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Only Proclamation Needed . . .

Berlin and Hamburg have fallen. The Fuehrer is dead. Much of Germany is occupied. The Nazi war machine has fallen apart. The war cannot last long in Europe now.

After more than five years of it, we all find it rather hard to believe that such world-shaking events could actually be happening. It has all occurred with such lightning-like rapidity that we are dazed—almost unbelieving.

We find it difficult to picture the shambles of the Reich capital with the Red Flag flying over the chancellery.

With Berlin gone so, of course, is the heart and spirit of the Reich. It is only a matter of mopping up now and little in the way of further resistance is to be anticipated. It would be purposeless and completely futile.

So Victory in Europe is already here in full flush. All that is awaited is the official proclamation which we would imagine should come any hour now.

Post-war Rehabilitation . . .

Post-war rehabilitation was a live subject in Prince Rupert up until a few months ago and it seemed that we were getting some useful organization under way. A start was made on the surveying of the local field and the assembling of information in regard to needs, possibilities and opportunities. Of late, however, there seems to have been a slackening up. Possibly too many have assumed or been assigned with the responsibility and the result is that everyone is waiting for some one else to do something and nothing is being done.

Such a condition of affairs to arise at this particular time would seem to be most unfortunate. The war is nearly over, the men are returning and they are expecting that we will be making some preparation other than just a welcome home.

If Prince Rupert is not giving the attention to post-war rehabilitation matters, it is high time that it commenced to do so.

The community has been busy and prosperous these war years but we cannot expect that it will continue indefinitely thus. Apart from the returning service men, we should be seriously concerned in the post-war future of the community itself. There should be no further delay in the making of our serious plans. It is a serious local responsibility.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF IN RUSSIANS TAKING OVER BERLIN

BERLIN FACTS

Population — 4,335,000; the largest city on the European continent, fourth largest of the world.

Area—431 square miles, spread out over flat marshy land along both banks of the Spree River.

Main Industries — Electric equipment, machinery, chemicals, scientific instruments, locomotive, furniture, office machines and supplies.

Main Streets—Unter den Linden, mile long "heart of Berlin," cut by a central promenade; Leipzigerstrasse and Friedrichstrasse, which with Unter den Linden, form the leading shopping zone.

Chief Public Buildings — The Reichschancellery, the Ministries of Justice and State, the University of Berlin, the State Library, the Ministry of Police, the patent office, the Protestant Cathedral, the Kaiser Friedrich Museum, the former royal palace, Friedrich Wilhelm University.

Transportation — Twenty important railway stations serve the city which is ringed by a belt railroad and crossed by an east-west line. Superhighways lead the city from several directions, and 2,700 miles of Berlin streets are paved. There is a network of subways and elevated railways. Tempelhof is one of the world's largest and best equipped airports.

The last time Russia took Berlin was 185 years ago.

They took it from Frederick the Great, the French-speaking Prussian military into first flower. They did it with ill-trained and poorly led troops but held it only three days.

Three years before the Russians barged in, a flying detachment of 4,000 Austrian cavalry under command of daring Gen. Haddick razed a Berlin suburb and forced the capital, under threat of similar treatment to pay ransom. Within 12 hours Haddick wheeled his troops and was gone before the Prussians discovered the meagre size of his forces.

Gustavus Adolphus, the Swedish soldier of the Cross, was in Berlin in 1631.

Napoleon swept in from the west in 1806 and exacted heavy levies to fill his empire war chest.

Memorable Events In Berlin History

By the Canadian Press

1230—No specific record of the founding of Berlin exists. The first recorded mention of a city by that name in its present location appears in 1230. At that time there were two towns Kolln and Berlin. Neither was of great importance except that they guarded a crossing of the River Spree, a small stream flowing through the north German plain.

1448—Kolln and Berlin were combined in a preliminary unification. As a member of the Hanseatic League, the city steadily grew more important as a commercial centre.

1539—The Hohenzollern family made the city the seat of their power, beginning an identification of family and city which was not to end until the abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1918. As the capital city of the

electorate of Brandenburg, Berlin became stabilized. Previously she had been embroiled in many internal struggles resultant from conflicts between dynasties and antagonisms which arose between princes, nobles and cities.

1631—King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden marched into the city with banners flying in defence of Protestant aspirations in northern Europe. With this action, Berlin's part in the 30 Year's War became intense. Conscription of men and wealth was a severe drain on the resources of the still insignificant city.

1675—Berlin again was threatened with Swedish invasion in the tangled web of intrigue among small states growing out of the collapse of German efforts to make their rulers world emperors in the manner of the Roman empire.

1757—City was plundered by Austrians.

1760—City was plundered by Russians.

1806—Napoleon marched into the city after the battle of Jena.

1848—Riots continuing for a week marked Berlin's participation in the great reform movement of that year.

1861—The old walls were torn down, considerable suburban territory was annexed and the real development of Berlin as a world municipality was begun. Emperor William I. came to power in that year and he gave increasing freedom to the city.

1874—Municipal control of the streets was obtained and a short time later the city officials gained control of the River Spree. The opening of the city and its communications was the initial step in the development of a government setup which made Berlin unsurpassed in municipal organization. It was called "the most modern and perfectly organized city." The Spree is still an important part of the outstanding transportation network which makes Berlin the dominant city of Germany.

1900—The census showed a population of 1,384,345 as compared with 825,389 in 1871. This represented the city's growing participation in the expansion programs of the emperor, William II.

1911—Greater Berlin was formed, including many suburban areas.

1914—With the outbreak of the First Great War, Berlin became the centre of the war programs of the Central Powers.

1919—The war ended, Berlin became the centre of rioting, disorganization and political bickering which marked the early post-war years. In that year the new government was moved to Weimar. But Berlin was never replaced as the heart of Germany.

1932—Adolf Hitler, a leader of a political party called the National Socialists (Nazis) was brought to trial in the city on charges of slander.

1933—Hitler gained control of the government.

1940—Berlin found herself in the midst of a new world war and bombings by British planes presaged the storm to come.

LETTERBOX

TEEN AGE CLUB

Editor, Daily News:
Most of the adults of this community are fairly normal, healthy, like - to - get-out-and-have fun people. There have been several worthy attempts made at setting up a club or organization for the recreation of the younger set. However, time after time, these attempts have met with disaster—in the form of a waste-paper basket. The time has come

for action!

Here is a quotation from a letter received from Lillian Haggerty, Pennsburg, Pa., U.S.A.

"Our town has started a Teen Age Club. They started a few months ago. It certainly is a lot of fun and it keeps the kids off the street. We have a juke box, ping pong table and games of all kinds."

The above club was set up in a town of about 1500 people and it is, apparently, a great success. Therefore there seems no reason why a city the size of Prince Rupert could not do likewise.

A movement is now underway,

backed by the young people themselves, to set up and operate a "Teen Age Canteen" which would be open every evening. Among the foremost necessities is a headquarters for operation, as well as funds for operations of games and the purchase of materials which would make the place a desirable retreat for these people. Also, as adult supervision is desirable, offers of assistance would be gratefully accepted. Hoping for the support of all of you, we remain

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Better English
By D. C. WILLIAMS

- What is wrong with this sentence? "Remember I am a new beginner in this work."
- What is the correct pronunciation of "iron?"
- Which one of these words is misspelled? Maniac, knapsack, barrack.
- What does the word "incredulity" mean?
- What is a word beginning with di that means "a predicament?"

Answers

- New is redundant.
- Pronounce i-run, not iron.
- Maniac.
- Unbelief; skepticism. "Of every species of incredulity, religious unbelief is the most irrational."—Buckminster.
- Dilemma.

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