

EDITORIAL

ONCE UPON A TIME IN BERLIN

NO, THIS IS NOT A FAIRYTALE BOOK. IT'S STILL A MAGAZINE, BASED ON REALITY. ALTHOUGH IN SOME WAYS THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A FAIRYTALE AND A VALEUR REPORT AREN'T THAT BIG, BECAUSE EXCITING STORIES AND INTERESTING PEOPLE ALSO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE FOR US.

AROUND THE WORLD, WE CAN COME ACROSS EXCITING, FASCINATING, FRIGHTENING, SAD, FUNNY AND AUTHENTIC STORIES. STORIES TOLD BY PEOPLE, WHO KNOW THE VALUES OF THEIR HOME PLACE BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE AND WHO GIVE US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ONE WORLD WE ALL SHARE.

IT IS ALWAYS WORTH LEARNING MORE ABOUT PEOPLE, THEIR HISTORY AND TRADITIONS, ART, CULTURE, PASSIONS - THEIR LIFE AND THEIR VALUES.

IN THE DAILY NEWS, CONFLICTS AND BAD NEWS ARE ALWAYS DOMINATING. HOWEVER, WE ARE SURE THAT WE ARE ALL MORE UNITED THAN WE ARE DIVIDED. THAT'S WHY WE, THE VALEUR GUIDES. HAVE JOINED FORCES TO MEET IMPRESSIVE PERSONALITIES AROUND THE WORLD.





THE VISION SHOWING THAT WE ALL SHARE THE SAME HOME, ONE WORLD, THAT IS SO BEAUTIFUL YET SO FRAGILE.

THE MISSION EXPLORING, APPRECIATING AND PRESERVING THE WORLD'S **DIVERSE VALUES.**





WHICH LEADS US EVERY MONTH FOR 7 DAYS EACH TO A SPECIAL PLACE AROUND THE GLOBE.

THEREFORE, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ONE WORLD DISCOVERY.

LET'S START IN A CITY, THAT IS THE SYMBOL OF DIVERSITY, UNITIY AND FREEDOM: BERLIN.

JUST LIKE US. COMING FROM DIFFERENT CITIES AND COUNTIES, LOTS OF PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD ARE DRAWN TO BERLIN.

EVERY CITY HAS ITS PROBLEMS, BUT THE FASCINATING PART IS, THAT HERE, ALL PEOPLE, NO MATTER THEIR RELIGION, CULTURE OR ORIGIN LIVE IN PEACE, SIDE BY SIDE. FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, A LARGE DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE HAS BEEN INSPIRING EACH OTHER TO GREAT THINGS.

THIS MAKES BERLIN A PERFECT PLACE TO START THE

ONE WORLD DISCOVERY.

OF COURSE, 7 DAYS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO GET TO KNOW THIS CITY IN DETAIL, BECAUSE OF ITS COMPLEX HISTORY. BUT WE CAN POINT OUT SOME THINGS THAT MAKE BERLIN UNIQUE.



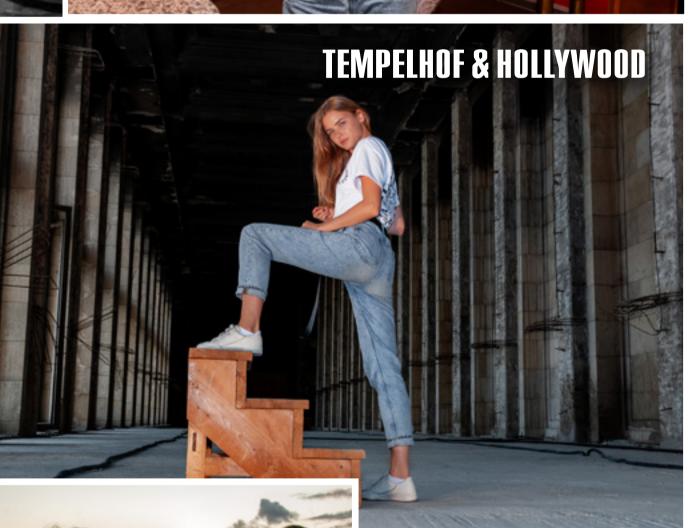


TECHNIKMUSEUM II: RAILROAD EXHIBITION











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IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE

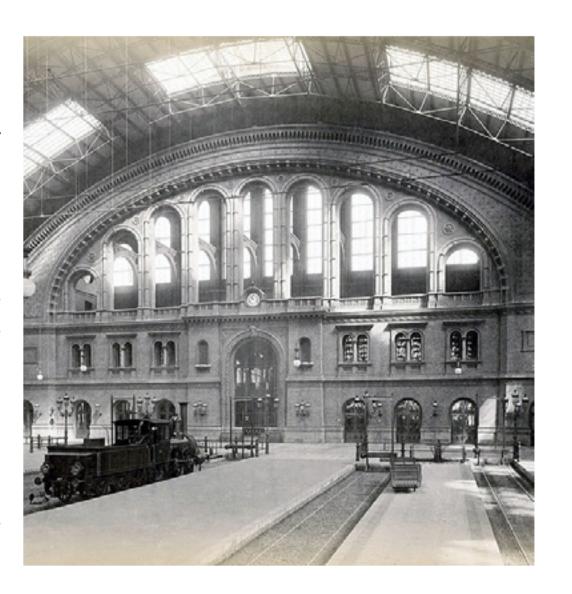
ANHALTER BAHN CONNECTED BERLIN WITH THE PRINCIPALITY OR DUCHY OF ANHALT, NOW PART OF THE STATE OF SAXONY-ANHALT.

ANHALTER BAHNHOF **

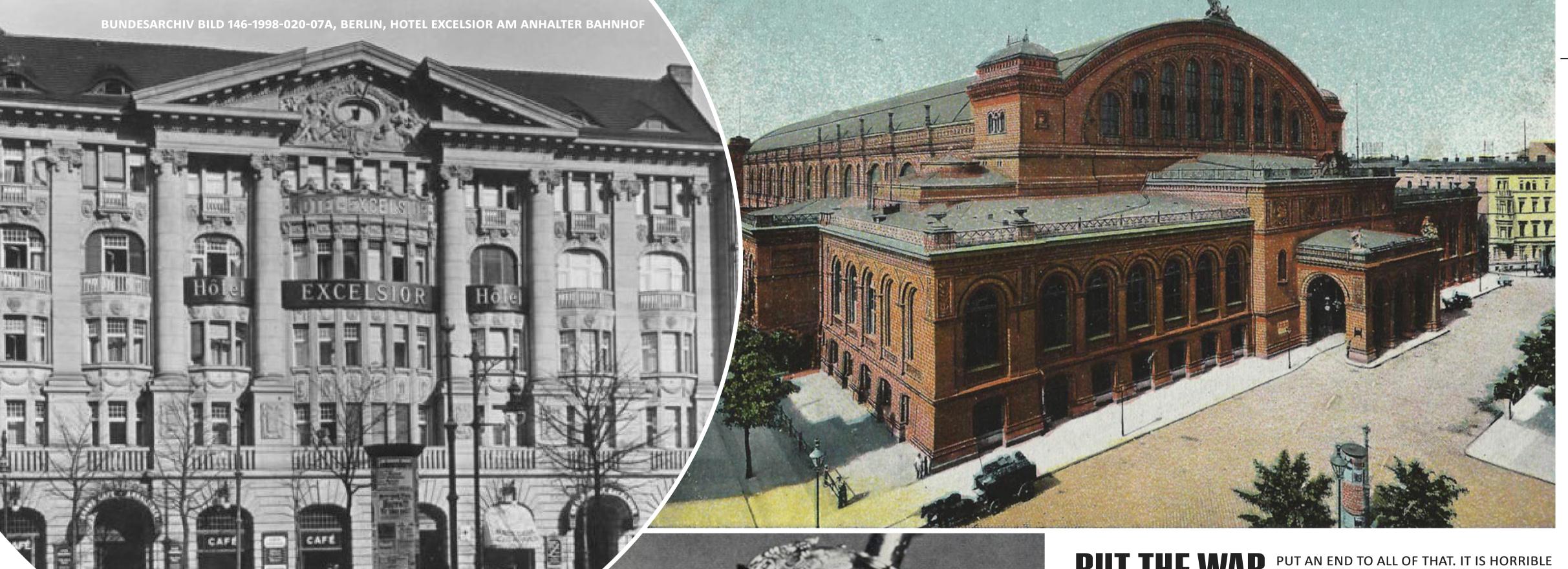
A LONG-DISTANCE RAILWAY STATION IN BERLIN-KREUZ-BERG, BUILT BY THE "BERLIN-ANHALTISCHE EISEN-BAHNGESELLSCHAFT" (RAILROAD COMPANY).

THE FIRST STATION WAS BUILT

IN 1841, DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE (BACK THEN) ANHALTER TOR. THE TERMINAL STATION WAS LOCATED AT ASKANISCHER PLATZ, NEAR POTSDAMER PLATZ.



THE LARGE HALL HAD SPACE FOR UP TO 40,000 PEOPLE. THE IMPOSING BUILDING CONNECTED NOT ONLY GERMAN TERRITORIES - BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR, IT WAS A CONNECTION POINT TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, ITALY, AND FRANCE. PEOPLE CALLED IT "ANHALTER" OR "GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH" AS SHORT VERSIONS.



THERE IS AN INTERESTING STORY

ABOUT THE CEREMONIAL OPENING IN THE SUMMER OF 1880. REFERRING TO THE SPEECH OF EMPEROR WILHELM I. WHO PROCLAIMED:

"A NEW ERA HAS BEGUN, THE RAILWAY AGE",
THE OTHERWISE SO FUTURE-ORIENTATED CHANCELLOR

OTTO VON BISMARCK COMMENTED THE OPENING NEGATIVELY:

"THESE RAILWAYS, THEY ONLY HINDER TRAFFIC."

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY, THE STATION HAD A CERTAIN GLOW. ONE OF ITS SPECIAL FEATURES WAS THE "LONGEST HOTEL TUNNEL IN THE WORLD" WHICH DIRECTLY LED FROM THE STATION TO THE

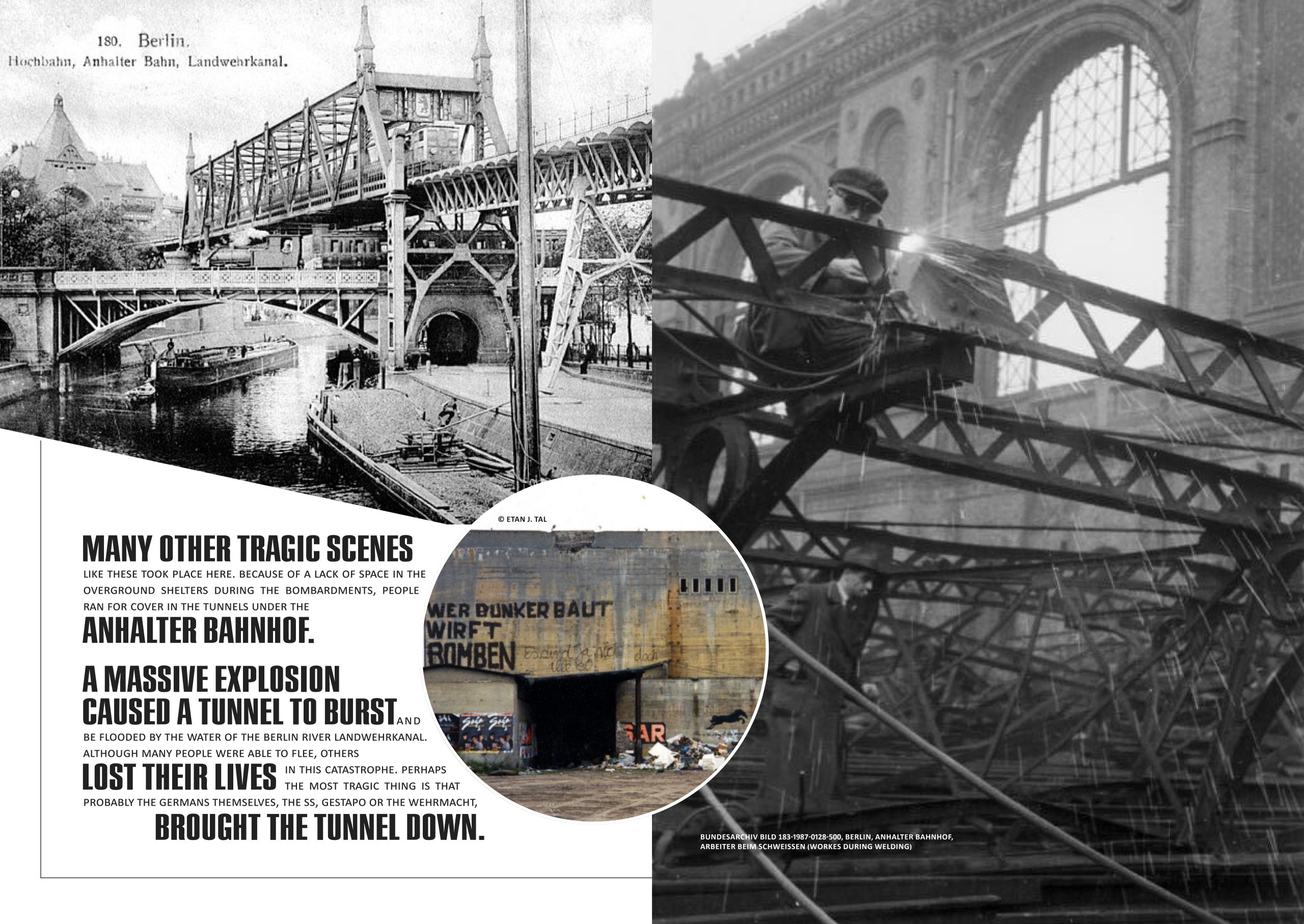
HOTEL EXCELSION (SEE DAY 1) AT POTSDAMER PLATZ. DURING THE ROARING TWENTIES, THE WHO IS WHO OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY, POLITICS AND ART SCENE MET HERE.

BUT THE WAR PUT AN END TO ALL OF THAT. IT IS HORRIBLE TO IMAGINE THAT PEOPLE WERE DEPORTED FROM HERE TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMP THERESIENSTADT. AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE STATION WAS DESTROYED BY ATTACKS OF THE ALLIES.



AN OFFICER OF A GERMAN TANK UNIT REPORTED:

"NEW COMMAND POST ANHALTER BAHNHOF. PLATFORMS AND COUNTER ROOMS ARE RESEMBLING ARMY CAMPS. WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE CROWDED INTO NICHES AND CORNERS. OTHERS SIT IN THEIR FOLDING CHAIRS. THEY LISTEN TO THE NOISE OF THE FIGHTING. THE TUNNEL CEILINGS ARE SHAKING. PIECES OF CONCRETE BREAK DOWN. A SMELL OF POWDER AND CLOUDS OF SMOKE ARE IN THE SHAFTS. HOSPITAL TRAINS OF THE S-BAHN SLOWLY CONTINUE TO ROLL." - DIARY PANZER DIVISION MÜNCHEBERG: APRIL 26, 1945.

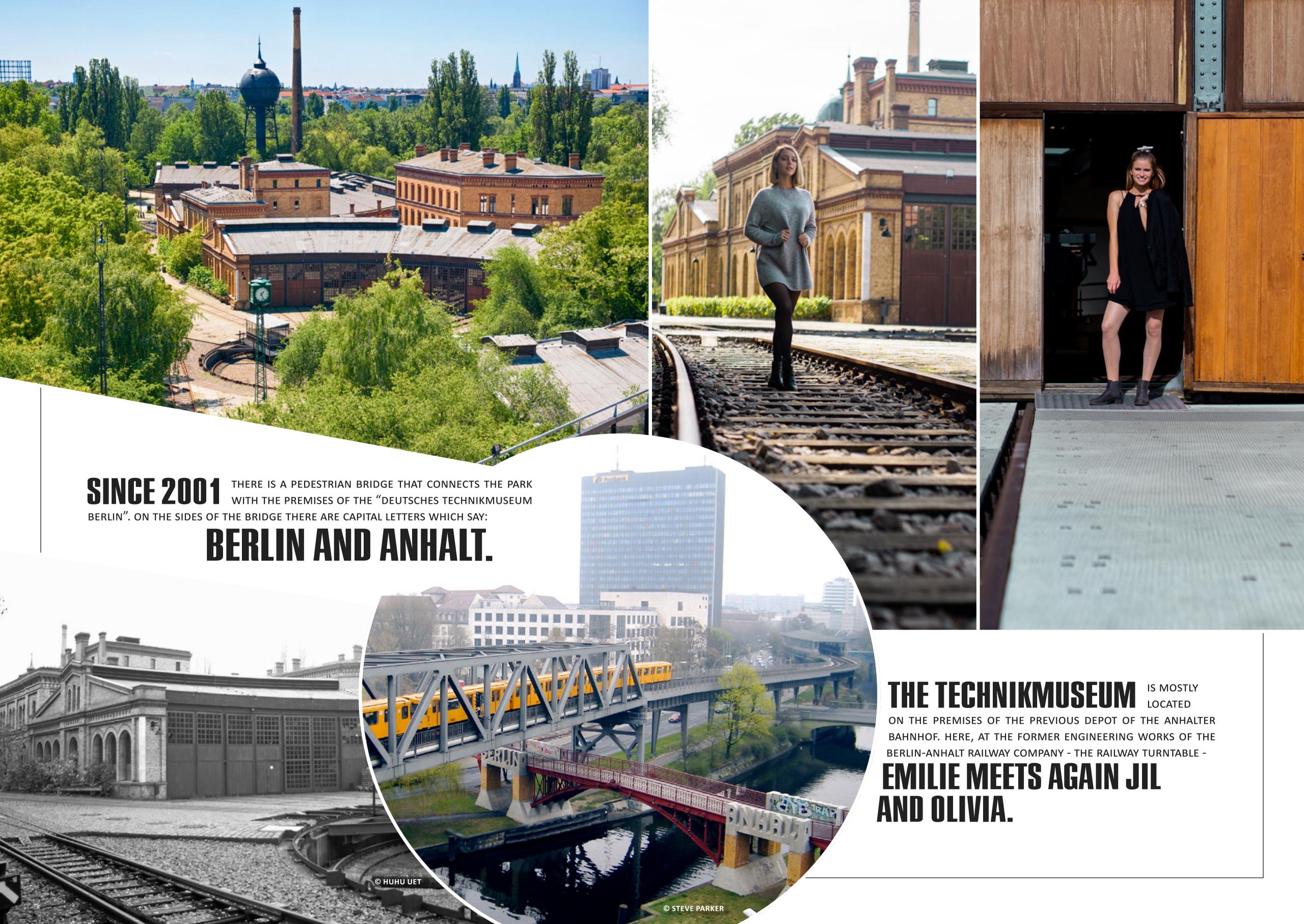














TAKING A CLOSER LOOK,

RARE PLANTS CAN BE FOUND. IN THE FIRST ENGINE SHED, A GROUP OF THREE FULLY OVERGROWN TRACKS REMINDS US THAT THE PLACE HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR THIRTY YEARS.

THE PLANTS WHICH ARE GROWING HERE INCLUDE THE MAHALEB CHERRY (NORMALLY A MEDITERRANEAN PLANT), GIANT KNOTWEED (NATIVE TO SIBERIA) AND THE MEDICINAL HERBS EVENING PRIMROSE AND LADY'S MANTLE.

THE ENGINE SHED

WAS BUILT IN 1874 BUT IT LOOKS BRAND NEW. THAT IS BECAUSE THE TECHNIKMU-SEUM DOESN'T ONLY PRESENT TECHNI-CAL ACQUISITIONS, BUT IT PRESERVES

THEM AND THEREBY BERLIN'S HISTORY.

THE SIGNAL BOX

AND MANY MORE BUILDINGS OF THE OLD RAILWAY PREMISES WERE CARE-FULLY RESTORED.

THE PLANTS THAT GREW OVER THE

AREA ARE ALSO BEING PROTECTED: THE RUINS HAVE FORMED A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE.





















































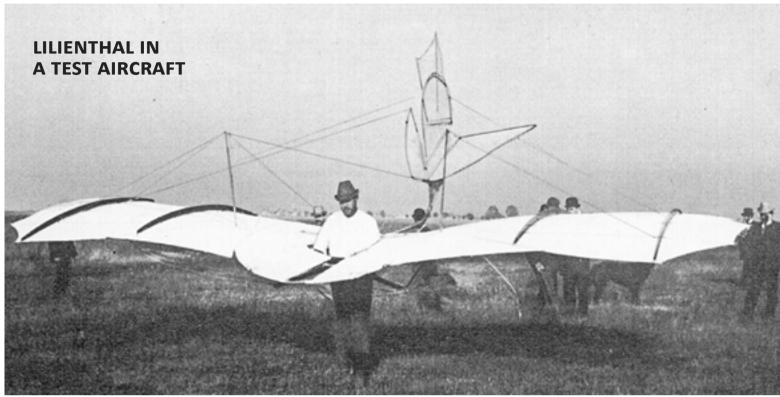


BUT IT WAS IN BERLIN,

WHERE THE FIRST PERSON WHO MADE A CONTROLLED FLIGHT WITH A GLIDER AND WHO ALSO REPEATED IT SEVERAL TIMES. THIS

PIONEER OF AVIATION WAS OTTO LILIENTHA

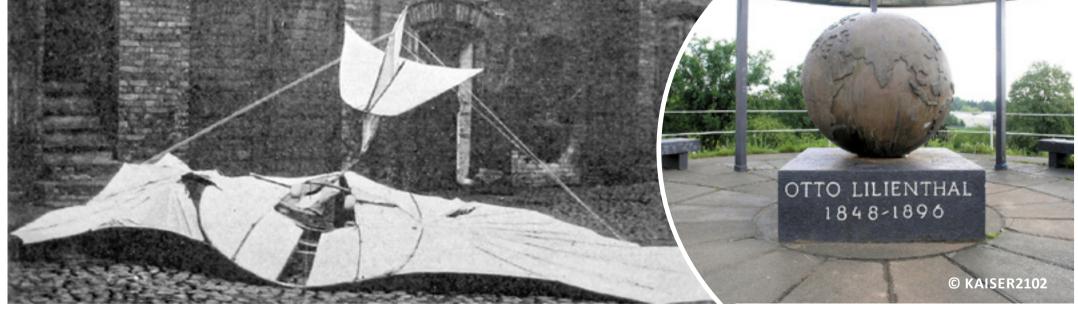




HE SACRIFICED LITERALLY HIS LIFE TO AVIATION. LILIENTHAL WAS THE FIRST KNOWN ENGINEER TO BUILT AN APPARATUS THAT CAN BE CONSI-

DERED AS A PREDECESSOR OF A MODERN WIND TUNNEL. A TOOL TO TEST THE AERODYNAMIC OF PLANES, CARS, BIKES, AND OTHER VEHICLES.

ONE DAY, LILIENTHAL WANTED TO TEST NEW IMPROVEMENTS TO HIS GLIDERS. AS USUAL, HE DID IT AT THE RHINOW HILLS, CLOSE TO BERLIN. IT WAS THE 9TH OF AUGUST 1896. THE WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE PERFECT. WITH THE FIRST THREE FLIGHTS, HE REACHED A DISTANCE OF 250 METERS (820 FT) ON THAT DAY.



BUT THEN THE WEATHER CHANGED. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING THE FOURTH FLIGHT, HIS GLIDER WAS HIT BY A GUST OF WIND. OTTO LILIENTHAL'S ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE AIRCRAFT FAILED AND HE FELL FROM A HEIGHT OF 15 METERS (19FT). HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE NEXT VILLAGE BY A HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE AND LATER VIA TRAIN TO BERLIN, WHERE HE DIED THE NEXT DAY. HIS LAST WORDS AREN'T PROVEN. BUT ON HIS TOMBSTONE, IT SAYS: "OPFER MÜSSEN GEBRACHT WERDEN" (SACRIFICES MUST BE MADE). OTTO LILIENTHAL,

THE PIONEER OF AVIATION IS BURIED AT THE LANKWITZ PUBLIC CEMETERY IN BERLIN.







THE WRECK OF A JUNKERS JU 87 DIVE BOMBER

GIVES AN IDEA OF THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF MILITARY AVIATION. DURING THE 2ND WORLD WAR, A

SO-CALLED STUKA. IT IS THE ABBREVIATION OF THE GERMAN WORD "STURZKAMPFFLUGZEUG" (DIVE-BOMBER). THEY WERE EQUIPPED WITH WIND-DRIVEN SIRENS WHICH WERE ATTACHED TO THE

LANDING GEAR. EVEN THE BOMBS WERE EQUIPPED WITH SIRENS. WHEN THE STUKA STARTED A DIVE

THE SIRENS MADE A HORRIBLE NOISE. SO THE STUKA COULD BE HEARD FROM FAR AWAY.

ALTHOUGH THE AIRCRAFTS WERE TOO IMPRECISE AND, THUS, NOT REALLY EFFECTIVE AS A BOMBER OR FIGHTER, THE SIRENS MOST DREADED AIRCRAFT OF THE 2ND WORLD WAR.

SHOCKED AND SHAKEN TO THE CORE.

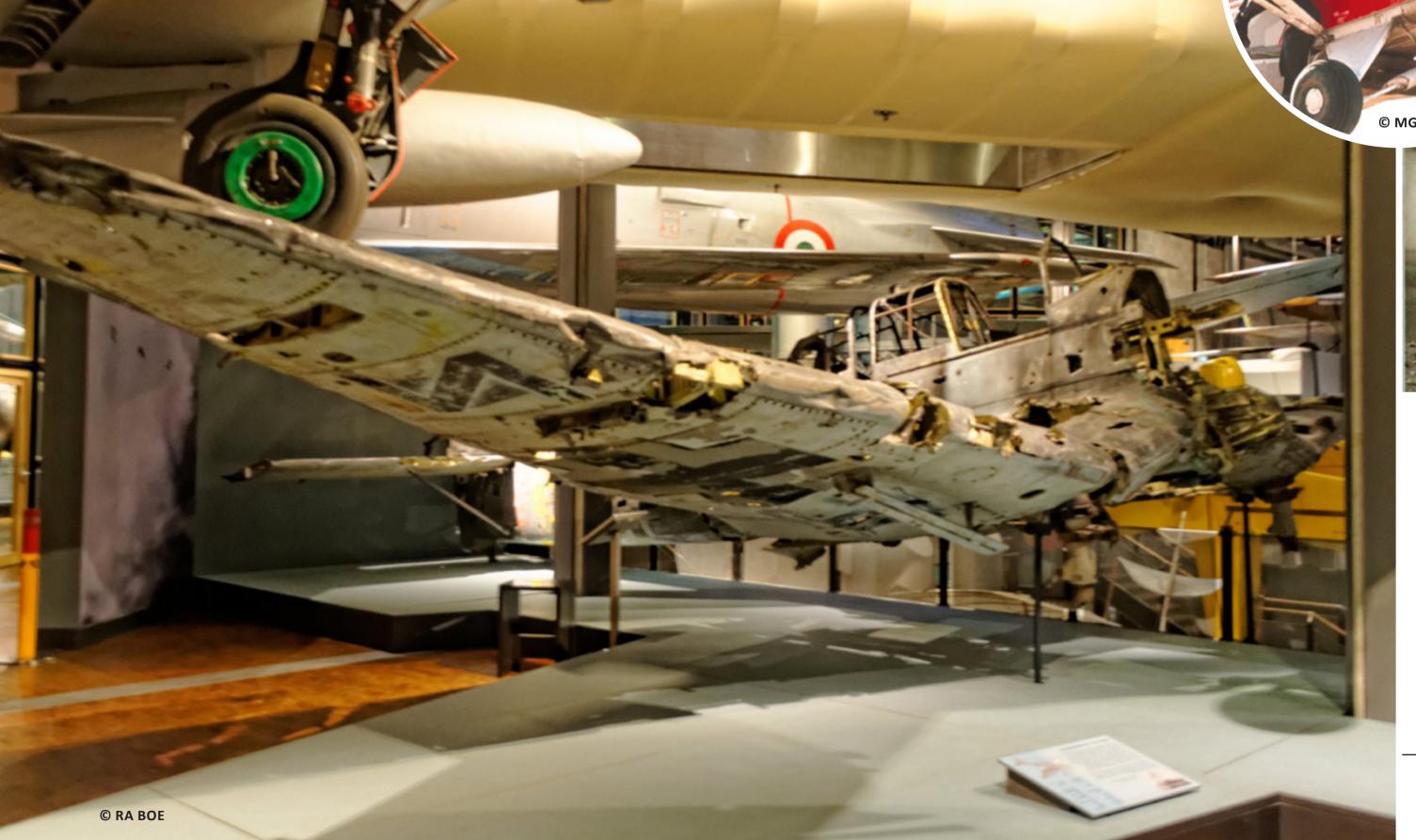


EVEN TODAY, WE KNOW THAT NOISE.

WE HEARD IT VERY OFTEN IN ACTION AND SCIENCE FICTION MOVIES SUCH AS THE

JAMES BOND FILMS. THE PRODUCERS USED THAT TERRIBLE SOUND FOR SEVERAL AIR COMBAT SCENES,

NEVER ANY STUKA AIRCRAFTS INVOLVED.



















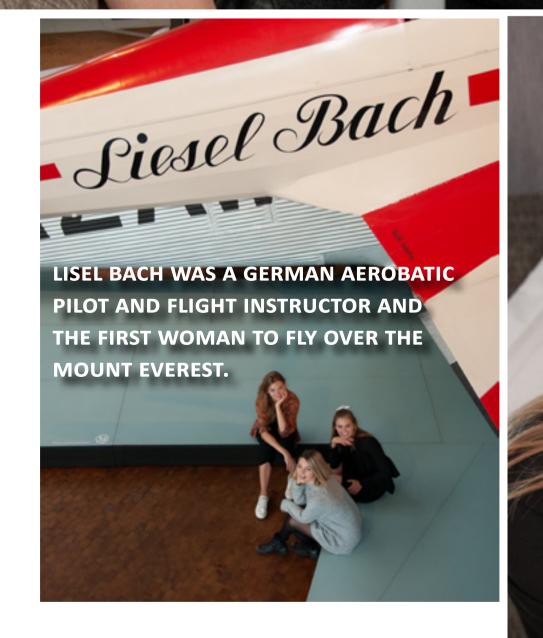


LONG-DISTANCE AIRLINER

WHICH HAD TAKEN-OFF FROM GROUND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN JULY 1937. THE CABIN DUMMY SHOWS THAT MAINLY RICH PEOPLE COULD AFFORD A JOURNEY WITH THAT AIRPLANE. THE INTE-RIOR IS QUITE LUXURY AND MODERN FOR THAT TIME.

FUNATELY EVEN THE CONDOR WAS MISUSED AS A BOMBER OR RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT DURING THE WAR. BUT LUCKILY, VICE VERSA, THERE WERE ALSO MILITARY AIRCRAFTS WHICH WERE USED FOR CIVIL PURPOSES AND TO

HELP PEOPLE IN NEED.







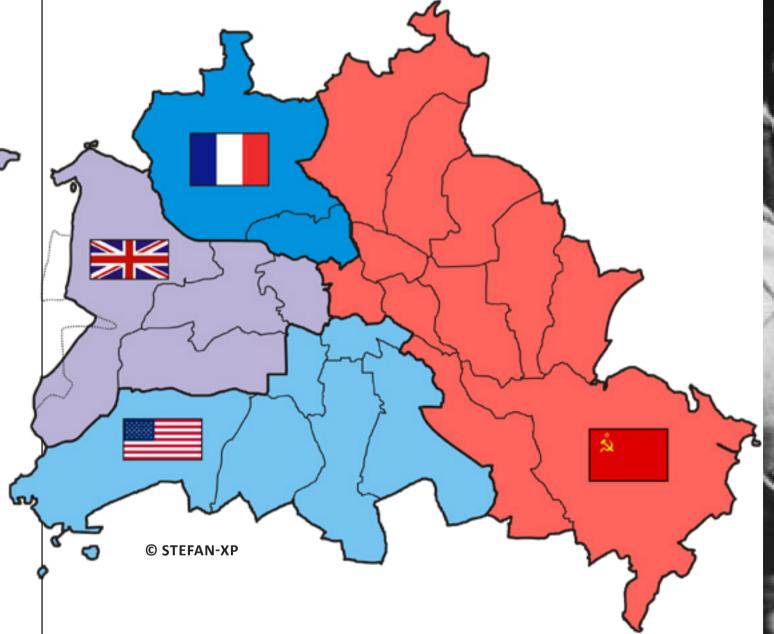




HOW ENEMIES BECAME FRIENDS

WHILE THE GERMANS SUFFERED FROM HUNGER AND WERE BUSY REMOVING THE DEBRIS FIELD AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE FOUR VICTORIOUS POWERS USA, THE SOVIET UNION, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND FRANCE DIVI-DED GERMANY AND BERLIN AMONG THEMSELVES INTO

FOUR OCCUPATION ZONES.



WHEREBY THE PROBLEM WAS THAT BERLIN WAS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE SOVIET ZONE, ABOUT 200 KM FAR AWAY FROM THE NEXT WEST-ALLIED TERRITORIES. RIGHT FROM THE BEGIN-NING, MANY CONFLICTS WERE CAUSED BY THIS SITUATION.

BERLIN BECAME A HOT SPOT OF THE COLD WAR.

"COLD", BECAUSE NOW COMBATS WERE FOUGHT WITHOUT WEAPONS BUT THROUGH PROPAGANDA, POLITICS AND THREATS, ON PAPER OR GENERALLY IN THE MEDIA.

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IN 1948 THE SITUATION ESCALATED FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN THE SOVIETS STARTED A BLOCKADE AGAINST WEST-BERLIN. THUS, THE SURFACE TRAFFIC STOPPED, AND THE WESTERN OCCUPATION ZONES WERE CUT OFF FROM FOOD, COAL, ELECTRICITY, AND MEDICINE.

THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH ALLIES FOUND A WAY AROUND THAT: CONTROLLED BY AIRLIFT COMMANDER GENERAL WILLIAM H. TUNNER AND ADMINISTRATED BY GENERAL

LUCIUS D. CLAY, THE AMERICANS STARTED A SUPPORT SYSTEM FROM ABOVE.

THE BERLIN AIR LIFT WAS BORN.

IT WASN'T THE FIRST OF ITS KIND BUT BY FAR THE BIGGEST ONE.



IN SUMMER, THE MINIMUM DAILY NEED OF WEST-BERLIN AMOUNTED

TO 4000 - 5000 TONS OF FOOD, MEDICINE, NUTRIMENTS, COAL AND OTHER ESSENTIAL GOODS. BUT IN WINTER, THE DAILY NEED WAS TWICE AS HIGH. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM WAS THAT A PLANE LIKE THE

C-47 SKYTRAIN ONLY HAS A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 5500 KG. THEREFORE, COUNTLESS AIRPLANES WERE NEEDED TO KEEP BERLIN ALIVE.

ALSO, BIGGER PLANES WITH A HIGHER CAPACITY WERE USED LIKE THE

DOUGLAS C-54 SKYMASTER.

ABOUT EVERY TWO MINUTES A PLANE STARTED OR LANDED SOMEWERE IN WEST-GERMANY AND IN TEMPELHOF, WEST-BERLIN. NOWADAYS, AFTER LANDING, AN AIRPLANE GETS CHECKED IN A HANGER BY SEVERAL PEOPLE. DURING THE BERLIN AIR LIFT, JUST SOME MECHA-NICS HAD TO FIX THE PLANES ON THE FIELD, EVEN AT NIGHT AND IN

COLD WINTER IN SNOW AND ICE.



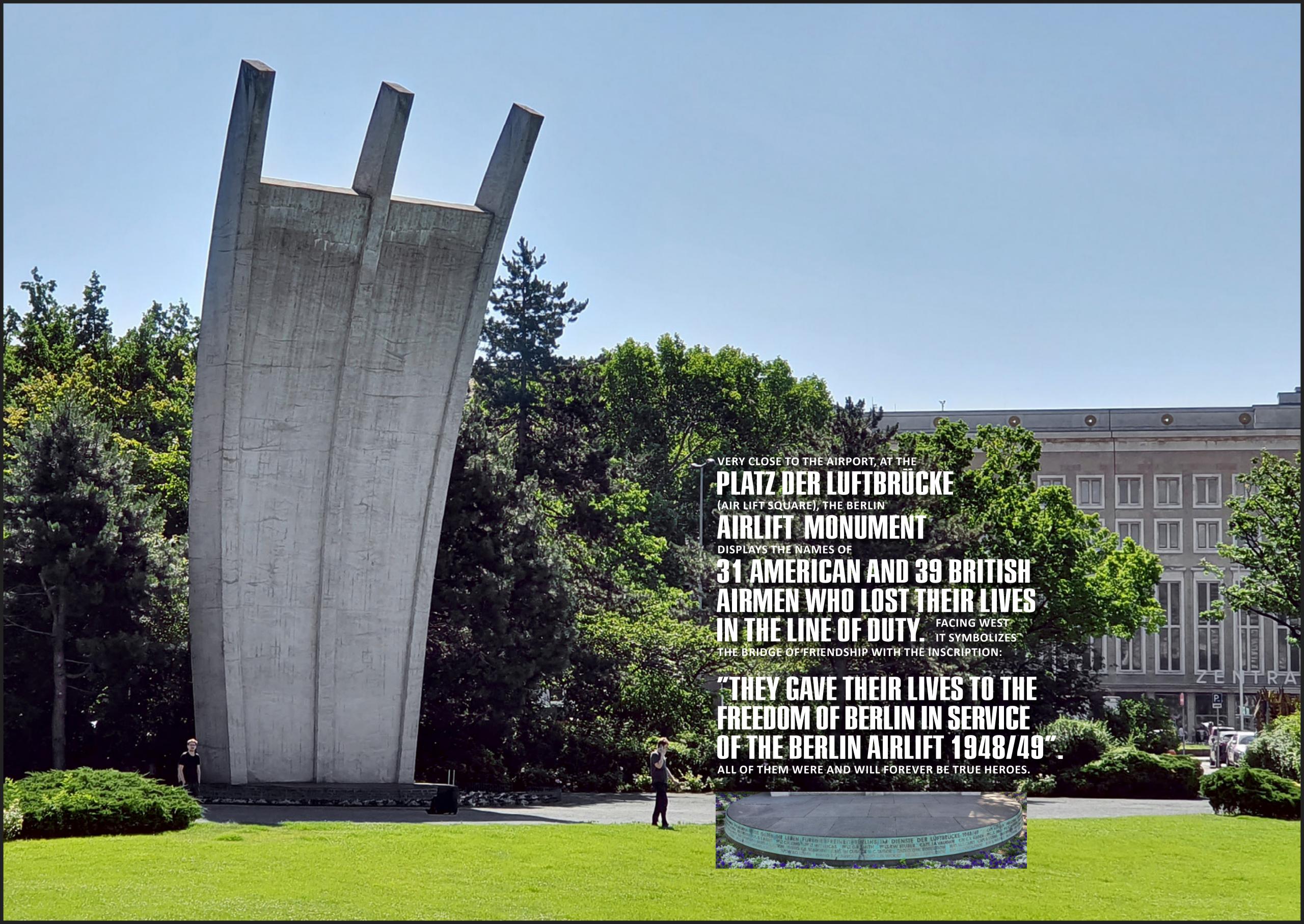


WHILE THE OPERATION WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR A SHORT TIME,

THE BERLIN AIR LIFT FINALLY LASTED FOR 15 MONTHS. IN THE END, THERE WERE ALMOST 280,000 FLIGHTS REGISTERED THAT BROUGHT MORE THAN TWO MILLION TONS

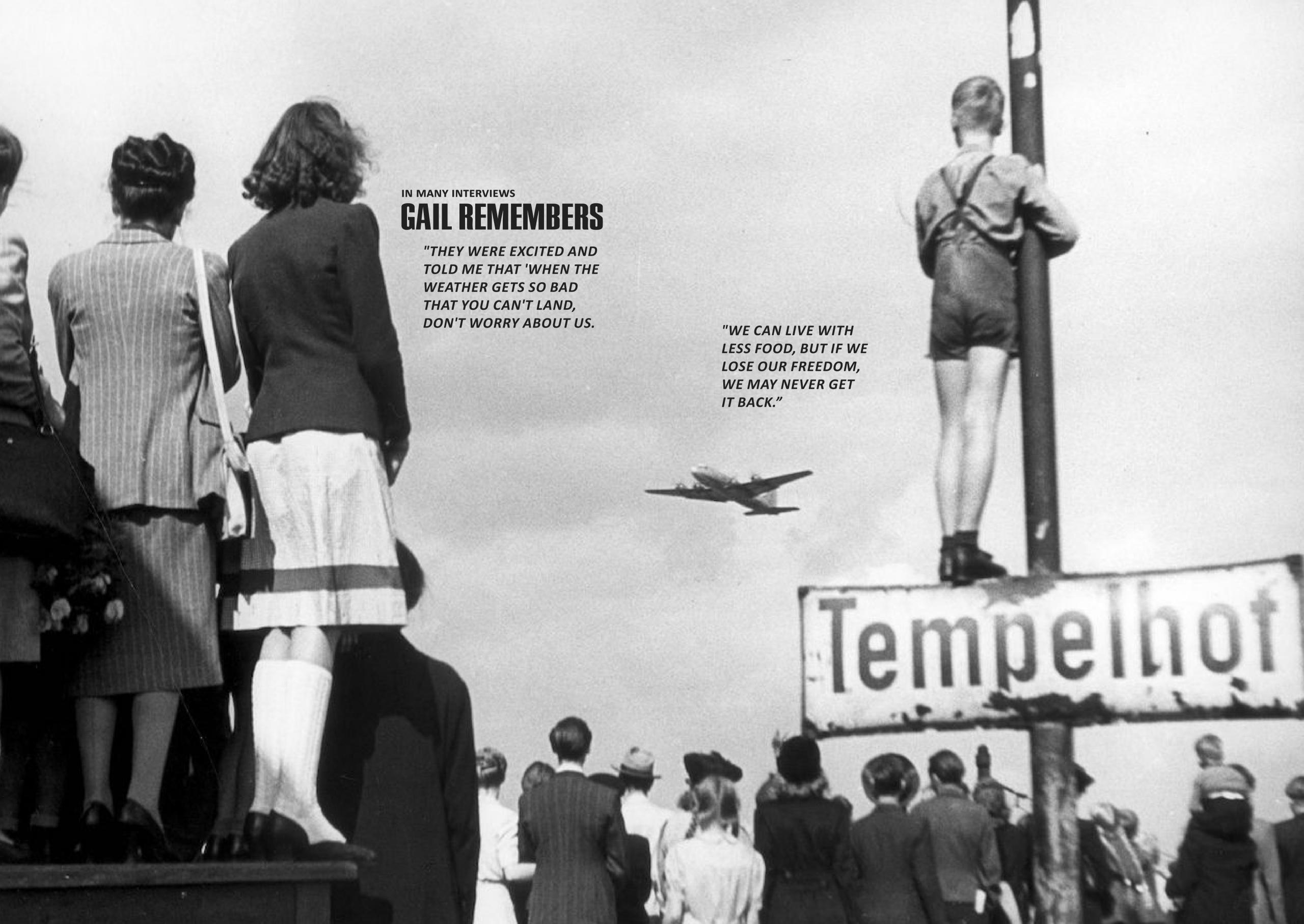
AND SO. FORMER ENEMIES **BECAME FRIENDS.**













HALVORSEN REACHED INTO HIS POCKET BUT ONLY FOUND TWO STICKS OF WRIGLEY'S CHEWING GUM. HE GAVE THEM TO THE CHILDREN, A BIT WORRIED THE KIDS WOULD START FIGHTING FOR THEM. BUT THE CHILDREN BROKE THEM INTO LITTLE PIECES AND SHARED THEM EVENLY. THE ONES WHO DIDN'T GET A PIECE STARTED SNIFFING THE WRAPPERS INSTEAD. WHEN GAIL SAW THEM ACTING THAT WAY, HE WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED AND TROUBLED ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE THEM MORE.

THUS, HE PROMISED THE CHILDREN TO HAVE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE THE NEXT DAY AND TO DROP IT OFF HIS PLANE. BUT SINCE ALMOST ALL PLANES LOOKED THE SAME, GAIL HAD THE IDEA TO WIGGLE HIS WINGS, WHICH HE HAD DONE FOR HIS PARENTS WHEN HE GOT HIS LICENSE AS A PILOT. NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE, HALVORSEN AND HIS CREW POOLED THEIR RATIONS FOR THE NEXT DAY. BUT THEY WERE SO HEAVY THAT HE WAS AFRAID THE CHILDREN COULD GET HURT BY THEM. TO PREVENT THAT, HE TIED HANDKERCHIEFS TO THE CANDIES. THE NEXT DAY, DURING THE REGULAR SUPPLY DROPS, HALVORSEN ALSO DROPPED THESE LITTLE PARACHUTES OUT OF THE PLANE.

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN

INCREASED WEEK BY WEEK. AFTER BOMBS FELL FROM THE SKY JUST THREE YEARS EARLIER, NOW

CANDY WAS DROPPED OVER BERLIN. THE CHILDREN TITLED GAIL HALVORSEN UNCLE WIGGLY WINGS

AND THE AIRPLANES GOT THE POPULAR NAMES

CANDY BOMBERS, EVEN IF THEY

WERE NEVER BOMBERS BUT CARGO AIRCRAFTS.

GAIL STARTED THIS INITIATIVE ON HIS OWN,
WITHOUT ANY PERMISSIONS OF HIGHER AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, WHEN AIRLIFT COMMANDER GENERAL WILLIAM H. TUNNER HEARD OF IT, HE ORDERED
TO EXPAND THE CURRENT OPERATION VITTLES TO

LITTLE VITTLES. OF COURSE, THE GENERAL

UNDERSTOOD THE POWER AND EFFECT OF THAT SMALL GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP.

THE OPERATION LITTLE VITTLES

STUDENT MARY C. CONNERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS. STARTED TO HELP GAIL HALVORSEN. AS CANDY MANUFACTURERS FROM ALL OVER THE US CONTRIBUTED CANDIES, HE COULDN'T HANDLE ALL THE DELIVERIES OF SWEETS AS WELL AS THE PRODUCTION OF PARACHUTES ON HIS OWN ANYMORE. MARY C. CONNERS TOOK CARE OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT AND WORKED WITH THE NATIONAL CONFECTIONER'S ASSOCIATION. THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING

OVER 18 TONS OF SWEETS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND FOR SHIPPING THEM TO GERMANY DURING THE BERLIN AIR LIFT.









EVEN IF GAIL HALVORSEN NEVER CONSIDERED HIMSELF A HERO. HE IS

A TRUE HERO FOR ALL BERLINERS.

HE FOLLOWED HIS HEART AND MIND, AND HE OPENED IT FOR PEOPLE WHO BELONGED TO HIS COUNTRY'S FORMER ENEMIES. GAIL MADE AN EXAMPLE FOR THE WORLD THAT OFFERING LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP COULD MEAN RECEIVING IT IN RETURN FOR ETERNITY. THE EFFECT OF GAIL'S CHARMING ACTIONS WAS THAT THE NEXT GENERATION OF BERLINERS AND GERMANS DIDN'T CONSIDER THE AMERICANS AS STRANGERS OR ENEMIES ANYMORE, BUT AS

CLOSE, YES, BEST FRIENDS.

THEY PASSED THIS FRIENDSHIP ON TO THEIR DESCENDANTS WHICH HAS LED TO THE FACT THAT GERMANY BECAME AN OPEN-MINDED AND VERY PEACE-FUL COUNTRY AND A GLOBAL ROLE MODEL IN THAT CASE.







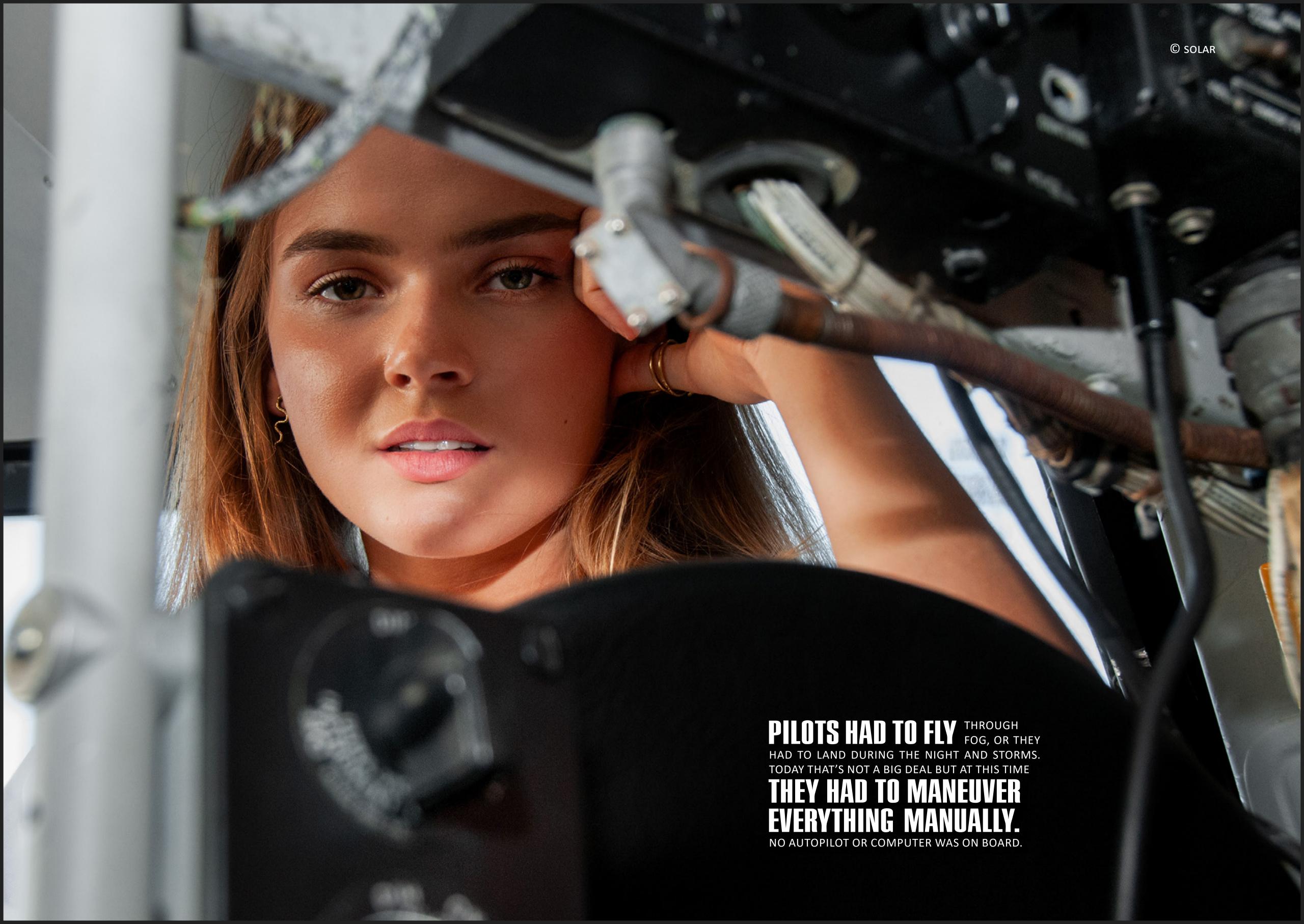








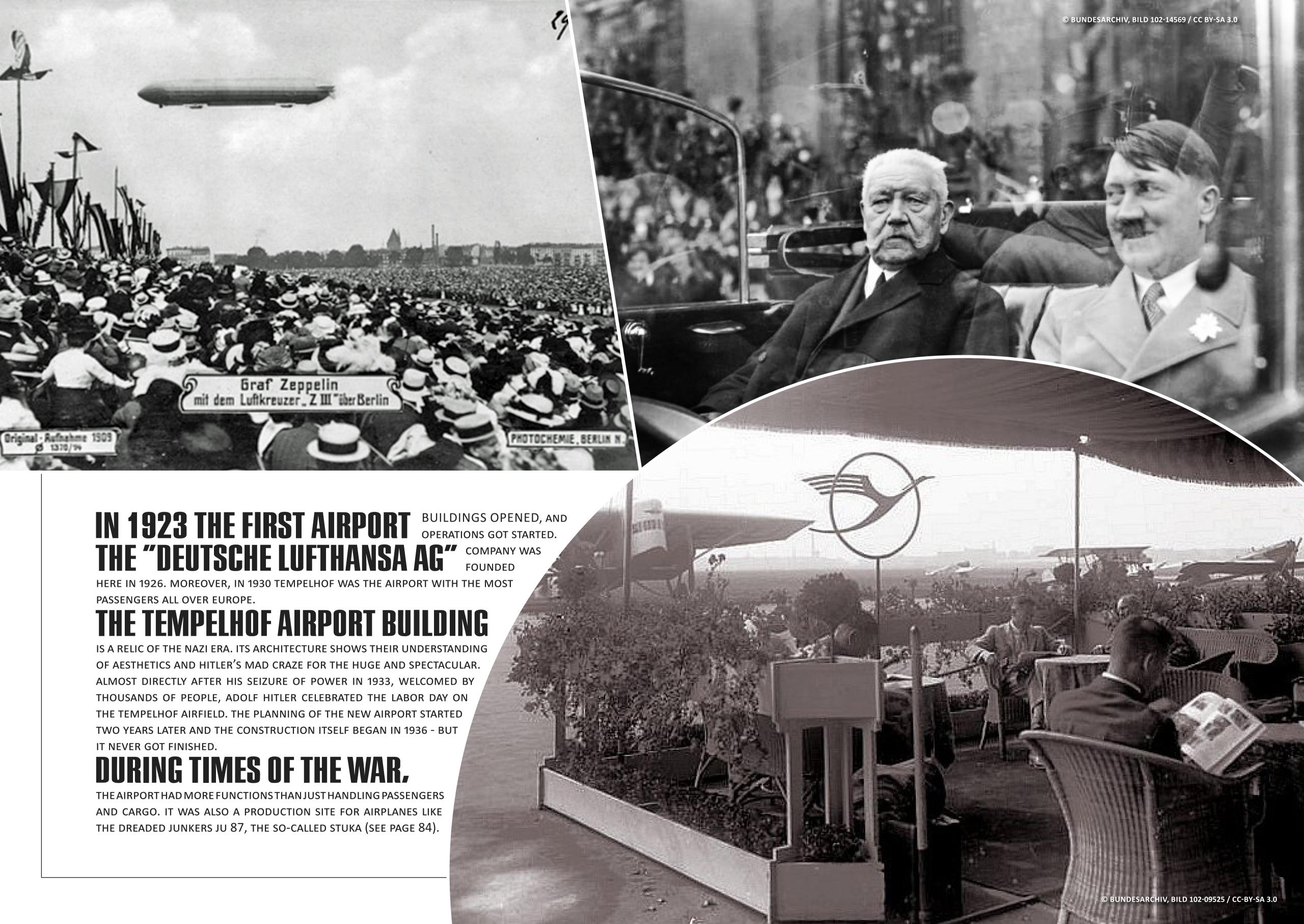




















IT WAS AN ELECTRIC CAR THAT DROVE FASTER THAN 100 KM/H (62 MPH) FOR THE FIRST TIME?

IT WAS A BELGIAN CAR CALLED "LA JAMAIS CONTENTE".



ALREADY BROKE THE RECORD IN 1899, 120 YEARS AGO. IT'S A SIGN THAT THE

TECHNOLOGY ALREADY EXISTED FROM THE BEGINNING. NOW IT'S TIME TO USE IT TO MAKE THE WORLD A LITTLE CLEANER. THERE IS STILL ROOM AND NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE E-TECHNO-LOGY, SINCE THE PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF BATTERIES IS ENVIRONMENTALLY HARMFUL.











































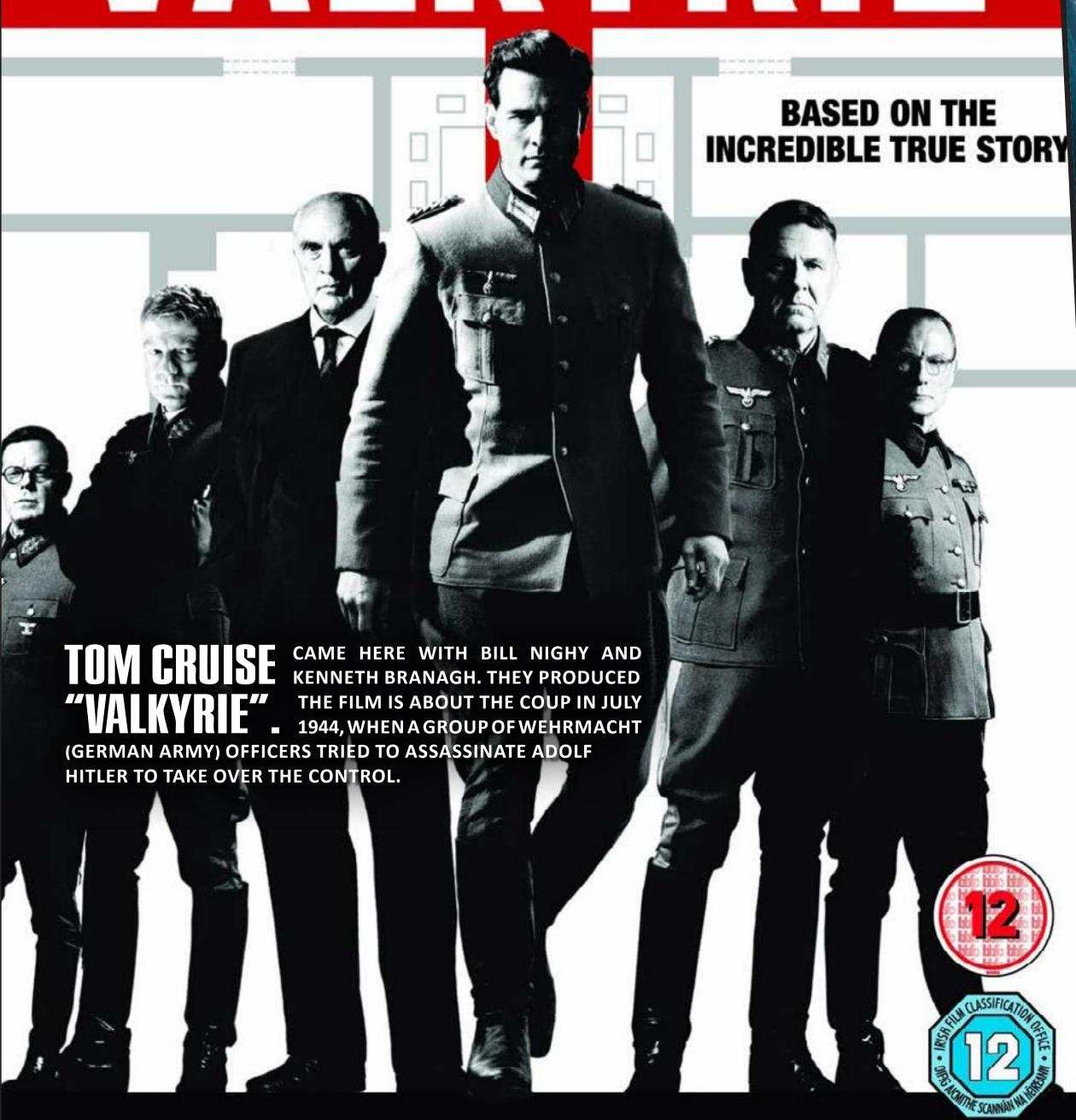




TOM CRUISE

A BRYAN SINGER FILM

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ZENTRALFLUGHAFEN THE OTHER GREAT MOVIE IS "THE ENDLESS NIGHT" (DIE ENDLOSE NACHT, 1963). IN THE MOVIE, SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE STRANDED IN THE TEMPELHOF AIRPORT FOR ONE NIGHT DUE TO BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS. THE WHOLE PLOT TAKES PLACE HERE. IT'S AN **ENTERTAINING CONTEMPORARY DOCUMENT.** TEMPELHOF MERCEDES-BENZ © UCM.COM







