

GERMANY 1: TRANSPARENCY & DEMOCRACY

German Democracy – Important Dates

- Germany first unified as "2nd Reich" in 1871 - WWI defeat and end of Empire Nov. 9, 1918 - Weimar Republic 1919-1933 - Hitler's Third Reich 1933-45 - WWII 1939-1945; US at war 1941ff - Germans suffer 10 million deaths - Vast destruction of cities
- V.E. day: May 8, 1945 - Division of Germany by Allies - 25 million displaced people
- Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) created May 23, 1949 (= West Germany) out of US, French & English sectors - New capital at Bonn (provisions after 1956) - A parliamentary democracy - First Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, 1949
- German Democratic Republic (DDR) - created Oct. 7, 1949 (= East Germany) - Tightly controlled by Soviets - New capital in eastern Berlin - Berlin Wall created 1961
- Unification Nov. 9, 1989, unified government in Bonn - Capital moves to Berlin 1999

Bonn & Transparency

- Parliament, (Renovation & Addition to Pedagogical Institute), Hans Schwippert, 1949
- New Parliament, Gunther Behnisch, 1989
- Chancellor's Bungalow, by Sep Ruf, 1956
- * German Pavilion, Brussels World's Fair, by Eiermann & Sep Ruf, 1958 (cf. Blundell, Case Studies)
cf. Mies, Barcelona Pavilion, 1929; Speer's German Pavilion, Paris World's Fair, 1937
- German Supreme Court, in Karlsruhe, by Paul Baumgarten, 1965
- German Embassy, Washington DC, Eiermann, 1965

Max Bill, Hochschule für Gestaltung (= Design College, Ulm, 1953 (Frampton p.287)

- cf. Bauhaus Chicago, North Carolina, Ulm
- Braun & German Industrial Design

Egon Eiermann (1904-1970)

- Handkerchief Factory at Lauffenmühle KG, at Blumberg, Baden, 1949
- Offices for United Silk Weaving Works (Vereinigten Seidenwebereien), in Krefeld, 1950-56
cf. Mies' Esters & Lange Houses, Krefeld, 1930
- Matthauskirche (Church of St. Matthew), in Pforzheim, 1951-53
- * Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche, Eiermann, Berlin, 1959-63
- * Neckermann Mail Order, Frankfurt, Germany, 1958-61 (p.472)
- Parliamentary Office Building in Bonn, 1965
- IBM Germany, by Eiermann, in Frankfurt, 1967-72

Sep Ruf (1908-1982)

- Bavarian State Bank, Nuremberg, by Sep Ruf, 1949-51
- Germanisches Nationalmuseum Addition, by Sep Ruf, in Nuremberg, 1953-73

Others (if we have time)

- Primary School, Düsseldorf, Paul Schneider-Esleben, 1959
- Garage, Düsseldorf, Paul Schneider-Esleben, 1949
- Mannesman Tower, by Schneider-Esleben, in Mannheim, 1958
cf. Mannesmann Headquarters, Peter Behrens, 1912
- * Thyssen Hirise, Hentrich & Petschnigg, Düsseldorf, 1957-60



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