

Richard A. Banyai, *The Legal and Military Aspects of German Money, Banking, and Finance 1938-1948*

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This monograph is an in-depth study of a generally neglected aspect of the 1938-48 period of German economic history. As stated in the preface, "Military Government fiat in the money and banking area is an interesting study not only in economics but also in law. In general, this was a period of large-scale warfare and the occupation and administration of vast territories. The occupied territories required a military authority for the task of controlling money, banking and government".

This study is divided into three major parts, is illustrated with maps and specimens of currency and coin, and has a large, comprehensive references section. Part I examines military occupation and the issue of military currency in the context of international law, with a select number of case citations as precedent. Part II is an in-depth analysis of the legal and military aspects of German money, banking and financial policies in the occupied and annexed territories of continental Europe, 1938-45. Numerous decree laws issued by the German military authorities relating to money and banking are examined. There are maps showing areas of invasion and occupation, and specimens of both military and regular coin and currency issued by both the German authorities and the German controlled regimes in the occupied and annexed areas. Part III examines the legal and military aspects of the banking and monetary reconstruction in Germany from 1945-48 under the Allied Military occupation forces of the United States, Great Britain, France and the U.S.S.R. Numerous decree laws and other documents issued by the Allied forces of occupation relating to money and banking in occupied Germany are examined. There are maps of the zones of occupa-

tion in Germany and in the city of Berlin, and specimens of military currency used in Germany and Austria by the Allied forces. The important German monetary reform of June 1948 is carefully examined, and illustrated are specimens of the currency and coin issued during this reform in both the East and West zones of occupation in Germany and the city of Berlin.

This monograph is a concise, well illustrated and documented study. It will prove enlightening to specialists in economics and law, scholars and numismatists.

Vera Flach, *A Yankee in German America Texas Hill Country* (The Naylor Company, San Antonio, Texas, 1973), 176 pages, \$5.95.

This highly personal work must be considered a valuable addition to the growing body of German-American literature.

Vera Flach is of Welsh ancestry and was born (1895) and raised in Chicago. She married a descendent of Dr. Ernst Kapp, the geographer and freethinking Forty-Eighter who settled in Sisterdale along the Sister Creeks (Upper Guadalupe River), the site of a "Latin farm" colony. The authoress learned German to at least some degree of fluency, and, ultimately, began delving into the Kapp family past. As might be expected, several traditional familiar German folkways come under "Yankee" scrutiny, and, occasionally, authoress Flach has some interesting observations or insights to pass on to the reader. Raised in a teetotaling family, her discovery of the German beer cult (to cite but one example) becomes an almost major life experience. Far more significant, however, is the authoress' ability to breathe life into so many different phases of early twentieth century Texas German life. Her vivid recollections of sausage-making (she fails to use the term, but *Schlachtfest* it is!) makes for enjoyable and, at times, quite humorous reading: