Hostility – Berlin Wall
GDR leader Erich Honecker – to secure his border with the west –1958—Berlin Wall construction begins.

Hostility was also caused by Adenauer – **The Hallstein Doctrine** in 1955—threat to cut off diplomatic relations with any nation that established diplomatic relations with the GDR.

Health
An efficient health service for its society. Free medicals, health insurance, sick pay. 1970 – psychotherapists into national health care program. Hospital Financing Law in 1972. Funding of hospitals – free check ups under 4 year olds. Federal grants increased in the 1970s for cancer research.

Education – Americanised
Schools Americanized (liberal / democratic) during the occupation + removal of all 'Nazi ideas'. But, German institutions were respected by the US – its schools and universities, therefore education systems in the US and Britain in Germany meant a complete restructuring was impractical.

Education – revision
1950s – US reforms to education revised = more traditional German curriculum and school uniforms removed – were associated with the Nazi era and Hitler Youth Teaching religion was made mandatory in the Basic Law 1949. Women lost university places to veterans of the war.

Education – reforms
Willy Brandt in 1960s. More teachers and elite schools. 24 universities built. School leaving age up to 16. No fees for higher education. In 1971 Budget for education doubled and the number of students attending university went up 6-fold.

Education – East Germany
System focused on practical work and grounding in Marxism-Leninism. Taught in Russian. During the period after unification in 1990, Germany's educational system struggled to unify the radically different philosophies, curricular and structures of East and West.

CULTURE



As the Cold War developed US influence returned in West Germany. This was controversial. For some = unease at the consumption of Hollywood movies, rock 'n' roll and 'blue jeans'. East German leaders were hostile but in West Germany too, church leaders, politicians and teachers attacked this 'Americanization' of society.

Americanisation
As the Cold War took hold. The West German state looked to create a new liberal German identity and a new consensus emerged that accepted American popular culture. The Hal-starkeor youth dressed like US teenagers.

Music
Music was heavily influenced by Rock 'n' roll and Jazz scene. But, by 1950s was a distinct culture – different to USA. EG Jazz took on ant racists and supported civil rights.

Movies
High consumption of Hollywood movies. For example *'The Wild One'* was particularly popular.

Youth riots broke out in East and West – some attributed this to influence of such movies.

Criticism
GDR attacked US culture condemning it as 'barbarizing – East + West youth and making them prone to 'fascist' ideas. Attacks from some in West Germany too – church, teachers and politicians / leaders.

The Male in Crisis
A book written by Karl Bednarik – reviewed in West Germany –described a new type of young male worker that loved US 'western' films and were enthralled by jazz.



Art –The Berlin Wall
A poignant symbol of impact / divide. Graffiti artists from around the world made their mark on it. Keith Haring created murals. GDR = 'anti-fascist protection barrier' was bare and people shot for approaching it.

Sport – Olympics – Drugs.
Cold War created rivalry. 1960s – GDR denied entry into Olympics. 1972—Munich Olympics. First time GDR competed – USSR backed doping – and, it turns out—so was West Germany, though this had been kept secret.

Sport – Football
West Germany were awesome and won the 1974 World Cup.

OTHER



Denazification
1951 laws ending the policy of denazification in FDR. Ex Nazis allowed political roles.

Denazification
Hans Globke – (1930) involved in antisemitic Race Laws in = FDR State Secretary in 1953. By 1957 – 76% of senior officials in the West German Ministry of Justice were former Nazi Party members.

Religion
West German constitution protected freedom of religion – though membership of Churches declined overall.

In East Germany = the communist regime suppressed religion.

The Holocaust – Legacy
FDR – move towards a more 'commemorative' culture and focus on Germans as perpetrators rather than victims of the recent past.



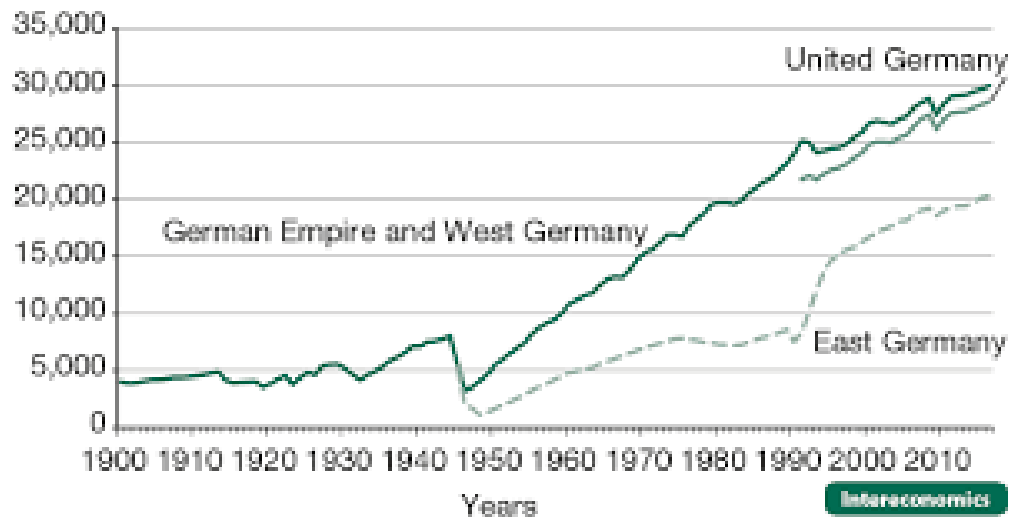
Holocaust Memorials
Marking places of persecution and death camps, in cemeteries and cultural centres of existing Jewish communities, and blanket memorials for all victims.

Rapprochement – ethos
Chancellor Willy Brandt, in a social-liberal coalition – 1969 pursued a new foreign policy – to improve relations with East Germany and Eastern Europe – Ostpolitik (*eastern policy*).

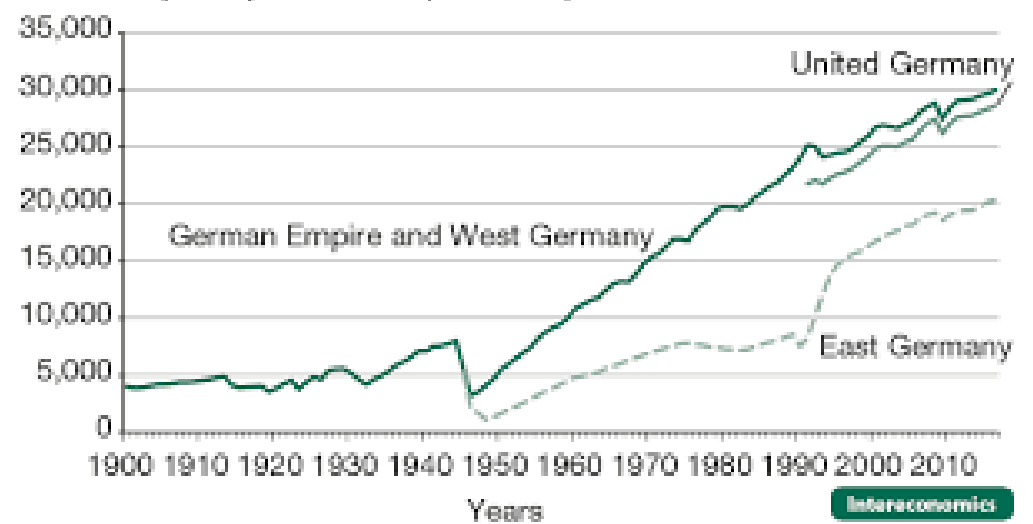
Rapprochement – treaties
Willy Brandt reversed **The Hallstein Doctrine** and opened negotiations.

Four **Powers Treaty** – 1971 – recognised Berlin's status. **Basic Treaty** – 1972 = recognise other as independent state.

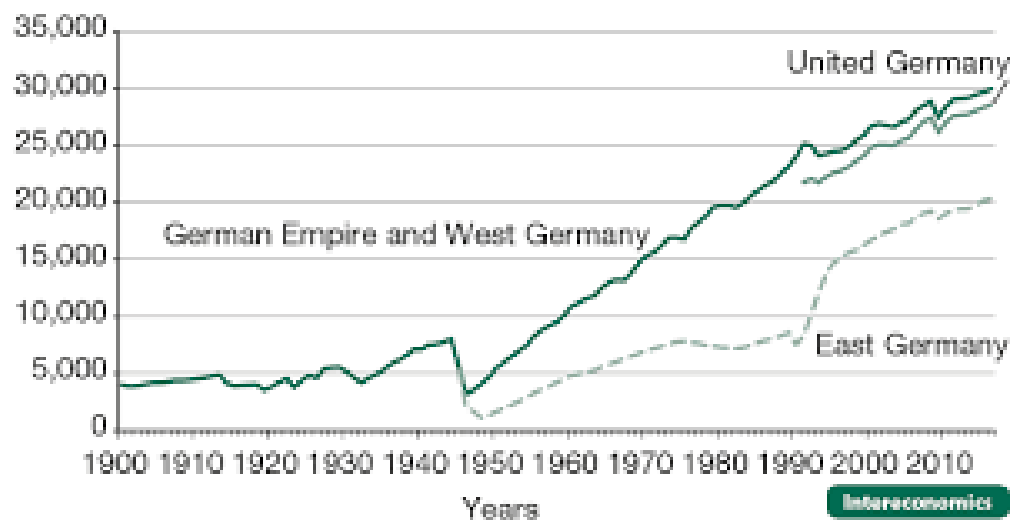
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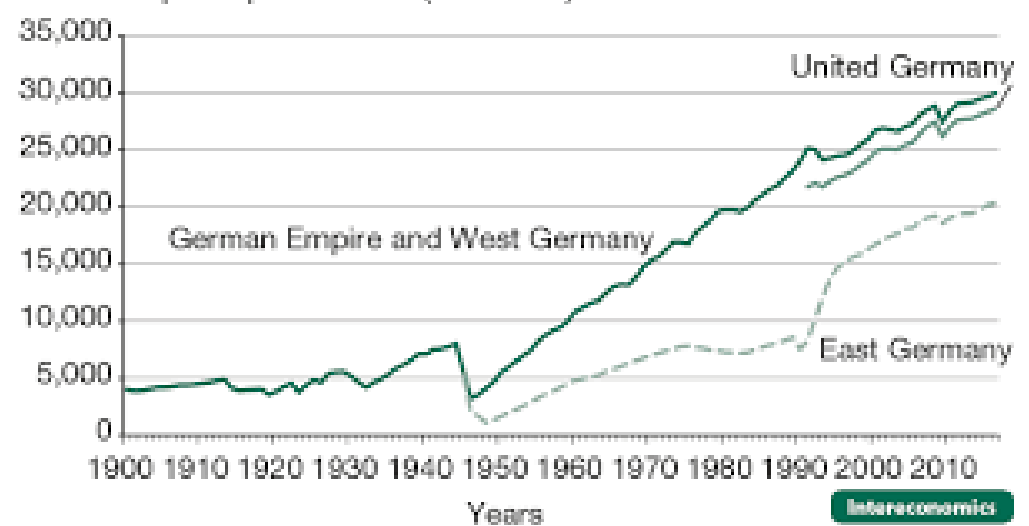
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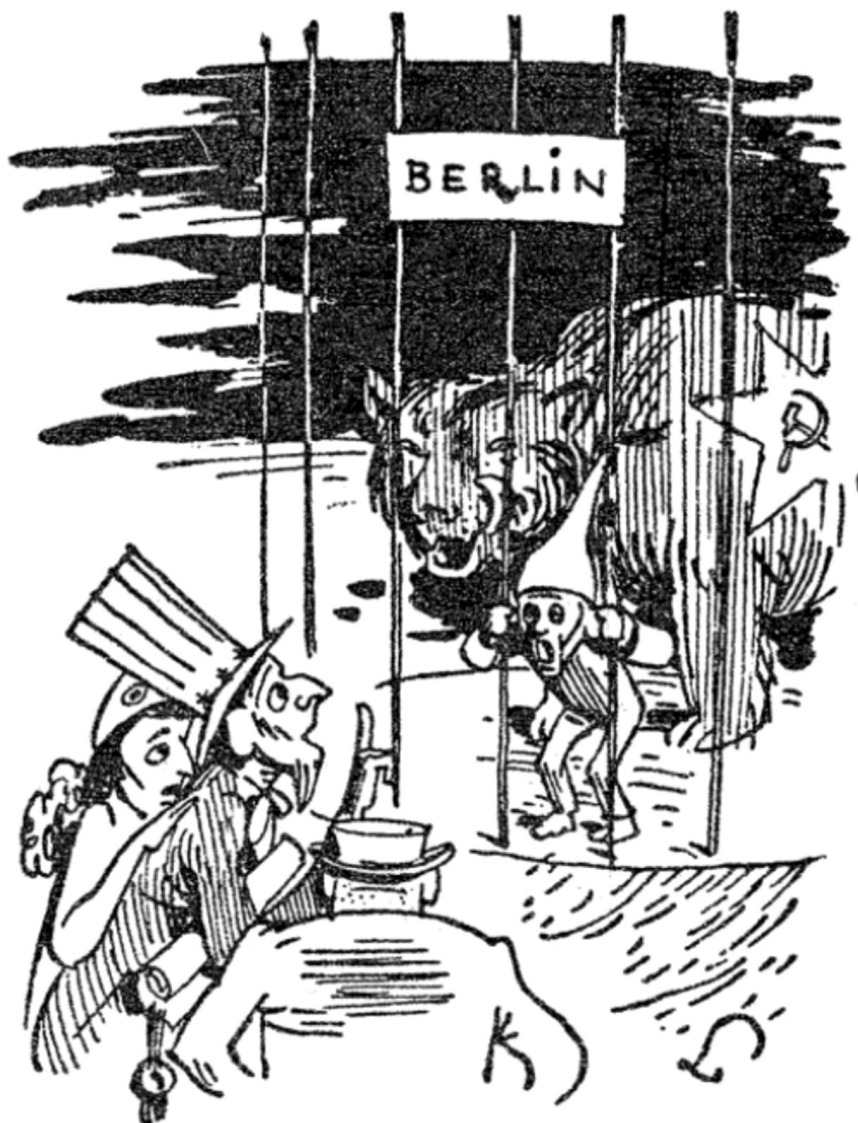
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Noten über Noten



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„Keine Angst — wir werden ihn solange mit gepfeferten Noten füttern, bis ihm der Appetit auf dich vergeht — —“



THE DAUNTLESS THREE

“Let's all be equally dauntless.”