

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

OCTOBER 3—DAY OF GERMAN UNITY

10 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT GERMAN REUNIFICATION

7. The West swallowed the East



Grundgesetz - The German Basic Law.

The reunification of Germany was not legally a merger, but an absorption of the East German states into West Germany.

October 3rd saw the dissolution of the GDR (East Germany), and in accordance with Article 23 of the German Basic Law, each of the five eastern Bundesländer had to vote to join the Federal Republic of Germany. This was chosen in preference over the other option of an official union of the two states, because a speedy unification was seen as vital during this economically unstable time.