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30 Years of Tearing Down the Berlin Wall – 30 Years of Incredible Good Blessing and Gratitude

Despite also past and existing problems, disappointments, misunderstandings and hurt feelings the overwhelming sentiment about the 11/89 Fall of the Berlin Wall is one of the most outstanding good events in human history and German fortune

The gratitude of at least each single German must be eternal for this advent integral and elementary to the later German unification and German's today's life not only together but, even better, in a peaceful, constitutional state of individual freedom, democracy and good social market economy.

It could not have happened without good luck.

It could not have happened without then a general supportive attitude of people more or less all around the globe.

It could not have happened without the incredible determination of the people of East Germany going to the streets protesting against a suppressive regime. It could not have happened without the incredible persistence of the people of West Germany not giving up their positions and hope for eventual unification. It could not have happened without the incredible determination of the people of East Germany going to the streets for their freedom and change.

It could not have happened without the Hungarian Prime Minister Miklós Németh and (at great risk for himself and his team) his prior opening of the Iron Curtain on the Hungarian – Austrian border.

The world, and foremost each single German, must not forget the Second

World War and lessons learned from it. For a better present and future they must be remembered each day afresh especially after the world today has lost already most of its contemporary witnesses. The German people were lucky to escape the Third Reich and the destruction actions and fantasies of Adolf Hitler. The German people's ultimate punishment was the division of Germany. Without any consideration not only the people in general, but often it were families and friends who were separated and suffered badly for so many generations. The already many times before feared “Iron Curtain” defined anew in Churchill's 1945 “The Sinews of Peace” speech after 1961 was effectively symbolized by the “Berlin Wall” as most visible structure of people's division.

It's fall could not have happened without Mikhail Gorbachev's “Perestroika” and “Glasnost” policy.

It's fall could not have happened without the consent of the people of the four victorious powers controlling the original division of Germany into two different state systems. Unforgotten remains Ronald Reagan's 1987 public speech and demand in Berlin: “...we believe that freedom and security go together, that the advance of human liberty can only strengthen the cause of world peace. There is one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable, that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization, come here to this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”.

It could not have happened without the demonstrators in Leipzig and elsewhere, who, on November 09, 1989, were too many for the regime to effectively fight back as planned. The fall of the Berlin Wall that night surely shall eternally command my greatest respect and gratitude. *Dirk P. Schneider*