

"Bei uns ist immer was los!"

VOLKSTRAUERTAG



Far away from home — German soldiers who gave their lives — may they rest in peace

Numerous memorial services were held around the country Sunday (November) as the Federal Republic observed the annual Day of Mourning for the millions of victims of two world wars and the totalitarian regime of the National Socialists. The traditional words of eulogy for the dead were spoken by Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker during a memorial session in the Bundestag called by the People's Federation for the Care of War Graves. Lower Saxony Prime Minister Ernst Albrecht, in his capacity as Bundesrat President, laid a wreath at the North Cemetery in Bonn. The sacrifice made by the dead, said Social Democratic parliamentary leader Hans-Jochen Vogel in the Bundestag session, should serve as a constant reminder to seek peace and do everything possible to avoid war. Eduard Hasskamp, president of the war graves association, not only lamented the 55 million killed in both world wars, but deplored as well the 30 million who have since fallen victim to violence throughout the world.