

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

OCTOBER 3—DAY OF GERMAN UNITY / TAG DER EINHEIT

How Oktober 3 became German Unity Day?

July 6th, 1990

Consultations began in East Berlin about a second treaty – the German Reunification Treaty.

This was an agreement between West Germany and the GDR, and laid out the expectations for the unification: East Germany would adopt the Basic Law of the Federal Republic; the GDR would be abolished and re-divided into five states; and Berlin would be reunified and reinstated as Germany's capital.

July 16th, 1990

After close talks in the Caucasus Mountains, Kohl and Gorbachev announced that they had come to an agreement on Germany's NATO membership.

Germany would remain in NATO, but Soviet troops would have to leave the country.

It was "an important concession from Gorbachev," Bauerkämper explained.

