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East and West Berlin
Germany

Compendium

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Introduction

This is an album of Hans and Helga von Schweinitz tour through East and West Berlin from 27 October to 1 November 1986.

In 1986, Germany was still split into East and West. The Soviet Union still occupied East Berlin and there was a wall to separate the East from the West Berlin. West Berlin was occupied by United States. To reach Berlin by automobile, you had to travel through East Germany on designated autobahns.

This Berlin tour was part of a month long visit throughout Germany. Helga, as she was in a habit of doing, wrote a travel diary. The sections concerning Berlin have been included as scans.

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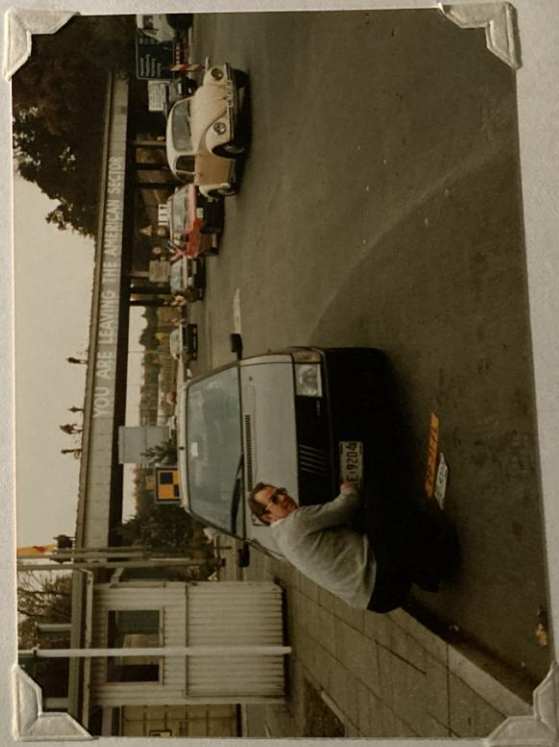
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Berlin



Putting on special license plate for the
drive on the transit road through East Germany



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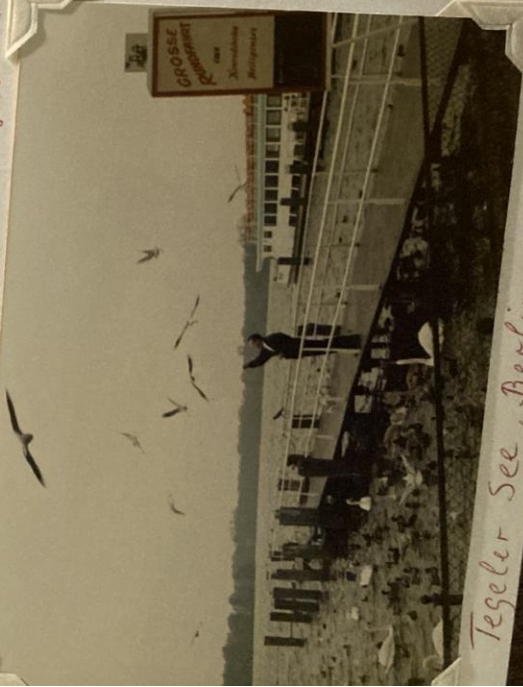
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Berlin



W-Berlin



"Gästehaus am Tegeler See" where we stayed
for 5 nights



Tegeler See, Berlin

Unsere Preise
bis 30. Juli 1987

Altbau DM	Neubau DM
Einzelzimmer 69,- und 74,-	79,- und 89,-
Doppelzimmer 108,-	138,-
Apartment (2 Zim./2 Pers.) 158,- und 178,-	197,- und 217,-
Apartment (2 Zim./3 Pers.) 35,-	35,-
Extrabett 35,-	35,-

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Siegessäule (We climbed to the top) ✓



✓



Charlottenburger Schloss

M-Berlin



U-Bahn ticket, very convenient

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✓ Café Möhring

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1 KÄSE-MOHN 3.65

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1 BAUMK-TORTE 3.70

N-Berlin



Pleasures



From Café Kranzler
on Kurfürstendamm



U-Bahn

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Nephertete in the Egyptian Museum



Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtnis Kirche,
the major ruin in West Berlin ✓



The Brandenburger Tor with "the wall", seen from W-B ✓

abus tour through West-Berlin

Unser beliebte West-Berlin-Rundfahrt zeigt Ihnen die bekanntesten Sehenswürdigkeiten unserer Stadt.
Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, Technische Universität, Charlottenburger Schloss, Olympiastadion, Funkturm, Reichstag, Schloss Congress Centrum, Stadtschlösschen, Gendarmenpalast, Kaiser-Krönung, Rathaus Schöneberg, Kontrollratsgebäude, Axel-Springer-Verlag,Checkpoint Charlie, Anhalter Bahnhof, Philharmonie, Staatsbibliothek, Nationalgalerie, Potsdamer Platz, Brandenburger Tor, Reichstag, Kongreßhalle, Schloß Bellevue, Siegesallee.

West-Berlin-Tour **2 hrs.** **DM 20,-**
daily 11 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 4 p.m. (sat + sun 9 a.m.)

Our popular West-Berlin tour shows you the well-known sights of the city.
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The wall and
the B-gate;
Tourist
attractions



Closed to
vehicular
traffic



The Reichstag Bldg,
the wall and
a bldg, in East-Berlin



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The wall and the
(mound?) field behind it. The
dark green hill is the place
where Hitler committed suicide
in his bunker when the Russians
came.



End of
British Sector

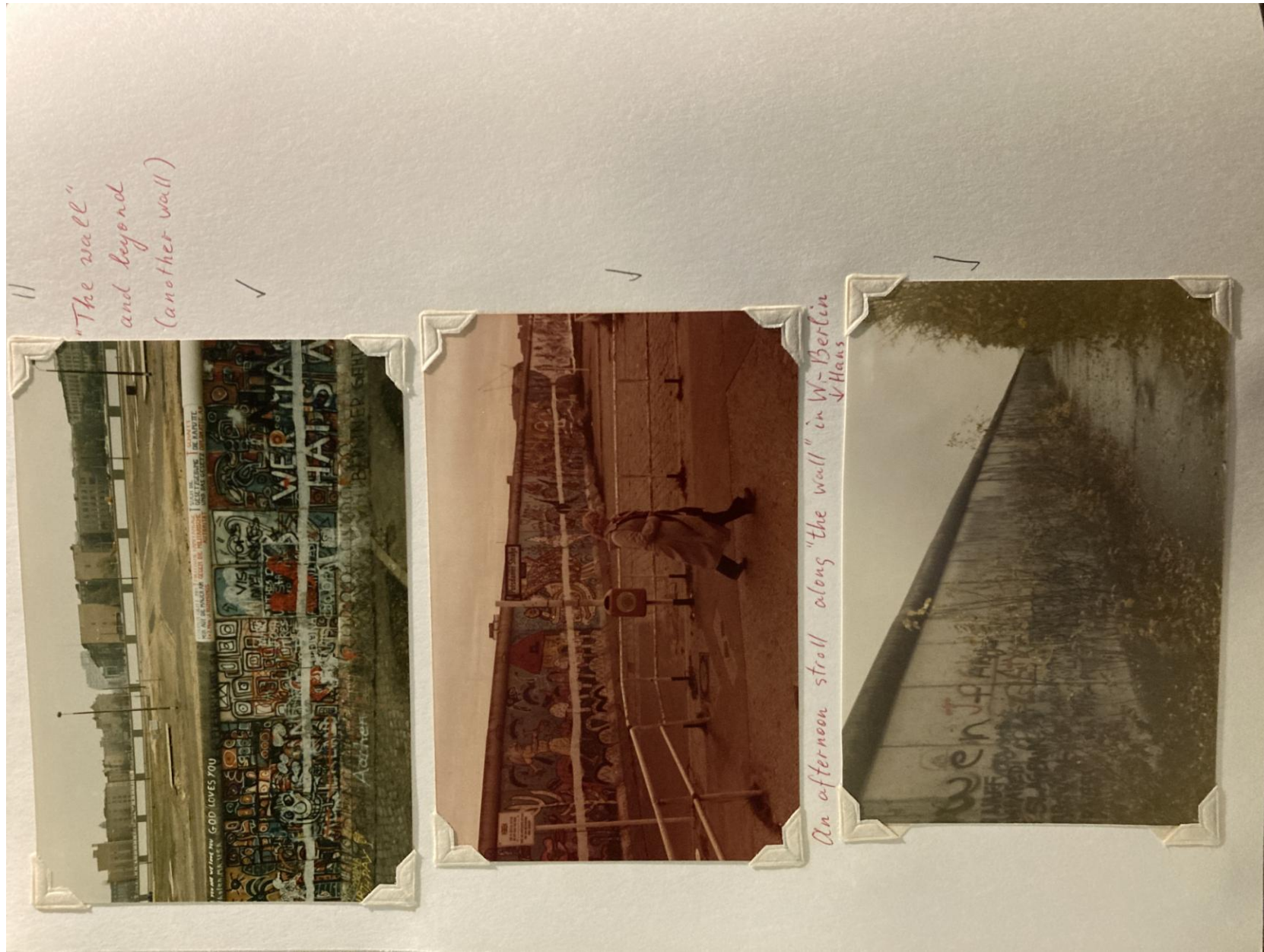


Seen from West-Berlin



On the other side of the
wall: an East German
watch tower

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The guided tour
included a visit to
PetroverPark with the
Russian war memorial



East-Berlin



Entrance to PetroverPark

We took this tour to get a first, safe
glance at East-Berlin

Tour 3

Ost-Berlin-Tour täglich DM 29,-
10.00 ohne Pergamon-Mus. 3½ Std. + Führ.-Geb. 11,-
14.00 mit Pergamon-Mus. 4 Std. + Führ.-Geb. 13,-

Die beste Möglichkeit, Ost-Berlin kennenzulernen. Der Stadtbilderkäfer führt Sie zu den bekanntesten Sehenswürdigkeiten.
(Nachmittags inkl. Pergamon-Museum). Übergang Invalidenstr. Charité, Deutsches Theater, ehemaliges Admiralpalast, Unter den Linden, Reichstag, Humboldt-Universität, ehemaliges Gendarmenmarkt, Französischer Dom, Zeughaus, Dom, St. Hedwigskathedrale, Humboldt-Universität, Alexanderplatz, Treptower Park mit sowjetischem Ehrenmal, Französischer Allee, Alexanderplatz, Fernsehturm, Berliner Rathaus, Dom, Museuminsel mit Pergamon-Museum.

*Zusätzlich Führungsgebühr Ost-Berlin. Mindestumsatz entfällt.

Gültiger Reisepass erforderlich.

Keine Touren am: 1. 5./7. 9./7. 10. vormittags.

East-Berlin-Tour daily (nur für Ausländer) DM 29,-
10 a.m. without Perg.-Mus., germ. spoken + 11,- guild.-fee*
2 p.m. incl. Perg.-Mus., engl. spoken + 13,- guild.-fee*

The best way to get know East-Berlin. The guide will show you the well-known sights.
(Afternoon-tour incl. Pergamon-Museum). Checkpoint Charlie, former ministry of aviation, former Wilhelmstraße, Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden, Palace of the Republic, French and German Cathedrals, St. Hedwig's Cathedral, Humboldt University, State Opera, Park of Treptow with Soviet War Memorial, Humboldt Allee, Alexander Square, TV-Tower, Old Berlin City-Hall, Dom, Franklin-Museum.

*Guidance fees East-Berlin. No money-exchange necessary.

Valid passport is necessary.

No tours on: May 1st/Sept. 7th/Oct. 7th at 10 a.m.

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East-Berlin



Stand-up lunch + Deutscher Dom



Lamps, Statues, Buildings, all beautifully restored



Lunch near the Museum Insel

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Alexander von Humboldt University, Berlin



*The place
where the
4-Power
Agreement
was signed*

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Friedrich der
Große,
Unter den Linden



statue
in front of
the Pergamon
Museum



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"Unter den Linden" 1986

Same photo as above
but printed in a different
photo lab.





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East German guards in front of a memorial



Opera house in background

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City Hall (Colas Rote Rathaus)

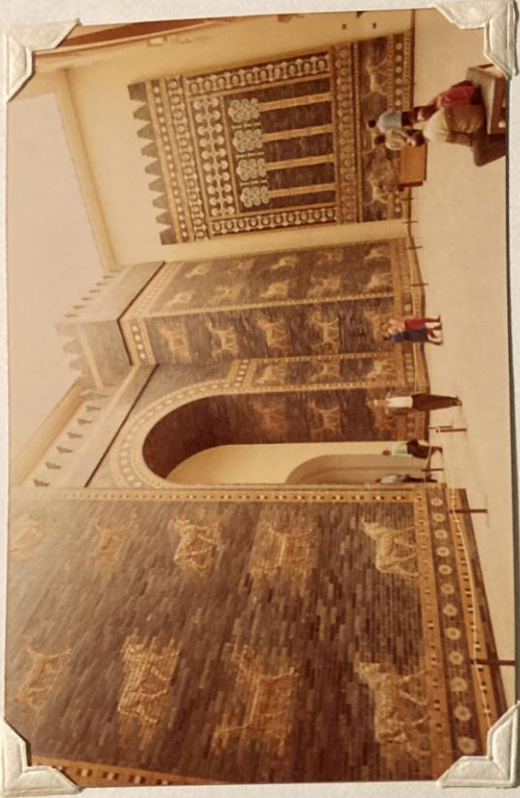
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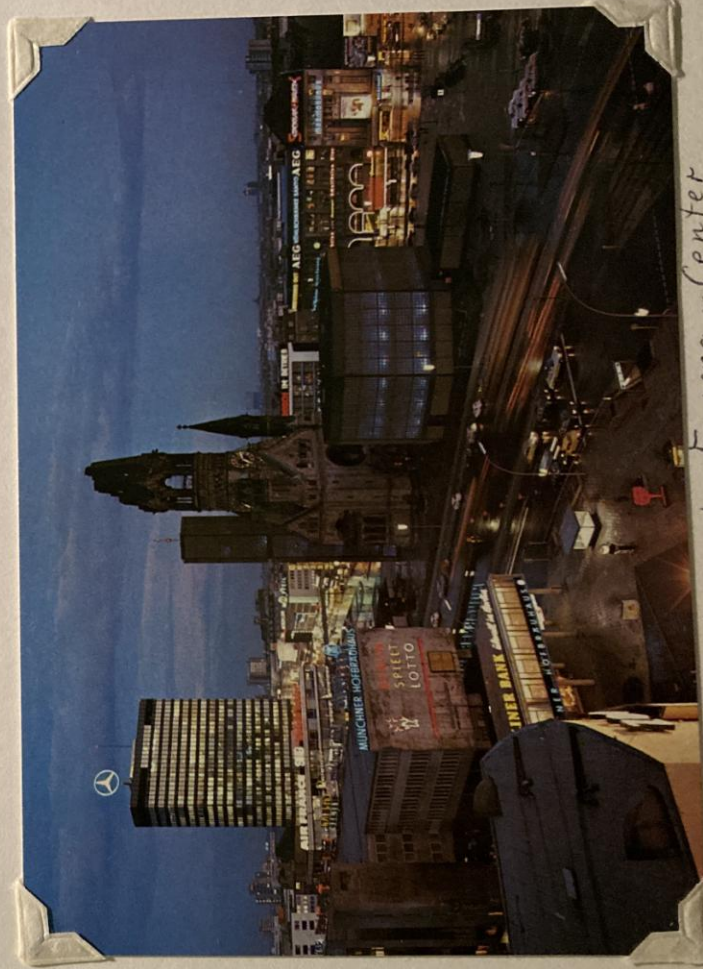


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The Ishtar Gate of Babylon, ~ 580 B.C.
inside the Pergamon Museum



Gedächtniskirche mit Europa-Center

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Zwei rannten durch den Checkpoint Charlie: Fluchtversuch wurde von Grepos vereitelt

Ein Polizist, der Augenzeugen des Fluchtdramas wurde: Die Grepso reagierten blitzschnell. Sie rissen ihre Maschinenpistolen von den Schultern, jagten den Flüchtenden hinterher.

Würste briet: „Plötzlich blinken alle Ampeln rot. Die Schlagbäume schlossen sich, noch bevor die Männer die letzte Barriere erreichen konnten. Schade, nur noch wenige Meter und sie hätten es geschafft.“

Die Flüchtlinge – einer trug eine helle Jacke – wurden von den „DDR-Grenzern zu Boden gedrückt und kurz danach abgeführt.“

Es war mittags kurz vor zwölf: Alle Schlagbäume waren geöffnet, die Ampeln

Imbiß-Vorküster
Waldemar Rotinger

**Mit Waffe
Geldbomben
geraubt**

Berlin, 31. Okt.
Der 33jährige
Jürgen P. wurde
vor einer Bank in
der Reinickendor-
fer Straße (Wed-
ding) von zwei
Männern mit einer
Schusswaffe be-
droht. Sie entris-
sen dem Mann ei-
ne Plastiktüte mit
zwei Geldbom-
ben.

And we were just a few feet away sitting in our car to have our passports checked by the East German border guards. Due to a recent order to the guards shots were not fired as used to be done in earlier days.

The poor guys.

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Es geht um Spiel 3 und um 20 000 Mark
Spielregeln: Auf dem BINGO-Schein

16	25	43	47	23	83
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Die Höllen-Stunden in

Tempelhof nach

der Granaten-

Explosion vor

dem Mietshaus

50 Pf

B.Z.

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 Österreich 05 3,- • Schweiz sfr 0,70 • Spanien pes 30,-

Die größte Zeitung Berlins

Der Täter:
Schwarzes gelocktes Haar, kräftige Bodybuilding-Figur, Er trägt eine dunkle Lederkombi, gelbes Hemd, gelbes Blouson.

Der Täter:
Er ist 1,80 m groß, hat auffallende O-Belie, dunkle Haare, sehr gutes Gesichtsprofil, spricht mit Berliner Akzent.

Der Täter:
Hochste mit einer Kopfverletzung, in der Hand eine Pistole, Typ, der 25 bis 30 Jahre alt ist.

Die Auto-Bombe!

Kofferraum des Wagens war vollgepackt mit hochbrisanten Werfer-Granaten

Höllensunden der Angst in der Nacht vom 30. auf den 31. Oktober 84: der Autobomben-Explosion vor dem Mietshaus in der Tempelhofer Allee 69 in Berlin. Die Granaten eines US-Tankbogens, 56 - in unmittelbarer Nähe Polizei und Bewohner der Häuser belüchelten die Luft. Die Granaten schienen unmittelbar eine weitere Explosion zu provozieren. In dem Wrack des explodierten Autos, in dessen Kofferraum eine geballte Ladung Werfer-



Am 1. Dome Spurensuche bis in die Nacht
 Granaten hochgepackt mit Handwerfergranaten. Die Granaten wurden plötzlich eine inaktive Granate, die sich auf der Straße befand. Die Granaten wurden plötzlich eine inaktive Granate, die sich auf der Straße befand.

Das Bomben-Auto am Te-Dome
 Die Explosion, die das gesamte Heck des Pkw zerstörte, war so heftig, dass noch eine inaktive Granate im Wrack lag. Die Polizei fragt die Berliner: Wer hat den Wagen mit Fernsprekabeln beladung?

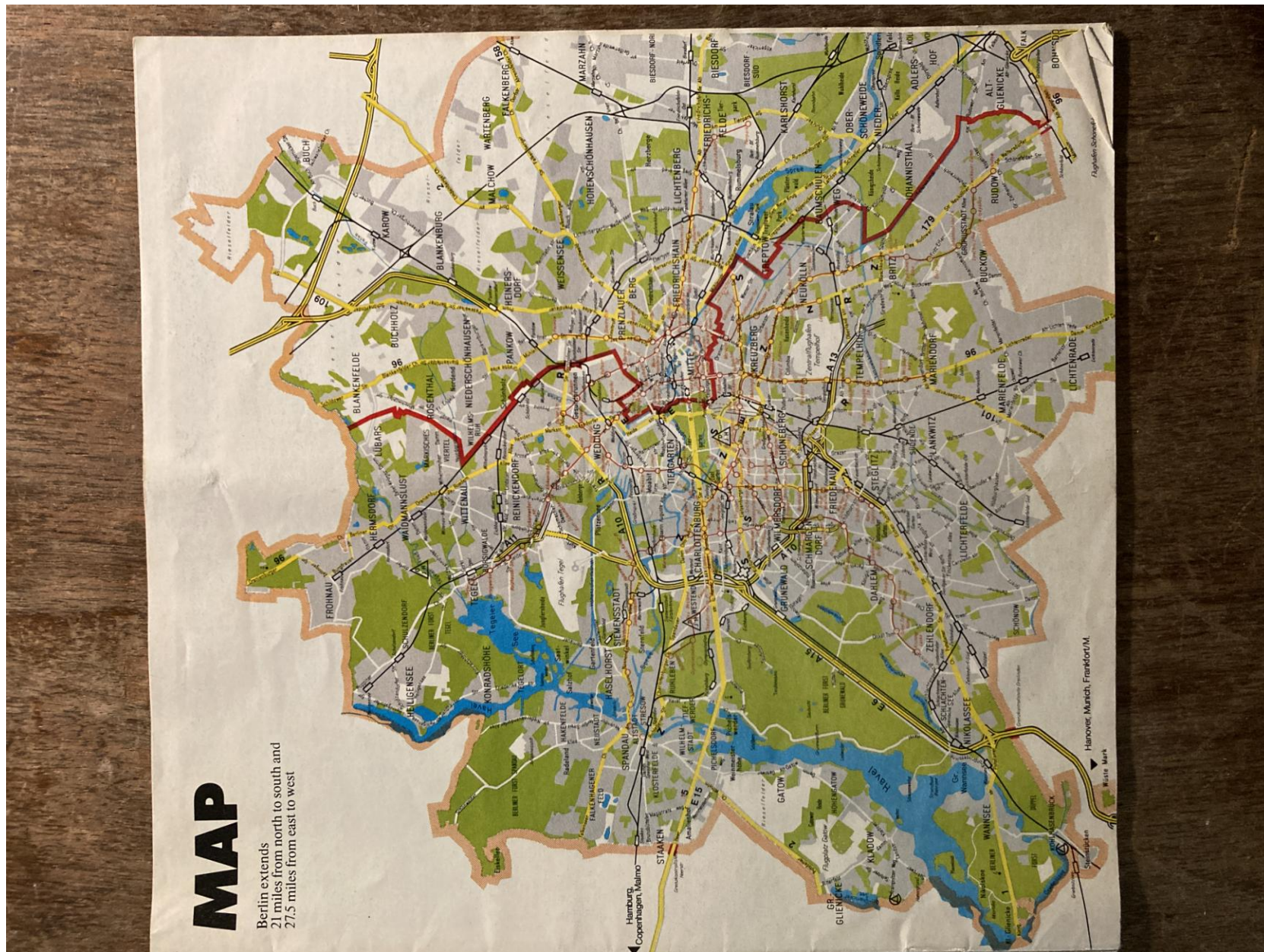
Berliner Autofahrer verfolgte den Attentäter, der zu Fuß flüchtete
 Stichtflamme und Trümmer-Regen

Wohnungsfenster
 Lautsprecher warnten Bewohner: Bleiben Sie nicht am Fenster stehen! Gehen Sie in ihre hinteren Räume!

Explosionsdruck zertrümmerte

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 Caravans
 die ersten 87er
 Diamanten ...
 der Abstand ist jetzt noch deutlicher!



SEHR GEEHRTER FAHRGAST,

falls Sie zu den Gästen Berlins zählen, dürfen wir Sie recht herzlich in unserer „Berlin ist eine Reise wert“-Stadt begrüßen. Sicher kann man mit dem Pkw Berlin auch „erfahren“. Wir empfehlen jedoch die BVG. „Berlin tut gut“ werden Sie sagen, wenn Sie ohne Streß und Parkplatzprobleme mit den BVG-Verkehrsmitteln unsere interessante, weltoffene und auch grüne Stadt kennenlernen. Eine große Hilfe dabei sind unsere 24-Stunden- bzw. 2- oder 4-Tage-Touristenkarten. Einmal bezahlt und beliebig oft im gesamten BVG-Netz (Autobus, U- und S-Bahn) gefahren. Diese Fahrausweise sind in allen auf dem umseitig abgebildeten Schnellbahnnetz besonders gekennzeichneten Bahnhöfen entweder an den personalbesetzten Fahrscheinausgaben oder aus Automaten erhältlich. Als Wegweiser zu den Sehenswürdigkeiten unserer Stadt möge Ihnen das **BVG-Liniennetz** (2,- DM) oder das **BVG-Fahrplanheft** (2,50 DM) dienen. Sie erhalten diese Informationen an allen personalbesetzten Zugängen der U- und S-Bahn und in den durch besonderen Aushang gekennzeichneten privaten Verkaufsstellen der BVG. Falls Sie es nicht vorziehen, mit unserer vorteilhaften 24-Stunden- oder 2- bzw. 4-Tage-Touristenkarte zu fahren, geben wir Ihnen noch einige **wichtige Informationen**: Die meisten U- und S-Bahnhöfe sind mit Fahrausweis-Automaten sowie **Entwertern für Sammelkarten** ausgestattet. Bitte, **halten Sie möglichst passende Münzbeträge bereit**. Wenn Sie unsere um 20 Pf. je Fahrt verbilligten **im Vorverkauf erhältlichen Sammelkarten** benutzen, sind Sie weitgehend unabhängig vom Kleingeld. Außer aus Automaten sind sie an den Stellen erhältlich, wo Sie auch Fahrplanhefte und Liniennetze erhalten. Die **Sammelkarte ist vor Fahrtantritt durch Sperrenpersonal bzw. mittels Entwerter zu entwertern**. Die zahlreichen sperrenfreien Zugänge machen gelegentliche Fahrausweiskontrollen erforderlich. Bitte, haben Sie Verständnis dafür. Bei den Fahrern der Einmann-Autobusse sind Sammelkarten nicht erhältlich. Machen Sie daher bitte von der Vorverkaufsmöglichkeit Gebrauch. Während der Fahrt durch den Ostteil der Stadt dürfen die Züge der BVG nur auf dem Bahnhof Friedrichstraße halten, um ein Umsteigen (U 6, S 2, S 3) bzw. den Besuch des anderen Stadtteils zu ermöglichen. Für die **Rückfahrt vom Bhf. Friedrichstraße** gelten alle diesen Bahnhof beinhaltenden Zeitfahrausweise – auch 24-Stunden- und Touristenkarten. **Fahrgästen ohne Zeitfahrausweis** empfehlen wir die **Mitnahme einer BVG-Sammelkarte**. Sie ist für die **Rückfahrt** in einem der roten BVG-Entwerter zu **entwertern**. Eine im Bhf. Friedrichstraße oder einem anderen Bahnhof im Ostteil der Stadt bzw. der DDR gelöste S-Bahnfahrkarte der Preisstufe 10 gilt nicht zum Umsteigen in den Autobus.

Die BVG wünscht Ihnen gute Fahrt!

Gültigkeiten der 24-Stunden- bzw. Touristenkarte:

	U	S	BN	Δ	Schiff Wannsee-Kladow	1 Gepäck bzw. 1 Tier	1 Kind *)
24-Std.-karte	ja	ja	ja	nein	nein	frei	frei
Tour.karte	ja	ja	ja	nein	ja	frei	frei

*) Kinder vom vollendeten 6. bis zum vollendeten 14. Lebensjahr

Verkehrstarif

Gültig bis 30. April 1986, ab 1. Mai 1986 Preise in ()

Sammelkarten, Fahrscheine	DM
Sammelkarte 5 Fahrten mit Umsteigeberechtigung	9,50 (10,-)
Ermäßigungssammelkarte 5 Fahrten mit Umsteigeberechtigung für Kinder 1) und Arbeitslose 2)	5,30 (6,-)
Fahrschein mit Umsteigeberechtigung Ermäßigungsfahrschein mit Umsteigeberechtigung für Kinder 1), Arbeitslose 2) und Senioren 3)	2,10 (2,20) 1,30 (1,40)
Ein fahrgeldpflichtiges Gepäckstück oder Tier Sonderfahrkarte für Bus 19 u. 29 zwischen Rathenau- u. Wittenbergpl. (ohne Umsteigen)	Ermäßigungstarif 1,- (1,-)
Autobus-Δ- u. Sonderlinien (ohne Umsteigen)	Sondertarif

- 1) Über 14 Jahre nur mit gültigem Berliner Schülerausweis I
- 2) Nur mit gültiger BVG-Grundkarte bzw.
- 3) Nur mit gültiger Seniorenkarte während der Nachmittags-Sperrzeit

Zeitfahrausweise – Preise in DM –	Monats-Wertmarken	7-Tage-Wertmarken (gültig So–Sbd)	5-Tage-Wertmarken (gültig Mo–Fr)
Wertmarkenbezeichnung	Wahlmöglichkeiten – a) oder b) oder c) –		
1 A/B	a) 1 Bahn-Netzteil b) 1 Autobuslinie bzw. Schiff	60,- (67,-)*	15,- (16,50) 13,- (14,50)
2 A/B	a) Bahn-Netz b) 1 Bahn-Netzteil u. 1 Autobuslinie c) 2 Autobuslinien	67,- (74,-)*	17,50 (19,-) 15,- (16,50)
3 A/B	a) Bahn-Netz und 1 Autobuslinie b) 1 Bahn-Netzteil u. 2 Autobuslinien c) 3 Autobuslinien	70,- (77,-)*	19,50 (21,-) 16,50 (18,-)
Gesamt-netz	a) persönlich b) übertragbar	155,- (195,-)*	(900,-) (990,-)
Schüler 3 A/B	a) Bahn-Netz und 1 Autobuslinie b) 1 Bahn-Netzteil u. 2 Autobuslinien c) 3 Autobuslinien	24,- (26,-)*	
Schüler-netz	Gesamt-netz – ausgen. Schiff –	42,- (45,-)*	
Senioren Normaltarif	Gesamt-netz	44,- (47,-)*	
Senioren Ermäßigung	Gesamt-netz	10,- (10,-)	
Ar Grund-karte	Arbeitslosen-grundkarte	–,35 (–,35)	
Familien-paß	Berechtigungsausweis	6,- (6,50)	

24-Stunden-Karte (Gesamt-netz – ausgen. Schiff) 9,- (7,50) DM

Touristenkarte – Gesamt-netz –	für 2 Tage	für 4 Tage
Erwachsene	18,- (15,-) DM	36,- (30,-) DM
Kinder ab vollendetem 6. bis zum vollendeten 14. Lebensjahr	11,- (9,-) DM	22,- (18,-) DM

* Auch bis 3 Monate vor Tarifwechsel als 3-Monats-Wertmarke im Angebot.

Beachten Sie bitte auch die Tarifbestimmungen!

Schnellbahnnetz



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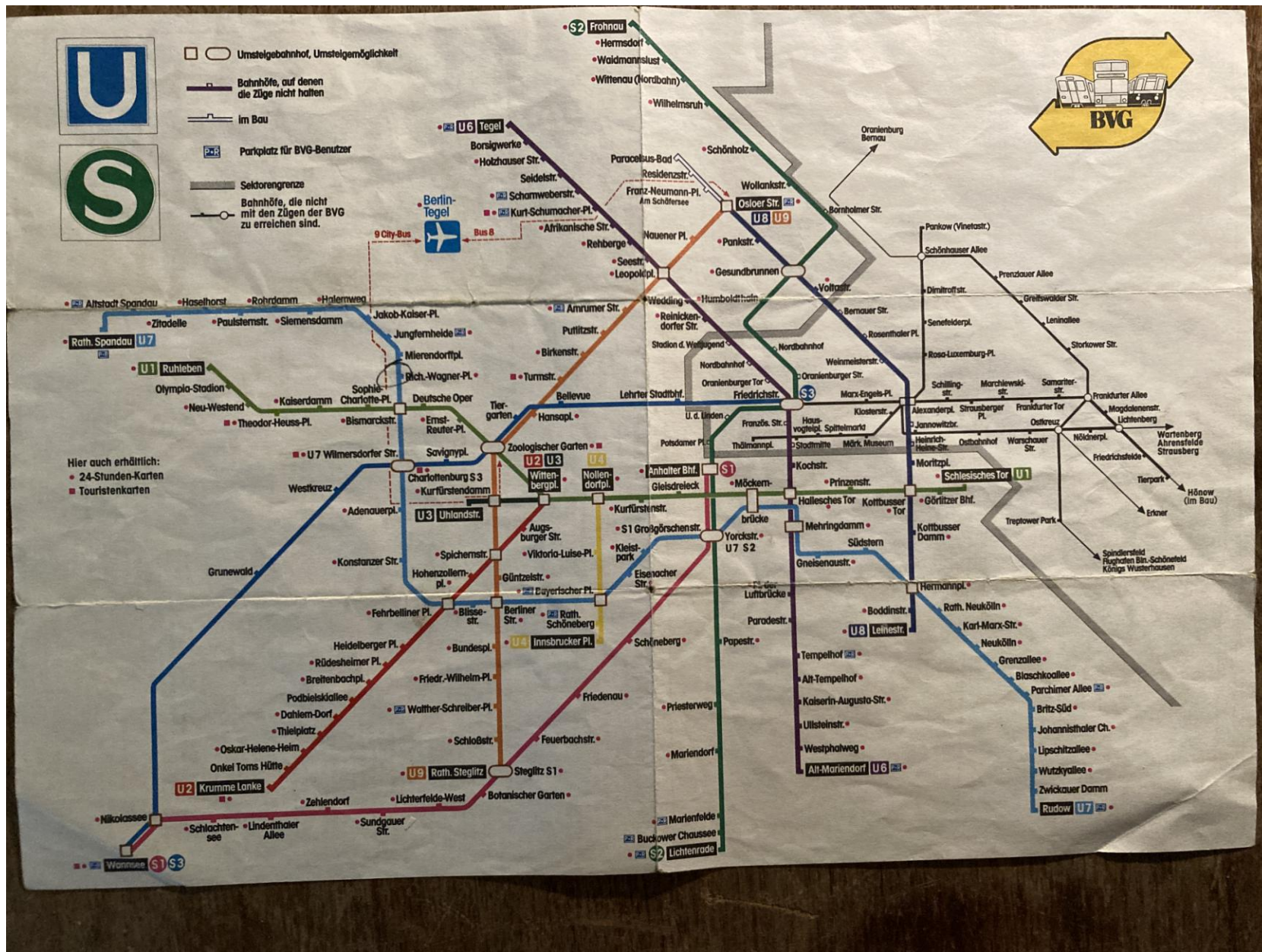
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184, Tel. 2 16 14 13



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American style (beacon and
fried eggs), we drove to
Gerda Heimatsch near
Dortmund for Kaffee and
Kuchen and a two hour
chat - Her children are still
so small (11 and 8, I think).
Gerda hasn't changed. Unfortunately
her husband was out of town.

Then back to Herford to
Diethard's place for the
night.

Monday, 27 Oct. '86

The big day, the
trip to Berlin, Autobahn
to Helmstedt. We were
surprised by a sign
"Allies" over one lane. Did
that mean us? We followed

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it, and it turned out that we were considered military since we had id. cards for retired military. That meant that we had to replace our Dutch license plates with special American ones, just for the transit road to Checkpoint Bravo. The we were given special documents and a folder full of instructions about do's and don'ts, main thing: communicate with nobody but Russian uniformed personnel. There were several Russian soldiers who checked our papers and walked around the car. They were so young! One of them looked like he was homesick for

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bm's mother and tried to
look brave. Heins, like
every driver, had to salute,
i.e. return their salute
every time they approached him
after he left the car for
another checking of the papers.

We were not allowed to
stop at the interships and
restaurants along the
Transit Road because of our
military status.

Maximum km/hour: 100,
an easy pace not kept by
many Mercedes drivers.

The landscape is barely
hilly, mostly fields, ~~but~~ and
the settlements all looked

like they've been there for
a long, long time, almost
nothing new and few

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repairs were done to the
exterior like the shower.
Exciting all that!!

We had to turn the
plates back in at Checkpoint
Biraro. They had no philips
screwdriver there for us to use.

We made it without
major problems (oh wonder)

to the Girstehaus am

Tegler See where Rudi had

made reservations (138 DM

pro Nacht). Room with TV,

shower, WC and view to

the Tegler See between several

houses. The area is re-built

or kept up as Alt-Tegler

with pedestrian areas and

a lot of small shops and

pubs and cafes, restaurants.

We parked the car in the

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Hotel parking lot and took
the U-Bahn to the Kupferstein:

Damm - lights, people,
vendor shopping, horrendous
prices, lots of cafes and
restaurants. We stopped for
coffee and cake in Café Krugler,
one has to, surprisingly, buy
service: Gedächtnisbrücke by night.

The U-Bahn system is simply
great, trains go in all directions
at all times, everybody uses
them, even sleep, and nobody
seems to check tickets. But I
let the day I decide to travel
without a ticket an inspector
will hop on the wagon. We
called Rucki to tell him we arrived.

Dienstag, 28 Oct. 86

U-bahn to Ku'damm.
We took a guided tour with

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a BV? bus and saw
most of West Berlin's sights
from the outside including
"the wall" which is quite a
tourist attraction with
numerous stands in some
places. The tour was well
worth the 20,- DM.

Afternoon via U-bahn
and bus to Charlottenburg

Schloß, summer residence
and then some of the Hohenzollern
König, destroyed in
WW 2 and restored. The most

memorable experience was
the poor organization of the
tours through the Schloß and
the muddy guides. They
try everything possible to keep
you from coming back including
remarks like: "as everybody
knows and I don't have to

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explain ... "There is little
of personal belongings in
Charlottenburg (destroyed?)
in possession of the descendants?)

We called Rudi and, after
many tries, reached Elke:
Rudi had to be taken to
a hospital last night.
He had colic's, maybe
kidney stones. They don't
know yet, so we did not
have supper together as
planned, of course.

Wednesday 29 Oct 86

After a thorough breakfast
in our hotel with eggs, yoghurt,
sausages etc. (self service)
We hurried to the 1/2u-damm
for a bus tour through East -

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Berlin. Of course, we saw
mainly the show case roads
and sights and had an
east German lady guide.
It seems that most major
historical buildings are in the
east sector and most of them
have been restored pain-
stakingly to their pre-war
grandeur. The many blocks
of apartment highrises after
highrises look rather depressing.
Even our guide bemoaned
the fact that many a family
with 4 people occupy a two-
room - apartment. However,
there are enough cars
(Wartburg and Trabant) to
cause parking problems.
We had to stop at a Russian
War memorial and walk up
to it for an explanation

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of Russian good deeds
during the storming of
Berlin.

Impressing in a strange way
is also the general lack of flowers,
one family homes and bicycles.

On this bus tour we had
no East German money to
get rid of. The route
chosen for the tour gave
ample opportunity to
show off the reconstruction
and progress.

Afternoon: Nephretete
Egyptian Museum. The
sight of this ever-beautiful
head was an experience.

The entire museum is full
of items one has to marvel
at. So many years ago
and with such skill and

Grace were all the items
created.

Then a visit to Charlottenburg
to view the wing or
Friedrich der Grosse (pompous)
and a china exhibition
"Gustoriborsky to KMF".

30 Oct, Thursday.

We went to East Berlin
in our rental car via
Checkpoint Charlie.

Alends: "Stache & Schweine"

30 Oct, Thursday.

It might be silly, but
I didn't want to put our
experiences of the day into
writing until we were back
in West Germany.

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We had just passed the
West Berlin border guard,
crossed the white line and
were waiting in our car to
have our papers checked, when
a loud siren shattered the
air. An East German guard
whom I was watching looking
a gate, startled, looked around
frantically, grabbed his
gun and ran towards the
white line past our car,
and there, just a few
yards away from us
and less than 10 yards
from the border line,
two young men threw
themselves on the ground
and were immediately
surrounded by at least

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half a dozen E. G. Kopcke
guards, some with
machine guns. They were
roughed, handcuffed and
pushed into a nearby building.

We were too surprised to

take cover or to take a
picture. If we had taken a

picture we might have

gotten rid of our camera

or worse. The poor jump.

They'll be in prison for a

long time. Ten more

years in the Gump world. 4 weeks

because the Gump world would have shot
them, but there is a new policy.

We were checked through

without problems after that.

Parking was a problem

and drivers, too. People

drove unpredictably.

We had to exchange

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25-JM into 25, - Mark per
person at the border. It
had to be spent,

First we visited the
homonymous Pergamon
Museum where ancient
buildings (parts thereof)
incl. ~~the~~ the Temple of
Pergamon are set up.
Very amazing and, I think,
unique. "Museum"

Lunch in a "Restaurant"
good, clean, just like
in the West and cheaper,
but one knows that the
area around "Unter den
Eichen" with all the
embassies and tourist
attractions, mainly all
those world famous

museum, are the showplace
of the DDR.

So we drove away from
there and stopped in Panitzsch.
Apartment blocs after
apartment blocs, some very
old, most of Hitler's days,
some newer. Not a single
one family home. We

went shopping in a Kaufhalle.

There were basic foods,

but nothing imported, no

orange, no banana,

hardly any meat, but sausages,

a lot of cabbages. We

brought basic Christmas

cookies, Pfefferkuchen,

Yulekuchen, Spekulatius.

They taste okay.

Then we saw a small

Konditorei and found out

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that we had enough marks
left over for a piece of cake
and a cup of coffee ($\frac{1}{3}$ of
the West Berlin prices). We
joined couple (in their late
30's?) at a table and a
conversation started. We
did not mention that we
were Americans, because we
had heard that people might
have trouble for mixing
with Western allies. We did
not discuss this, we just
kept it quiet kind of
instinctively. The couple,
he a waiter, she an
invalid who is allowed to
go to the West whenever she
wants to, invited us to
their apartment to show-
us how they live. They

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have a 15 year old son
who was not at home.
Then 3 room plus kitchen
place was cozy, with
central heat, bath, telephone
and 2 TVs. They also
have (I think she said
own) a small lot with
a summer house where they
live for 6 months of the year,
but they can't get a phone
there. They own a car for
which they had to wait ten
years. They seem to talk
rather freely, but we
had no political dis-
cussions other than that
we all thought Gorbachev
is much more likable
than the previous guys
in this position.

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We exchanged addresses:
Who knows.

Hans was glad to leave
East Berlin because the
driving got on his nerves,
and to that we were
nervous about what would
happen if we were involved
in an accident.

We still had a few E.G.
Pemmpe left when we
crossed into the West, but
the guard let us keep
them, a new policy.

As we wanted to drive
past Tempelhof Flughafen,
police closed off the entire
area and counsel

quite a stir: a car
with explosives had
exploded on the road

we had taken had we
been there just a little
earlier.

We made it to the
performance of the
"Stachelschwein" too
late but in one piece
(two pieces, actually,
his and hers). Political
cabaret, satire, very
well done with excellent
timing.

Freitag, 31 Oct.

We are coming down with a cold.

U-bahn to Hauptplatz, walked to the Siegesmael on the via triumphalis, at one end the Brandenburger Tor, then the Siegesmael and then straight West for a few more kilometers.

Bus to Reichstagsgebäude which has been restored and offers at this time a superb exhibition titled something like "Fragen zur Geschichte" German history from around 1800 to now. We would have liked to stay all day!

Walk along The Wall through a park-like setting. The Mauer is painted with graffiti, some political, some obscenities, some declarations of love. An eerie feeling to climb the outposts

set up for a peek across the
Mauer and the vacant strip
of land into the world
behind the iron curtain."

We had invited Rudi,
Elke and his stepmother
for dinner in the See-Bauke,
the restaurant in our hotel.
But only Elke and her mother
came, Rudi was at home but
too sick from his kidney stone.

After dinner we drove to their
house on Strayße 30 for a
look. Rudi looked pale
and exhausted. He is waiting
for an appointment in the
hospital to have the stone
removed, trying to survive
on suppositories until
Monday or Tuesday. While we
had a glass of wine in the

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basement boat, Rudi had
to go back to bed in pain.
Why could they not operate
last week? "Man my's
erst auf einen Termin warten."

A nice house with terrace and
small ~~go~~ yard; basement = bath,
ground floor = living + kitchen,
2nd floor = sleeping areas, attic =
2 offices, ^{lino} and bars.

Our cold is getting worse!
we keep each other awake with
snuffing and puffing.

Saturday, 1 Nov. 86
Up at 5 a.m. because the
family reunion in Hamburg
starts at 3 p.m. Leaving
Berlin at Checkpoint Bravo.
We had to use the same route
out of Berlin that we had

taken in which is probably a Russian request so they can keep their records straight about who's in and who's out.

Ran all along the transit route, and half hour stops to get the papers checked, license plates exchanged etc.

We made it to Hamburg a little late and checked into

the Baseler Hospiz around

2:45 p.m.

Alexander was there from Italy, looked exactly like the kid when he was four only much longer, a friendly fellow, talks easily in fluent German, no accent, and behaves like he had been brought up in the best of social circles in Germany, including hand kissing etc.

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