

Culture and Arts: Bridges to Solidarity (CABS)

Individual remembrances Germany

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Ilse's remembrances

Nürnberg



My mother and I lived in Nürnberg in the second floor of a flat which was situated on a busy street. Cars, trams and other means of transport passed by. I liked very much looking out of the window, watching and counting the different types of vehicles.

Ilse's remembrances

Summer and winter

Not far away from our flat was a big park. My mother used to go there with me and mostly we were playing with balls. I enjoyed these little excursions and I believe that this was the base for my passion for ball games of any kind in later years.



Ilse's remembrances

Moving to Dachau



When I was 9 years old, we moved from Nürnberg to Dachau. Some days before I have already been very excited and I remember that it was on a 5th of October when we left our street with a moving van. The greatest thing for me was to be allowed to sit in the front of the driver's cabin -next to him- with the best view all around.

Photo: <https://www.dachau.de/rathaus/ueber-dachau/fotoarchiv-fuer-pressezwecke.html>

Ilse's remembrances

The Alps

My first excursion to the mountains impressed me very much. We made a trip by bus to the lake "Spitzingsee" and there my mother wanted to take the chairlift up to the top of a mountain. But I was afraid of the lift and brought my mother nearly to desperation because I strictly refused to get in. But at last she managed to convince me and after some minutes driving up I whispered "it's so wonderful"



Ilse's remembrances

School and Maths

My school marks in the most subjects were good, only mathematics was a problem for me and the results of the exams were rather bad.

In my last school year I fortunately got help from a classmate sitting next to me. He led me crib or gave me little scrips of paper with the results behind the back of the teacher who didn't – thank God! - realise it. So I got acceptable marks in maths and till now I'm grateful to this boy – his name was Arno.



Ilse´s remembrances

Considering the past 15 to 50 years are there European /international occurrences which you would mention as being relevant for you or for the development of Humanity?

Ilse´s answers (1):

1. Fall of the Berlin Wall - 9th of November 1989



- *In my opinion this is the most important event for the German people within the last 50 years. 28 years after the building of the wall 1961 the reunification of Germany has become truth. The pictures of this day are unforgettable in my mind.*

2. Attack by terrorists at the Olympic Games in Munich 1972

Memorial erected in the former airport of Fürstenfeldbruck



Photo: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich_massacre

- *The Olympic Games advertised with the slogan “cheerful games”. But the attacks from Islam terrorists to the Jewish delegation made these games to a disaster and the failed attempt of liberation by the German police on the airport Fürstenfeldbruck was for me as a citizen of this town even worse.*

Ilse´s remembrances

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Ilse´s answers (2):

3. *The terrible attack by Islam terrorists on 09.11.2001 in New York*



This attack to the World Trade Centre and other political destinations in New York with hijacked aeroplanes was so unbelievable and I remember that we watched completely stunned the horrible pictures of the burning Twin Towers. From that moment terrorism became more and more threatening around the world.

4. *Introducing the Euro on the 1st of January 2002*



Due to the Euro Introduction in January 2002 the successful era of 54 years Deutsche Mark (DM) came to an end. At first often criticized by German people but meanwhile actual currency in 19 EU countries, the Euro is a success, too. What a progress for Europe! It makes travelling easier and supports that Europe grows together more and more.

Photo:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Center/%281973%E2%80%932001%29

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Ilse's answers (3):

5. Moon landing 1969



The Apollo 11 Crew, from left: Commander Neil A. Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins, and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr.

- The moon landing and Neil Armstrong's first steps on the ground of the moon were extremely spectacular. It was a big political success for the USA because they stood in race against Russia for being the first nation on the moon. The second astronaut was "Buzz" Aldrin but Neil Armstrong's words "A little step for us but a big jump for the Humanity" became legendary.*

Photo: <https://www.space.com/15864-nasa-apollo-11-moon-landing-photos.html>