

12th May, 1949.

To: Deputy Educational Adviser.
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SUBJECT: Restrictions on Good Relationships with Germans.

Please refer to your HD/EDUC/82604/107H of April 30th.

I would like to suggest the following:-

1. Notices: "No dogs or Germans allowed" is, I believe, confined to the U.S. Zone, but it would be well to make sure.
"For Allied Personnel Only" in bus shelters is a little annoying to Germans standing in the pouring rain with no "Ally" in sight.
2. Transport: Would it now at last be possible for more Germans to be allowed to use C.C.C. buses in reasonable cases? I can safely say I have never yet been in a C.C.C. bus which was full, and the constant roaming of large empty buses does little to improve relations with those Germans who can be our most searching critics, namely those who work for us.
3. Press: Must newspapers and all printed matter bear the licence No. of Military Government? Would it not be possible to transfer to an equivalent registration with the German Licensing Board?
4. Anglo-German Clubs: I think it is recognised that these are generally speaking a failure, too formal, too boring and too expensive. Could not existing C.C.C. clubs have a lounge or one club-room set aside for the benefit of members who wish to entertain Germans - somewhat in the way women are entertained at men's clubs in London, without serious hurt to the purpose of the club or to the feelings of the visitor?
Unless something is done, we shall find ourselves being invited to the better German clubs - if we behave nicely.
5. Personnel: It is not always borne in mind that with growing unemployment, Germans are anxious to keep their jobs with Mil. Gov. and that this puts a good deal of power into the hands of both British and German Personnel Supervisors. It also accounts for that unhappy mixture of truculence and servility so often found among Germans working for the Occupying Powers. It is suggested greater care should be taken in the choice of British supervisors and greater control over the German Labour Managers. This also applies to Club Managers, many of whom have doubtful records. It is irrelevant to point out that Germans are hard and unjust in their relations with each other. The British are in a different category: on the one hand they are judged by the standard of "gentleman", which can mean the most extravagant nonsense, although the idea is sound; on the other hand their actions are constantly scrutinised for the slightest suggestion of "exploiting the defeated".
6. Anglo-German Relations: Good relations can be a little strained by the no doubt natural but tactless behaviour of some German wives of British personnel who feed and clothe all their German relations from British sources. This is particularly unfortunate when single British personnel cannot buy in Married Family shops.

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7. Tipping: It is obviously undesirable to continue the occupation practice of tipping in cigarettes, yet this will not stop unless a better way is found. If Germans are forbidden to receive B.A.P.S.Vs, it is too expensive to tip them in D-marks, as it should not be the general assumption that all British personnel acquire their marks on the black market. I feel this is a point which should be borne in mind, in view of the coming tourist traffic.

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