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POWS RETURNEES FROM SOVIET UNION (133 m)

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Background:

During the Moscow visit Federal Chancellor Dr. Adenauer received the promise of Bulganin that the German POW's still retained by the Soviets would be returned as quickly as possible.

The Soviets named a figure of more than 9,000 still in Russian camps, although in Germany it is still hoped that many hundred thousands of POW's are still alive!

The first returnees were a group of 24 generals and admirals of the former Wehrmacht. Among them COs of divisions and corps fighting in Russia - the commandant of Königsberg - von Seydlitz, the initiator of an anti-Hitler movement in the Russian POW-camps sponsored by the Soviets, and many other well-known names.

Shots: The train crosses the border between the German Soviet Zone and the Federal Republic.

passenger
Arrival of/train at Herleshausen.

Welcome to group of ex-generals in new "Gum" clothing,

Generals leave train

Red Cross helpers

The first meal after 10 years (in Germany)

A second train brings the first mass transport of 600 POW'S.

The POW's leave the goods train. They are in their camp clothing, but in jubilant spirits.

Welcome on the market place of the quaint old Nethersaxon town Herleshausen.

Transport by omnibus to the Camp Friedland where all POW's are processed and registered.

The bell of the Camp rings when POW's return home. Wives, mothers and children of missed former German-soldiers with name-boards. Welcome scenes.

Old woman with board weeps.

In place of Dr. Adenauer, who is ill, Vice Chancellor Dr.

Blücher gives the returnees a warm welcome on behalf of Germans in East and West.

Monument in Camp Friedland illustrating "Liberated POW's".

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