Celebrating and Preserving

CELEBRATE GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY AT THE GAK IN INDIANAPOLIS

Sunday, Oct 3, German-American Day will be celebrated at the German-American Klub, 8602 S. Meridian St. It will be an all-day German-American Day celebration: Soccer in the morning, German Food ala Carte from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Edelweiss Restaurant. From 1-4 p.m. entertainment by the Fledermäuschen Dancers, the Saengerchor and the Maennerchor. At 7 p.m. a two-hour show, "The Liederkranz Cabaret." Cost for the show is $7.00. For reservations call Anne LaPorte at 317-773-8730 or E-mail imzarah@aol.com.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY AT THE CITY MARKET

On Wednesday, October 6, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Annual German-American Day celebration, commemorating the first group arrival and the founding of Germantown, PA, will be once again celebrated on the upper balcony of the Indianapolis City Market. There will be proclamations by the Governor and the Mayor, folk dance demonstrations by the Fledermäuschen of the German-American Klub and Die Doppeladler will play. There will be book sales and members of German-American organizations will be there with information and handouts.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY IN JASPER

The Jasper Deutscher Verein, Jasper Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will celebrate German-American Day Wednesday, October 6, with a dinner at the Schnitzelbank. The dinner and program will honor the contributions made by German immigrants to the life and culture of the United States. The public is invited to attend the dinner and the program. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the program and German-style buffet at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $10 a person for the buffet with a cash bar. Reservations are needed and can be made by calling Matt Hilger at 634-9812 by September 30.

The program will begin with opening remarks by Dan Gutgsell, president of the Deutscher Verein. Mayor William J. Schmitt will read the German-American Day proclamation. Matt Hilger, president of the Jasper Partnership Commission, will present the German-American Heritage Award. It is annually given to an individual or group who has contributed generously his/her or their time, talents or resources to maintaining, improving or building upon the German roots in Dubois County. The recognition is open to all indi-
individuals. Sister Cities of Jasper and the Jasper Partnership Commission created the award in 1999. The Jasper Deutscher Verein is sponsoring the award.

Past recipients are Mary Jo Meuser, Claude and Martina Eckert, Dave Buehler, Linus and Sally Lechner, and Joe and Irene C. Eckerle.

A program will be given by Norbert Krupf. He is back home in Indiana after 34 years in New York and will read passages from immigrant letters, poems, and folktales dealing with German heritage. His books will be on sale at a discount at the Dinner. He will have a new book of poems set in southern Indiana and Germany published in April from Time Being Books, "Looking for God's Country".

An essay contest open to all seniors in the four county school corporations is being held. The essay topic is "Why is it important to maintain our German Heritage in Dubois County". A winner from each school corporation will be named, and the four winners will read their winning essays at the German-American Day dinner. Each winner will be awarded a $250 scholarship. The German American Bank is the financial sponsor of the contest. Jim Gutgsell, president of Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. will introduce the winners of the essay contest and their parents.

Patti Eckerle Goepfrich

NATIONAL GERMAN WEEK
October 3-9 will be celebrated in German classes throughout the nation. It is an important week in German-American history: Oct. 1, 1608 Germans arrived in Jamestown, VA; Oct. 3, 1991 Day of German Unity; Oct 6, 1683 First German group arrives on the Concord and founds Germantown, PA. Teachers can get the National German Week Packet from the AATG.

UWE KIND CONCERT
Thursday, October 7, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Uwe Kind will perform at the Auditorium of Hamilton SE High School in Fishers. Uwe's concert is for all language levels, from beginners to advanced. He is one of the best advertisements to get new students to take German and to make current students happy that they chose German. He has a website www.kindinternational.com which has lots of information, including listening samples and downloads, as well as the following quotation: "Uwe never fails to bring down the house with his unique interactive foreign language performances. All concerts begin with an inspiring video to warm up the audience. Then the music starts and Uwe gets them singing, rapping and dancing in no time. A live performance is a great way to break down inhibitions, motivate and build enrollment in language classes. Due to high demand, advance planning is essential."

Cost is $3.50 per person. If seats are available, non-students and parents can also attend. To get to Hamilton SE take Exit 5 on I 69, go east about 5 miles to Olio Rd., go north about 1/2 to the HS. For info call Angelika Becker at (317) 823-6805 (Craig Middle School) between 8:30 and 9 am or e-mail me <angelikabecker@msdlk12.in.us>

For information on German-American Day we recommend the story of Pastorius and the founding of Germantown, PA http://www-lib.iupui.edu/kade/germantown.html

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 4 to 7
The Annual International Festival will be held again in the Exposition Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, 38th St. & Fall Creek Parkway, Indianapolis. Tickets for adults are $6.00 in advance, $8.00 at the door. Children 5-12 are $5.00, and children under 5 are admitted free. For info http://www.
International Festival is the signature event of the Nationalities Council of Indiana, an organization of over 50 ethnic communities and ethnic performing groups dedicated to education, communication, and cultural exchange. Highlights of the annual festival include culture booths hosted by volunteers in traditional dress; authentic food; artisans demonstrating unique cultural crafts; a Naturalization Ceremony; an International Marketplace; and continuous ethnic music and dance. Since 1976 the International Festival has introduced over a million central Indiana adults and children to the wide range of Indiana's ethnic heritage. The Festival enriches the central Indiana community by providing a positive educational event where individuals learn about other cultures in an open and friendly setting.

Of special interest this year is the presence of Brian Fox Ellis, storyteller and folklorist, who will share his craft for four days at the Festival. His program, "Immigrant Song," dramatizes stories, songs, and wisdom tales from Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Poland, Slovenia, and Czechoslovakia. The goal of "Immigrant Song" is to use storytelling and dramatics as tools for integrating cultures and to illustrate the universal life themes that are important to cultures around the world. As an interactive component of the International Festival, "Immigrant Song" provides cultural links among many ethnic groups that are part of the Nationalities Council and regular participants in the International Festival.

We will have three booths this year. Our culture booth will focus on "German Folk Tales, Stories and Sagas: From Cinderella, Struwwelpeter, the Katzenjammer Kids, to German" with many handouts. At the sales booth we will have interesting books and low priced items, some of them specifically for children and young people. At a "Brats" booth, sponsored by IGHS and the IVYTech Indianapolis Chapter of the ACF (American Culinary Foundation), Chef Ralph Comstock and his students will be selling Brats with Kraut on German-style buns. In all three booths we will have handouts and information on the German-speaking countries and the German-Americans. If you bring German handwriting materials, we may have someone there, who can decipher them.

Volunteers are needed to staff our booths. For Thursday and Friday morning, when the students descend in droves, we need a few native speakers willing to be interviewed by the students and give information about the German-speaking countries. Call Jim Gould at 317 650-4569 or Ruth Reichmann at 812 988-2866; e-mail reichman@indiana.edu
SAVE THE WYNEKEN HOUSE!
by Heiko Muehr
Friends of Wyneken, a committee of Adams County members of the Indiana German Heritage Society, was formed in August 2004 for the purpose of preserving the Adams County home of Friedrich Conrad Dietrich Wyneken (1810–1876), a German immigrant and one of Indiana’s pioneer religious leaders. The Wyneken House, a clapboard framed structure located a quarter of a mile southwest of Zion Lutheran Church (Friedheim), was the home of Pastor Wyneken and his wife Sophie, while he served as full-time president of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. It is the only remaining home of an Indiana pioneer religious leader. In 1992, church officials proposed moving the Wyneken House to the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in nearby Fort Wayne to mark the 150th anniversary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The plan fell apart when fundraising for the project fell short. The Wyneken House is threatened with demolition and has to be moved to a different location by late 2004. Frustrated by the long delay, the landowner plans to tear down the house. Vandals have already begun stripping the house of siding, floor boards, even floor joists. Friends of Wyneken has been able to obtain a temporary relocation site but is hard-pressed to collect the necessary funds to move the house. Craig Leonard, a historic preservation consultant and Wells County’s historian, believes that the house is structurally sound and can be moved.

Friends of Wyneken has been formed with the support of the Adams County Heritage Commission and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. The group has held two well-attended public meetings at the Adams County Historical Museum in Decatur. Both Jim DiVita, long-time president of the Indiana Religious History Association, and Giles Hoyt, IGHS President, addressed group members at past meetings. Call Angela Rumschlag at 260 547-1414 to learn how to get involved or e-mail Heiko Muehr at hmuehr@exchange.iu.edu. Please help us save the Wyneken House and consider making a donation. Write your tax deductible check to the Indiana German Heritage Society.

Our foremost goal is to preserve the Wyneken House and to turn the home into an interpretive site that documents northeastern Indiana’s cultural and religious history.

IMMEDIATE GOALS: Raise funds and enlist support from individual, corporate, and nonprofit partners to preserve the Wyneken House. Move the structure by December 2004 and winterize it to prevent further deterioration. Secure a permanent home for the Wyneken House in Adams County. Create a long-term financial and marketing plan.

LONG-TERM GOALS: Use the structure as an interpretive center that tells Wyneken’s story as part of the larger story of northeastern Indiana’s cultural and religious history. Research and preserve Adams County’s rich German-American heritage. Foster respect for the past and create a sense of community and pride. Locate the house at an attractive permanent site that will facilitate long-term financial security. Promote the house through regular fund raisers that will attract visitors and generate sufficient funds to support the house.

WYNEKEN’S LEGACY
by Heiko Muehr
Friedrich Conrad Dietrich Wyneken, second president of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, was born in Verden, in the Kingdom of Hanover in 1810. Wyneken studied at the
Universities of Göttingen and Halle in Germany. After graduating with a degree in theology, he taught for several years at a public high school. Wyneken emigrated to America in 1838. After a brief stay in the East he became an itinerant missionary for the Pennsylvania Synod, partially supported by funds from the American Home Missionary Society. Having read in the "Lutherische Kirchenzeitung" of the death of Pastor Hoover, who was serving the Ft. Wayne area, Wyneken came to Fort Wayne in August of 1838. Resigning his commission as missionary-at-large to Indiana, Wyneken accepted the call to become pastor of the two congregations organized by Pastor Hoover (Fort Wayne and Friedheim in rural Adams County), stipulating that he be allowed time for missionary excursions. Holthouse, a merchant in Decatur, Indiana, gave Wyneken yellow fabric from which he made breeches. From then on he was known as the preacher in yellow pants. His trips as a circuit rider often lasted weeks and sometimes months. They took him deep into southern Michigan and northwestern Ohio.

Until 1840 Wyneken resided in Fort Wayne. Then he moved to Friedheim into a small log house built for him by the Buuck family. On August 31, 1841, he married Sophia Buuck, daughter of Friedrich Buuck, a prominent pioneer settler. From October 1841 to June 1843, Pastor Wyneken and his new bride toured Germany and pleaded for help on behalf of the struggling Lutherans in the American West. In Germany Wyneken authored The Distress of the German Lutherans in North America, (1841), a call to German Lutherans and the German Protestant churches to support their American brethren and to send pastors and school teachers to serve scattered Lutheran immigrants on the American frontier.

Pastor Wilhelm Löhe of Neuendettelsau, Bavaria, spearheaded the drive to collect funds and volunteers for service in America and also established a seminary to train these volunteers. Men trained by Löhe later represented a large percentage of the founding pastors of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, which was organized in Chicago in April 1847.

Wyneken returned to the Fort Wayne area in 1843. His determination to emphasize the differences between the Reformed and Lutheran confessions led to conflict in Wyneken's congregations. In 1845, Wyneken was called to Baltimore. Five years later Wyneken became pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis. At the same time the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States elected Wyneken as its president. He held this office for fourteen years and in that capacity played an important part in molding the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. In 1859 F.C.D. Wyneken returned to Adams County, locating a quarter of a mile southwest of Zion Lutheran Church, the Friedheim congregation. For the next five years he served as full-time president of the Synod from his small Adams County farm and from Ft. Wayne. Wyneken sold his Preble Township, Adams County home and eighty acres late in 1864 to Christian and Caroline Prange. His final parish was in Cleveland where he served from 1864 to 1875. For additional information see www.ctsw.edu/library/files/pb/879

The Wyneken house in its present condition.

FROM THE PRESIDENT
Dear IGHS Members, you will have no doubt received your mid-year request for funding help from IGHS. I hope that
you will respond as generously as you feel able. I know at our house there are many requests for financial support arriving daily from various worthy and maybe not-so-worthy organizations. Not-so-worthy in my book are those where the funding goes to support the requests for funding (and those making the requests). With the Indiana German Heritage Society the funding goes to the educational purposes that are the mission of IGHS. In good German-American tight-fisted fashion we accomplish much with the limited funds we have. This extremely informative Newsletter is one example. The well-received books published together with the Max Kade Center present another example.

September 11, though an infamous date, we will use for a very positive purpose. It is the day for our first IGHS State Council meeting where representatives of localities from throughout the state will meet in a workshop to plan for greater state-wide effectiveness in achieving both the IGHS mission of identifying, preserving and researching Indiana's German heritage, and the missions of local organizations dedicated to essentially the same purpose. This is yet another example of the efficient use of IGHS funding sources. We particularly greet the newly formed local IGHS groups in South Bend and Adams County. The latter has a very large project on hand that has distinct state-wide interest, namely saving the former home of Conrad Friedrich Dietrich Wyneken, the last extant home of any of Indiana's German-American pioneer pastors and priests. Wyneken is one of the founders of the Lutheran Missouri Synod and the Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne. He served long as a circuit riding minister to German-American and other communities throughout Indiana reaching into contiguous states. IGHS is working both with Indiana Historic Landmarks and with the Adams County Heritage Commission. You can read more about Wyneken and the project elsewhere in the Newsletter.

I must just note that I had not been in Adams County except to drive through until we became involved with this project. Like so many places in Indiana, Adams County is both beautiful and fascinating for its many architectural features, its churches and prosperous farms, its pleasing landscape and its deep German-American heritage. This expanding of horizons is my final example of what IGHS accomplishes with its resources.

Giles R. Hoyt, Ph.D.
Professor of German and Director Max Kade German-American Center

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**Calendar and State News**

**CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 26, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Family Oktoberfest and Ox Roast at the Athenaeum (317 630-4569)

Sunday, September 26, 10:10 a.m. German Heritage Service at Zion's Church (317 257-0493)

October 1-2 and 8-9, Terre Haute German Oberlander Club Oktoberfest (812-533-1954)

Saturday, October 2, German Park Fest and Soccer at the German Park, 8600 S. Meridian, Indianapolis (317-888-6940)

Saturday, October 2, German Day Dance, 8 p.m.-12:00 a.m., German-American Club, 1840 Lincoln Ave., Louisville, KY, reservations: (502-894-9512 or 502-243-8912)

October 3-9 National German Week will be celebrated in German classes. For info headquarters@aatg.org; http://www.aatg.org

Sunday, October 3, German-American Day will be celebrated at the German-American Klub in Indianapolis, 8602 S. Meridian St. For brunch and dinner reservations
call the Edelweiss Restaurant at 317-353-2558; for the entertainment Ann LaPorte at 317-773-8730

**Wednesday, October 6, 11-1 p.m.** German-American Day at City Market with Die Doppel Adler and die Fledermäuschen (317 846-8613)

**Wednesday, October 6, German-American Day dinner at the Schnitzelbank sponsored by the Jasper Deutscher Verein, Jasper Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. (812 634-0224)**

**Thursday, October 7, 9:30-10:30 a.m.** Uwe Kind will perform at the Auditorium of Hamilton SE High School in Fishers. For info Angelika Becker (317) 823-6805 or <angelikabecker@msdl.t12.in.us>

**Saturday, October 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** Palatines Workshop at the Athenaeum (317-875-7210)

**Wednesday, October 13, 5:00 p.m.** Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Stammtisch and 7:15 p.m. Program: "Camp Atterbury, WW II-Today" with Col. Jörg Stachel, former commander of Camp Atterbury (317 630-4569)

**Saturday, October 16, Oktoberfest at the Liederkranz with Die Freudemacher 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis (317-266-9816)**

**Sunday, October 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** "Das Sams" German film at the Athenaeum (317 630-4569)

**Friday, October 22, 4-7:30 p.m.** Hog Roast at Hoagland Pavilion, in Hoagland, southeastern Allen County, to benefit preservation of the Wyneken House, (317-464-9004) see story!

**Saturday, October 23 Montgomery Fall Festival at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery (Daviess County) (812 486-4900)**

**November 4-7, International Festival at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds (317-464-9004 or 812 988-2866)**

**November 11-14, Huntington Christmas Stroll, stroll into the past with a visit to the 19th Annual Huntington Christmas Stroll (812-683-5699)**

**November 12, 13 @ 14 Christmas Extravaganza at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery (Daviess County) (812 486-4900)**

**Saturday, November 13, 10-11 a.m., Spirit and Place at Eagle Creek Park with readings by Norbert Krapf (317-464-9004)**

**Saturday, November 13, Saengerchor concert at Liederkranz, followed by dancing to music by the Knappers, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis (317-266-9816)**

**Wednesday, November 14, 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Stammtisch and 7:15 p.m. Program (317 630-4569)**

**Saturday, November 14, 4 p.m. Kirkin' O' Tha Tartans Celebration at Zion's Church (317 257-0493)**

**Saturday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. The Athenaeum Foundation Annual 1894 Society Dinner, honoring the founding of our building (317 630-4569)**

**November 20, Saturday, Men's fall concert at Liederkranz; dancing to music by Norman following the concert, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis (317-266-9816)**
November 20-21, Ferdinand Christkindlmarkt, discover the charm of old World German Traditions (812-367-2908)

Sunday, November 21, 3:00-5:30 p.m. "Das Wunder von Bern" German film at the Athenaeum (317 630-4569)

December 3-5, Jasper O'Tannenbaum Days, downtown Jasper's Enormous Christmas Tree will welcome you to O'Tannenbaum Days (812-482-6866)

December 3 & 4, 6:00 -9:00 p.m. Christkindl Market - Athenaeum (317 630-4569)

Sunday, December 5, 1-5:00 p.m. St. Nikolausfest and Christkindl Market at the Athenaeum (317 630-4569)

December 5, Children's Christmas Party with Norman, Liederkrantz 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 317-266-9816

Wednesday, December 8: 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Stammtisch and 7:15 p.m. Program: "German Christmas Markets" with Jim Gould, Community Events Coordinator of the Athenaeum Foundation, Secretary of IGHS and Klaus/St. Nikolaus enthusiast (317 630-4569)

December 9 and 10, 7 p.m. "A German Christmas" at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery (Daviess County). Reservations Jacelyn Burger 812 486-4900.

Saturday, December 11, Christmas Concert, Liederkrantz, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis (317-266-9816)

Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m. German Christmas Service at Zion's Church (317 257-0493)

December 14, Christmas Party, German America Klub, 8600 S. Meridian, Indianapolis (317-888-6940)

Sunday, December 19, 3:00-5:30 p.m. "Pünktchen und Anton" German film at the Athenaeum (317 630-4569)

December 31, New Year's Eve Gala with Jay Fox, German America Klub, 8600 S. Meridian, Indianapolis (317-888-6940)

December 31, New Year's Eve at the Liederkrantz, 1417 E. Washington St., Indianapolis (317-266-9816)

PROGRAMS

GERMAN FILM SCREENINGS AT THE ATHENAEUM

German films will be shown at the Athenaeum in the small auditorium on Sunday afternoons 3-5 p.m. The films, in German, are for adults as well as families. Kim and Björn Gottschild have donated a DVD player as well as surround sound type speakers for the screenings. Admission is free. (317 630-4569)

Oct. 17: "Das Sams" for families
Nov. 21: "Das Wunder von Bern"
Dec. 19: "Pünktchen und Anton" for families

GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION AT ZION

Sunday, Sept. 26, 10:10 a.m. will be a celebration of German-American Day and the Anniversary of Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ. The service will be in English with German components. Zion church is located at North & New Jersey Sts., Indianapolis. For info: 317 257-0493 or 639-5411

"OX ROAST" AND LynnMarie HIGHLIGHT FAMILY OKTOBERFEST AT THE ATHENAEUM

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2-7:00 p.m. "Ox Roast!" - an Athenaeum tradition - returns 2004 style at Family Oktoberfest. Enjoy a beef or chicken dinner, red cabbage, German potato salad, Sauerkraut, rolls and a non-alcoholic beverage for an Admission & Dinner package price of $20.00 for adults; a "Kinder meal" is available for
children for $8.00. The plated dinners are served in the Biergarten from 3-7:00 p.m. Reserved seating exclusively for Oktoberfest Admission & Dinner package patrons. Call the Foundation office at 1-317-630-4569, ext. 1. Admission only to Oktoberfest is $5.00 individual and $20.00 family (household) maximum. Alacarte food is also available.

The featured performer LynnMarie and the Boxhounds, one of the most sought after entertainers in the Midwest, will headline the entertainment performing from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Athenaeum Pops German Band will precede LynnMarie with traditional German Oktoberfest favorites from 3:00-4:00 p.m. An amusing array of games and activities is available for children from 3-5:00 p.m. The art of Scherenschnitte-German paper cuttings and Silhouettes will also be demonstrated and available for purchase. For info 1-317-630-4569, ext. 1.

PALATINES GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
On Oct. 9, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. the Indiana chapter of Palatines to America will hold their fall workshop at the Athenaeum/Das Deutsche Haus, 401 East Michigan, Indianapolis. The speaker will be L. Timothy Ostwald of Boulder, CO, a long-time columnist and lecturer on "Research Tips and Techniques for Finding Your German-Speaking Ancestor" for the Colorado chapter. He will deliver two lectures: "Geographical Aspects of German Genealogical Research" and "Connecting Resettled Families: Using Statistical and Historical Data."

There will be time for personal research questions, and translators can help you with your documents, letters, diaries, books.

Fee: $5 for Palatines to America Members, $15 non-members.

Reservations: Nancy Meyer, 234 W. Jefferson, Tipton, IN 46072 jmeyer@netusa1.net or call 765 675-2945
Information: James Feit e-mail, jffeit@aol.com or call 317 875-7210.

HOAGLAND HOG ROAST: FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN FUNDRAISER
On Friday, October 22, 4-7:30 p.m. a Hog Roast will be held at the Hoagland Pavilion, in Hoagland, southeastern Allen County, to benefit the Friends of Wyneken committee of the Indiana German Heritage Society. Enjoy roasted hog, Sauerbrat, German potato salad, applesauce and desserts. Both the Adams County Heritage Commission and the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans chapters in Adams and Allen counties support this fundraiser.

Thrivent also provides supplemental funds for the Hog Roast. The Cost: A FREE WILL DONATION. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO HELP US SAVE THE WYNEKEN HOUSE! If you, your club, or organization can help with this important civic event, then please call 260 724-7871.

To get there: From Indianapolis: Travel north on interstate 69. Turn east on HWY 469 at exit 96. Turn south on HWY 27 at exit 11. Follow instructions from Ft. Wayne.

From Fort Wayne: Travel south on HWY 27. Once you pass HWY 469, drive approximately 6 miles, then turn left or east on Hoagland Road. Drive approximately 3 miles, go through the stop sign. Continue through town, across railroad track (about 5 blocks).

The Fire Station is on your right (south side). Turn Right on the first street past the Fire Station. The Hoagland Pavilion can be seen from the road.

From Decatur: Travel north on HWY 27. Drive approximately 9 miles, turn right or east on Hoagland road. Drive approximately 3 miles? (see above)

For info 1-317-464-9004
At 10 a.m. Norbert Krapf, professor emeritus of poetry at Long Island University, will read nature poems from Somewhere in Southern Indiana, The Country I Come From, and the forthcoming Looking for God's Country. Now resettled in Indiana, Krapf will engage the German tradition of linking nature themes with the inner life of the individual. After discussion of how bringing people back in touch with nature builds a sense of community with all creation, we will enjoy a catered lunch provided by the Max Kade German-American Center of IUPUI. The Peace Learning Center will then lead hikes into the surrounding woods to show us how the beauty in nature teaches the principles of conflict resolution. Wear appropriate clothing and rain gear.

Now in its ninth year, Spirit & Place is an annual civic festival of the arts, humanities and religion, produced by IUPUI's Polis Center. As a part of the Festival, the Max Kade German-American Center of IUPUI in cooperation with the Center for Peace and Learning, is co-sponsoring this event. For info http://www.spiritandplace.org/ Reservations must be made by Nov. 7, indicating the number of adults and children who will participate in the optional lunch and nature walk by calling 317-327-0101. Park admission is $3.00.

KIRKIN' O THA TAR-TANS CELEBRATION AT ZION EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, Nov. 14, at 4:00 p.m.: The Annual Celebration of Scottish Heritage with pipes and drums of the Highlanders. Put on your kilts and join our Scottish/Irish/German members and friends at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, North and New Jersey Sts., Indianapolis. For info: 317 257-0493 or 639-5411.

1894 SOCIETY DINNER

Saturday night, Nov. 20 at 6:00 p.m.: The Athenaeum Foundation Annual 1894 Society Dinner, honoring the founding of our building, featuring "Ryder and Ryder." Prominent attorney Henry Ryder does an incredible impersonation of James Whitcomb Riley. Since Riley lived in neighboring Lockerbie Square and the house where he lived has been preserved, it is even more appropriate to have Henry Ryder appear as James Whitcomb Riley. The other Ryder is Anne Ryder, Henry's daughter and long-time co-anchor at WTHR, Channel 13.

The 1894 Society Dinner is $70.00 per person or $600 for
a sponsoring table of 8. It begins at 6:00 p.m. with complimentary wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner in the Kellersaal at 7:00 p.m. The event is expected to sell out, so make reservations early! Call: Foundation office at 317 630-4569

CHRISTMAS AT THE ATHENAEUM
The weekend of Dec. 3 - 5 the Athenaeum hosts its traditional German holiday celebration. A Christkindl Market, offering old-world and U.S. crafts and gifts, opens the festivities on Friday, Dec. 3. Market hours are from 6-9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday, Dec. 5, the Athenaeum will be alive from 1-5:00 p.m. with the festivities of the 20th annual Sankt Nikolaus Fest. Family activities begin at 1:00 p.m. with gingerbread house making, crafts, games, a puppet show and dancing.

At 3:00 p.m. is the lighting of the Christmas tree with real candles and group singing followed by the arrival of Sankt Nikolaus dressed in red and gold episcopal vestments, carrying his crozier. He is accompanied by Knecht Ruprecht, in ragged, sooty clothes, carrying in the bag of treats and the bundle of switches. Nikolaus reads from his "Goldenes Buch" (Golden Book) and calls the children by name to account for their behavior through the year.

Cost (Sunday only): Adults, $7.00; children under 13, $5.00. Reservations a must! Information/Reservations: 317 630-4569 #1. Seating is limited on Sunday. To see Sankt Nikolaus children must be registered for the program.

A GERMAN CHRISTMAS AT THE GASTHOF
Dec. 9 and 10, 7 p.m.: "A German Christmas" at the Gasthof Amish Village in Montgomery (Daviess County) with Erhard and Ruth Reichmann. The outstanding Crossroads Brass of Terre Haute provides German Christmas music, and the German Heritage dancers demonstrate German folk dances. Eb Reichmann reads Christmas stories from his book "Hoosier German Tales." The program concludes with a sing-a-long, both in German and English, of favorites like "O Tannenbaum" (Oh Christmas tree) and "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night). Come early and enjoy the homemade Amish Buffet. Reservations required. Call: Jacelyn Burger 812 486-4900.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT ZION CHURCH
Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3:00 p.m.: The Advent Sunday and German Worship Service with Liederkranz and Crossroads Brass Band of Terre Haute. Zion church is located at North & New Jersey Sts., Indianapolis. For info: 317 257-0493 or 639-5411.

STAMMTISCH AND PROGRAMS
Programs are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Max Kade German-American Center Seminar Room, First Floor of the Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis. Meet the presenter and members at the Stammtisch at 6 p.m., prior to the program, in the Athenaeum Rathskeller. Good food and good talk!

October 13: "Camp Atterbury, WW II-Today" German-born Col. Jörg Stachel, former commander of Camp Atterbury will relate his experiences.

November 10: "Wyneken, Pioneer Preacher: Saving a Legacy"? Heiko Muehr, Chair of the IGHS Preservation Committee will present an overview of Wyneken and the Wyneken House project.

December 8: "German Christmas Markets" with Jim Gould, Community Events Coordinator of the Athenaeum Foundation, Secretary of IGHS and Klaus/St. Nikolaus enthusiast. He will give a brief history of German Christmas markets, share his experience last year's
visit of several Christkindl markets and samples of traditional "goodies" ... Glüwein, Lebkuchen, Nürnberger Bratwurst and gebrannte Mandeln. Be sure to bring your Glühlwein cup! Fröhliche Weihnachten!

The programs--in English--are free of charge and open to the public. Information: Ruth Reichmann at (812) 988-2866, office 317-464-9004 or 317 630-4569

THE OLD PATHOLOGY BUILDING AND ITS GERMAN CONNECTIONS
by Robert A. McDougald, M.D.

Today it is known as the Indiana Medical History Museum, located at 3045 West Vermont Street, on the near-west side of Indianapolis, on the grounds of what was Central State Hospital. It is managed by a non-profit corporation which has a lease on five acres and the building known as "The Old Pathology Building". The Museum hosts thousands of students each year, from grade school to university level nursing, psychology and medical students, and is open for individual and group tours. The Museum "... is quite simply without peer in the entire country. What sets it apart from the competition is not its collection ... but rather the incredibly well-preserved building in which the collection is displayed" (1). A prime source of information about the building was written by Laura Bachelder (2) as her graduate thesis at IUPUI, "Inaugurating a Scientific Era..." It is available from the Museum by itself or with a more complete history of the hospital and maps and an index of patients buried on the grounds (3).

The building has many German-American connections:

A) the superintendent who had it built;
B) his successor;
C) the architect;
D) the German pathologist who spent his entire career there;
E) its collection of late 19th and early 20th century German-language or German-author medical textbooks;
and F) a well-known local artist who was a patient.

The Superintendent was Dr. George F. Edenharter, who was appointed in 1894. He dreamed of a building on the grounds devoted to laboratory sciences and medical education. Only Bellevue Hospital in New York had built such a building before, in 1884 with Carnegie money (recently torn down). With the help of the architect, Adolf Scherrer, he built the two-story, nineteen-room edifice which when opened was reported by the Indianapolis Sentinel (December 19, 1986): Physicians who have studied in the pathological laboratories of the old world (Europe) say they have seen nothing to surpass it. It had far more laboratory and research space than any other Indiana hospital. Dr. Edenharter died in December 1923, to be succeeded by Dr. Max Bahr. At that time the position of pathologist was vacant. In 1924 Bahr met a visiting young German pathologist Dr. Walter Ludwig Bruetsch and hired him; Bruetsch stayed until he retired in 1967. In 1969 a group of physicians and citizens led by Dr. Charles Bonsett organized the non-profit corporation which opened the Museum to the public in 1971. A 99 year lease was obtained from the State in 1986, so even though the Hospital closed in 1994 the Museum will be enjoyed by generations yet to come! (4)

Dr. Edenharter was born of German immigrant parents in 1857 in Piqua, Ohio and died in Indianapolis in 1923. His father John, a Catholic cabinetmaker, emigrated in 1848 from Bavaria to Cincinnati; his mother Elizabeth Roseberg was from Saxony. They moved from Piqua to Dayton so their sons could have a better education. The parents came to Indianapolis 1875-77, George in 1878. After working as a cigar maker, he studied medicine and obtained his M.D. from the Medical College of Indiana in 1886. He served
on the City Council, was appointed Superintendent of the City Hospital (now Wishard Hospital) in 1892 and of the Central Indiana Hospital for the Insane (Central State Hospital) in 1893. The Hospital had been founded in 1848, and by 1896 had 1,500 patients.

Dr. Edenharter married Marion Swadener in Dayton, OH during 1888. They had one son Ralph E. G. Edenharter, an attorney who lived in Reading, PA. Ralph died in 1927. His son Frederick is now Senior Judge in Reading and has a son named after the Doctor, George F. Edenharter (5).

Dr. Edenharter's brother Frank was an Indianapolis attorney who was a member of the Socialer Turnverein, or Atheneum Turners, and attorney for a German Savings Association (6).

The Turnverein Apartments, the Old Pathology Building, elements of the Indiana Capitol, and many other buildings were designed by Adolf Scherrer (1847-1925), who was born in St. Gaul, Switzerland. Trained at universities in Vienna and Budapest, he came to the USA in 1870, spent some time New York, then two years in Chicago, and came to Indianapolis in 1873.

Scherrer joined architect Edwin May as chief draftsman. May had the commission for the Indiana State Capitol, but died before construction began. The State then hired Scherrer to finish the building. As any visitor to the newly renovated and refurbished building can attest, Scherrer did a fine job. He also designed several buildings at the Central Indiana Hospital for the Insane, including the Department for Women, known as "Seven Steeples" because only seven of the eight steeples could be seen from any adjacent site. In 1884 he was awarded the commission for the Pathology Building by Edenharter. Blue prints of the building are on exhibit in the Museum's library. (7)

Dr. Max A. Bahr (1872-1953), who succeeded Edenharter as Superintendent of the Hospital, was a graduate of Shortridge High School, and of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1896. He was employed by the hospital in 1898, but "Realizing that American psychiatry was far behind that of Germans..."(4) he obtained a degree of Doctor of Psychological Medicine from Berlin in 1908. After the death of Dr. Edenharter in 1923 he became superintendent.

In 1924 Dr. Bahr met a young German physician, Dr. Walter Ludwig Bruetsch (1896-1977). Born and educated in the classics in Heidelberg (he wrote his doctoral thesis in Latin), he was wounded as a German soldier in 1916. Interned in Switzerland he came under the care of the noted neurologist Babinski and started pre-medical schooling in Davos, Switzerland. He received his M.D. from Freiburg, Germany in 1922. Viennese researchers found during the war that infection with malaria could cure syphilis of the brain, the most common cause of insanity until the mid-1940s. Bruetsch brought with him this European treatment, deliberately infecting with malaria patients with tertiary syphilis, and Indianapolis became the center for this moderately successful regiment. He was a teacher as well as a researcher, as all medical students in Indianapolis attended classes at the "Old Pathology Building" from its inception until Larue Carter Hospital was built on campus in 1956 (1,4).

Dr. Edenharter from the first felt that a well-stocked library would encourage his staff physicians and medical students. There were some 500 books in the large, well lighted library on the second floor when the building opened and several thousand in a few years. Some of those(22) from the late 19th and early 20th centuries were in German and many more translated from the original German, since medicine in general and psychiatry especially were most advanced in Germany. The library had been left intact, and many additional
books added since the Museum was founded, such as the 1875 edition by Dr. Benjamin Rush on the German inhabitants of Pennsylvania. I have available a bibliography of about 11 pages of books in or translated from German, or about German subjects. In addition, Nancy Eckerman, librarian of the rare books section of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library at the IU Medical School, prepared for me a bibliography of 14 pages of journals/periodicals in German, and 18 pages of books in German at the library. Copies are available for interested scholars.

The artist connection is John Zwara, whose water-colors now fetch hundreds and thousands of dollar. Born in the early 1880s in Austria, he came to America in 1900. His first paintings in Indianapolis date from 1933. A "street person", like many of them today really suffering from schizophrenia, he earned paint and food money by selling his paintings to Lyman Brothers and the H.L. Lieber Co. He was befriended by Alexander Vonnegut, who realized his need for psychiatric care and arranged his admission to Central State Hospital in 1938. According to Mr. Vonnegut, Zwara had attended schools in Prague and Berlin. While a patient, he was provided supplies by Dr. Brquetsch, who then acquired and stored his paintings and, after retirement, presented them to the Museum. Zwara left the hospital after only six months. He spent his last days with the Little Sisters of the Poor (then located in German-town, now Lockerbie, just west of the Glove Company building).

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The IMHM website: www.imhm.org
ROJAC NEWS FROM JASPER

ROJAC stands for Redevelop Old Jasper Action Coalition. Preserving and celebrating the history of Jasper, IN, is its main goal. The board and its members seek to build economic development through tourism. ROJAC is a nonprofit community organization supported by its annual, tax-deductible memberships. Funds through memberships and grants are used to rebuild the Train Depot, the Eckert Mill, and a Brick Boulevard.

ROJAC launched its membership drive in May of 2003. By April of 2004, about 40% of the money needed to construct the Train Depot along the railroad tracks in Jasper had been raised. A groundbreaking ceremony for the Train Depot was held April 3, 2004. The dedication of the completed Train Depot took place on August 7th. The new train depot is an authentic replica of the former depot and will serve as a visitor center.

In May of 2005, the Jasper Deutscher Verein made a donation of $5,000 that will be used for the water wheel when the Eckert Mill is rebuilt. The recreated Eckert Mill will be an educational tool for students, teachers, and all visitors. Not only will they see an actual working water wheel, but also learn about its history and importance to the heritage of Jasper.

Residents and visitors will enjoy strolling along the Brick Boulevard connecting areas by the river. Tiered pricing for brick purchases is now taking place. See information to purchase a brick on the Deutscher Verein website at www.jaspergermanclub.org.

JASPERS TRAIN DEPOT REBUILT

The railroad in Jasper has a long and colorful history. Attempts to establish a railroad in Dubois County began just after the Civil War. The first section of track was laid in the county in the early 1870s. Work progressed slowly as land was acquired, cleared, and graded. Finally on Friday, February 14th, 1879, the citizens of Jasper welcomed the arrival of the first train to the community. Local contractors had just finished putting the shingles on the roof of the new depot, a barn-like structure that was located at 2nd and Main Streets. Schoolchildren were dismissed from school to witness the historic event. The local band played "Hail Columbia". Orations were delivered. The whistle of the train signaled the arrival of the lone passenger, a salesman from Indianapolis.

During the next twenty years, ownership of the railroad and depot changed hands quite often, as companies folded, merged, and were reorganized. Finally, in 1900, ownership of the line was assumed by Southern Railway, a company who would maintain operations for many decades. Plans for a new depot were soon discussed. Also in the works was a planned extension of the line to French Lick and West Baden. Construction of Jasper's second depot, adjacent to the original, began in July, 1906, and was finished by the end of the year. The building was 30' x 87', and included a large freight room, a business office with ticket counter, and separate waiting rooms for men and women. The following year, train service began running to the recently-completed French Lick depot.

During the subsequent decades, Jasper's depot was a beehive of activity, as passenger and freight service increased. These glory years were short-lived, however, as personal automobiles became more affordable and trucking overtook rail transportation of goods. Eventually, by 1970, the depot was abandoned and torn down. Today, nearly one hundred years after Jasper's Southern Depot opened its doors and trains began carrying passengers between Jasper and the resorts of French Lick and West Baden, history is repeating itself. Guided by ROJAC (Redevelop Old Jasper Action Coalition), a local, not-for-profit organization, a new Jas-
per Depot has been built, and plans are being developed to reinstitute limited passenger service between Jasper and the Springs Valley resorts.

We hope everyone has a chance to pay a visit to the new depot and enjoy a train ride. ALL ABOARD!

ENDOWMENTS AT DUBOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

German heritage is very important to the people of Dubois County. There are five endowments established at the Dubois County Community Foundation with purposes related to German heritage. The Joseph F. and Irene C. Eckerle and Family Endowment is a donor-advised endowment to provide support to German heritage projects of Jasper and charitable Veterans' projects. The Claude and Martina Eckert Sister Cities Endowment is a designated endowment to provide support to Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc. to support the Jasper/Pfaffenweiler relationship. The Thomas J. and Jan Hulsman Family Endowment is a field-of-interest endowment to support German heritage and local community history. The Jasper Deutscher Verein (German Club) German Heritage Endowment is a donor-advised endowment to benefit generations in ensuring that our German heritage is preserved and enriched in Jasper and Dubois County. The Linus and Rosella "Sally" Lechner Family Endowment is a designated endowment to support German heritage and the art of quilting. Due to the generosity of the fund founders and those giving gifts to these endowments, the German heritage will be preserved forever in Dubois County.

Patti Eckerle Goepfrich

GERMAN IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT AT DUBOIS COUNTY MUSEUM

The Dubois County Museum has recently moved to a larger location on N Hwy 231, 2704 N Newton St. in Jasper. A current exhibit, "Good-bye, Germany! Hello, America!" tells the story of German immigrants of the mid-1800's and is the first in a series of exhibits on German immigration.

One display features a group who left Pfaffenweiler, Germany, to come to Indiana. They had a very difficult trip, and the Deliverance Cross south of St. Joseph Church in Jasper became the fulfillment of a promise to God for a safe landing. A video made and produced by some of the citizens of Pfaffenweiler can be viewed at the museum or purchased in the gift shop.

A second display of documents from emigrant George Fischer and his wife Adalheit, show the succession of paperwork from leaving the military in Prussia, being allowed to emigrate, becoming a U.S. citizen, and finally purchasing land in Marion Twp. in Dubois County, Indiana.

A third display has a trunk filled with possessions, a map of ports from which the Germans emigrated, and an explanation of the hard trip across the Atlantic. It also suggests the hopes and dreams they carried with them. A berth that one would use during the trip has been built to scale, and you can try it out yourself to decide if you could have done what they did.

The museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Special arrangements can be made in advance. Call 812-634-7733.

HANS ARNOLD AT THE SAGAMORE INSTITUTE

On October 4, Sagamore Institute will host Dr. Hans Arnold, who will deliver a luncheon address entitled "Whither Europe? A German View". The luncheon will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Herman Kahn Center (5395 Emerson Way) in Indianapolis. SIPR Senior Fellow John Clark will moderate the question-and-answer session.
For nearly half a century, Dr. Arnold has helped define U.S.-German relations. From 1957 to 1961 he was West German Ambassador to Holland and Italy. Dr. Arnold headed the Foreign Ministry from 1966 until 1968 under Chancellor Willy Brandt. He then served as head of the Directorate-General for Culture from 1972 to 1977 and as Chief Inspector in 1981 and 1982. Between 1951 and 1986, he served in the German Foreign Service, initially as part of the Department for European and East-West Security Policy. Ambassador Arnold's foreign posts included Paris and Washington, as well as ambassadorships in Den Haag and Rome. He also served as Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations between 1982 and 1986.

Dr. Arnold is now a lecturer at the Academy for Political Science (Hochschule für Politik) in Munich, and has been an active and prominent participant in German and European debates. In addition to frequent newspaper articles and television appearances, Dr. Arnold has written several books about German security and European unification. In the 1990s he emerged as a leading voice calling for a more assertive European foreign policy that would replace American dominance.

Ambassador Arnold's visit is made possible by the Indianapolis chapter of the American Council on Germany. The luncheon is complimentary for Sagamore Institute Founders' Club members, the cost of the luncheon is $15. Please RSVP (acceptances only) to events@sipr.org or 317-549-4154.

NEW BOOKS

Original eye-witness diaries and letters of Kentucky Unionists who fought in the Civil War are, as the editor notes, rare because of the on-going post-war conflict between the sides in Border States such as Kentucky was. Add to this the fact that the present collection consists of writings of German immigrants who steadfastly believed in the Union cause, the result is a unique, fascinating and very useful series of documents that provide insight and perspective on significant battles and deployments of the Union Army. It also shows the motivation and intellectual background of the German-American soldiers who saw the fight for the Union cause as an extension of a global battle for republicanism and liberalism, a battle that had been lost in the German provinces and principalities in 1848.

Reinhart has juxtaposed the diary entries of John Daubele with the letters of Gottfried Rentschler, both covering essentially the same events. Daubele's diary deals explicitly with the nitty-gritty, day-to-day dangerous grind of the foot soldier. Rentschler, though also not of high rank, is a clerk and has access to more information and people. He is also the more highly educated writer who intends his missives to be published and read by a wider public. Rentschler parades his erudition with extensive quotations from world literature and allusions to famous historical events.

Rentschler and Daubele were acquainted, which makes the work all the more touching and informative. Daubele unfortunately ended up a casualty of the War, his last diary entry made the day he was mortally wounded on May 27th 1864. Rentschler reports his death and notes that he was "the favorite", and that "the whole regiment grieves about John Daubele".

The editing is very meticulous,
which helps the clarity of presentation. The translations, according to spot checks, are accurate. While it is very difficult to capture the style of the original nineteenth-century German, Reinhart has succeeded fairly well without making the English version difficult to read.

The extensive notes and detailed forward to the book provide the historian of the Civil War with background information from a long list of sources. Reinhart shows his own deep knowledge of the history of the Kentucky regiments and Kentucky history in general. For the "lay reader" interested more in the story, have no fear. The story is there to be read for general interest.

From the standpoint of German-American Studies, the book is very useful as a corrective to misconceptions about the role of German-Americans in the Civil War which resulted from incomplete scholarship and dubious nineteenth-century secondary sources. We can add Reinhart's book to the growing list of sources that give us more ready access to understanding a complicated and difficult period of American history and German-American involvement in that history.

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REMEMBERING PRESIDENT REAGAN
by Eberhard Reichmann
In 1988 IGHS members Ruth and Eberhard Reichmann and Giles Hoyt, were among the approximately 100 guests assembled in the Rose Garden of the White House to witness President Reagan's proclamation of October 6 as German-American Day. The President was flanked by a good-sized Bavarian brass band.

The first speaker was the then President of the German Bundestag, Herr Jenninger. His presentation didn't address the German-Americans and their role in history, it rather turned out to be an affirmation of Germany's friendship and NATO partnership with the United States. In other words, he missed the real topic.

Quite differently, President Reagan provided an excellent overview on the German-speaking immigrants and their contributions to the building of America.

We sat in the first row, just about ten feet away from his slightly elevated rostrum. He had a full-blown cold and - I'm not exaggerating - he had to blow his nose some twenty times during his speech, but he would not give up prematurely. The First Lady, Nancy Reagan, looked down from behind a curtain of a White House window. She must have worried about her Ronald's condition.

When the applause ended and the President stepped down to our first row I figured this would be the day I'd shake an American President's hand. He made two steps toward me in that narrow passage way when the Bavarian Band blasted off. And one more step and he stopped directly in front of me - nearly knocking me down with his posterior - to watch the musicians. What to do? I nearly lost my balance and wanted to hang on to him but quickly changed my mind. After all, how would his bodyguard react? So here I stood and in physical touch with the President of the United States who enjoyed the music for a while.

Then he waved at the band and continued to my left - giving me no chance for that presidential handshake.

My good friend Giles, a few steps from me, quickly seized the opportunity and extended his hand across the narrow passage. President Reagan had no choice but to shake it.

When we were back home in Indiana, Giles, a die-in-the-wool Republican, confided to me that he hadn't washed his right hand for three days. And he cherished the awful cold he had developed, because it had come to him from President Reagan.
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