

May 8th, Day of victory and liberation

Today, we celebrate the 59th anniversary of Europe's liberation from German fascism. On the 8th of May 1945, the allied nations of the anti-Hitler coalition finally forced Germany to capitulate, and they returned peace to Europe's peoples.

The Second World War, ignited by Germany, had claimed more than 50 million dead. In May 1945, the peoples all over the world agreed: Germany should never again be able to start a war against anybody else. One measure to ensure this was the Potsdam Agreement, signed by the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and the United States on August 2, 1945, later on joined by France.

Our deepest gratitude goes to you, liberators—all soldiers of the anti-Hitler coalition, to those who fought and gave their lives for Europe's liberation from German fascism!

To commemorate the day of victory and liberation we are here today, just beside the Brandenburg Gate, with our demand:

"Enforce the Potsdam Agreement!"

Thus we demand, as agreed upon by the Allies:

"The complete disarmament and demilitarization of Germany and the elimination or control of all German industry that could be used for military production...
... to dissolve all Nazi institutions, to ensure that they are not revived in any form, and to prevent all Nazi and militarist activity or propaganda...
... the German economy shall be decentralized for the purpose of eliminating the present excessive concentration of economic power as exemplified in particular by cartels, syndicates, trusts and other monopolistic arrangements."

Germany wages war again; and for new German wars the peoples of Europe are supposed to bleed—once more. Therefore, Germany needs Europe and a European constitution that obliges foreign European nations to arm and to go to war at Germany's side. The following statement thus applies to today's situation as well as it did to yesterday's:

"A German Europe means war!"