

First German-American Wedding (1947)

Abstract

The initial order prohibiting fraternizing was lifted in October 1945, but a second order forbidding marriages between American soldiers and German women remained in place until December 1946. After it was rescinded, love matches between conqueror and conquered could finally be made official. This photograph shows the first American-German wedding, which took place in a Berlin church in 1947. In the first five years following the end of the war, more than 14,000 German women would marry American GIs and eventually move to the United States with them.

Source



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