

BERLIN CHURCH:

In the heart of West Berlin stands the bomb-damaged Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church - due for demolition, and now reprieved. Workmen have been clearing the rubble and starting to attack the foundations for the city authorities proposed to demolish what was left, of the famous old landmark and replace it with a brand-new church, for which the architect's plans were ready.

The project was going ahead - but the city planners had reckoned without public opinion. Protests began to pour in; Berliners loved the old church, and wanted to keep it - even if the war hadn't left much of it to keep. Newspaper polls showed a huge majority in favour of a reprieve - so the church stays where it is.