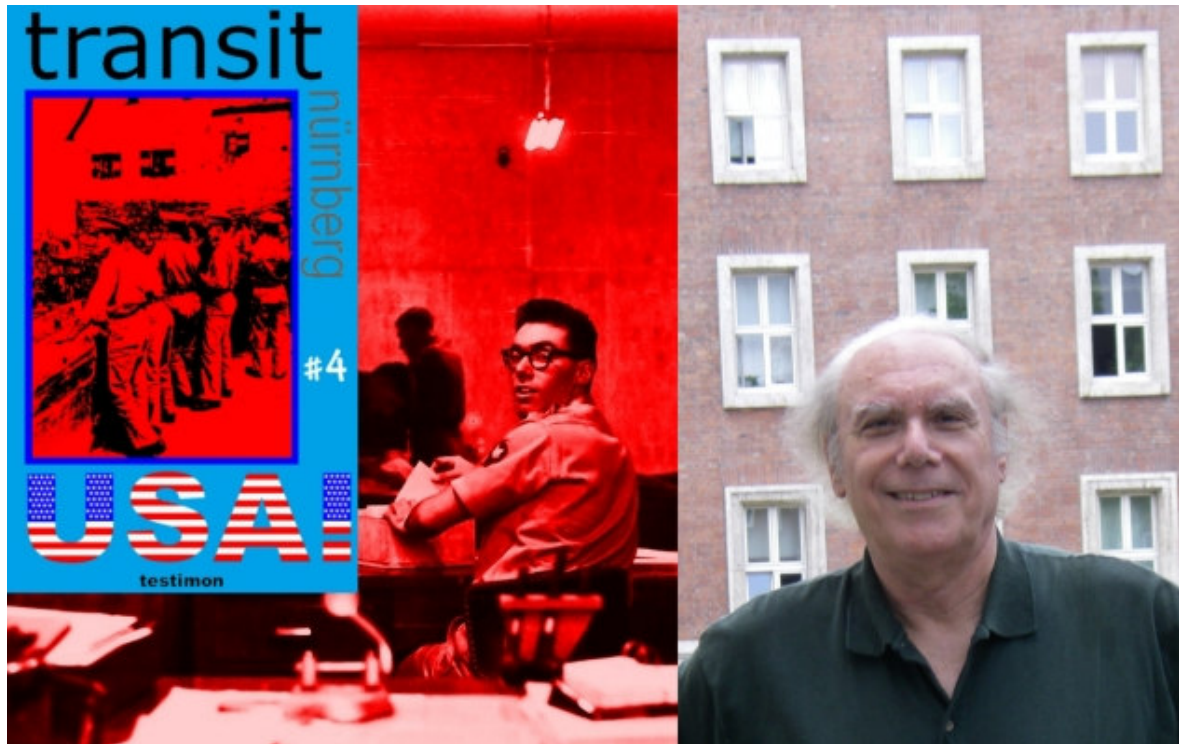


Comeback to Nuremberg: Prof. Raymond M. Weinstein 1960 / 2010



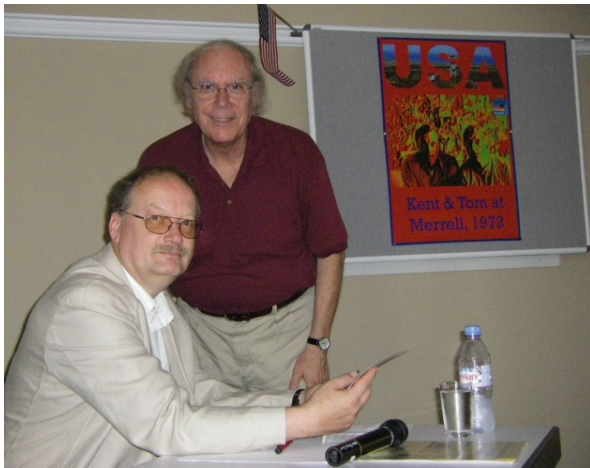
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In July 2010 Prof. Raymond M. Weinstein, author of the story *Nuremberg 1959 - 1960 remembered: an American soldier in postwar Germany* in our book *transit nürnberg #4* revisited for the first time in fifty years the city which he came to know as a G.I. with a team of the 176th Signal repair company.

Today, Weinstein is Professor of Sociology at the University of South Carolina at Aiken. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 - 1960, and after his discharge attended college. He graduated from Baruch College of the City University of New York in 1963 with a major in business statistics. He then was a graduate student at the University of California at Los Angeles from 1964 - 1968, and earned a Masters degree and Ph.D. in sociology. In his more than 40-year career, he has taught sociology at Wilkes College in Pennsylvania, John Jay College in New York, and since 1976 has been in his present teaching position in South Carolina. During the past four decades, he has published more than three dozen academic works on various topics, mainly articles in professional journals but also chapters in books and entries

for encyclopedias. Recently, an article appeared in the *Journal of Popular Culture*, Vol. 39, pages 126 - 149, 2006, entitled: *Occupation G.I. Blues: Postwar Germany during and after Elvis Presley's tour*.

Prof. Weinstein's writing is not limited to academic work. The first comprehensive result of his current autobiographical project is the contribution to *transit nürnberg #4*. Therefore his trip to Nuremberg was not only for nostalgia but served the purpose of background research.



Dr. Leder and Prof. Weinstein on July 4, 2010
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Panel and audience on the 4th of July
(photo: Susanne Rieger)

As *testimon publishers* we took advantage of the unique chance offered by his presence and arranged for an eyewitness talk on the 4th of July at *Nürnberger Akademie*. Hosted by the German born and U.S. based historian Dr. Harald T. Leder (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge) Prof. Weinstein shared his experiences and views on German-American relations with a numerous and attentive audience.



Prof. Weinstein, Dr. Leder and participants talking after the event
(photo: Susanne Rieger)

During his stay there was time left for individual sightseeing such as a tour of former Merrell Barracks, today the premises of the Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees (*Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge*) where on July 12 Prof. Weinstein and Susanne Rieger (*testimon publishers*) were welcomed and guided by Mr. Robert Drews representing the agency's

director. The American took the opportunity to visit Luitpoldstraße in order to brush up his knowledge of the bars there which until the Army's withdrawal from Nuremberg in 1995 were frequented mainly by G.I.s.



Mr. Drews and Prof. Weinstein during the tour of former Merrell Barracks
(photo: Susanne Rieger)



Prof. Weinstein as a guest of the fraternity *Onoldia* at Spittlertorzwinger, to the right Mr. Sauernheimer
(photo: Susanne Rieger)

His forays in town where after a short period of orientation he easily found his way again, also led to new acquaintances such as the head of the academic fraternity *Onoldia*, Rudolf Sauernheimer, to which group he and we are indebted for a snug German-American grill party at the Spittlertorzwinger fortification, a segment of the medieval city wall.

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Former Soldier remembers 1950s Germany in Nuremberg
By Ashley Bateman, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Though he never met Elvis Presley, Raymond M. Weinstein, a professor at the University of South Carolina in Aiken, has come to recognize the significance of his and the King's overlapping months as Soldiers posted in Germany during the Cold War.

Stationed first at Nuremberg's Merrill Barracks and then at Henry Barracks in Munich, Weinstein and The King were both part of an Army defined by its peacetime status, occupation in foreign territories and the rising threat of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Weinstein enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school. After training at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and Fort Dix, N.J., he was sent to Fort Ord, Calif., as part of a signal battalion.

Weinstein expected to finish out his tour there, but the rising tensions of the Cold War era challenged his expectations.

"All of us, by the end of '58 got orders to go overseas," Weinstein said, speaking about his battalion. "Half of us went to Korea and the other half to Germany."

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Courtesy Photo
Professor Raymond M. Weinstein, will speak about his experiences on July 13 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Bamberg post theater and July 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Nürnberger Akademie.

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Professor speaks on Army in Europe, race relations
By Ashley Bateman, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

As a Soldier stationed overseas with the 176th Signal Company in the late 1950s, Raymond M. Weinstein experienced a Germany divided, not just by foreign occupiers, but by race.

Weinstein spoke at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg's post movie theater July 13, discussing America's presence as an occupying force in foreign territories since World War II and describing his own experiences as a G.I. in Cold War-era Germany.

Weinstein, a professor of sociology at the University of South Carolina in Aiken, traveled to Germany this month to complete research for his memoir- a project that has been under construction for about 10 years and is nearing completion.

Gerhard Jochem, a Nuremberg-based archivist and historian, has assisted Weinstein in his research throughout the years and asked him to speak to an open audience at the Nürnberger Akademie on July 4. Weinstein offered to speak to the Bamberg community because of its proximity to Nuremberg.

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Ashley Bateman
Master Sgt. Matthew S. Waldron, right, reads a plaque presented to Raymond M. Weinstein in appreciation for speaking at Warner Barracks July 13. Lt. Col. Steven L. Morris, center, also gave Weinstein a coin to take back with him to the United States. Weinstein is a professor of sociology at the University of South Carolina in Aiken and was visiting Germany to complete research on his memoir.

Warner Weekly's coverage of Prof. Weinstein's appearances in Nuremberg and Bamberg

On July 13, Prof. Weinstein was invited to speak at Warner Barracks in Bamberg, an event arranged for by Specialist Ashley E Bateman of the garrison's public affairs office. Of course his lecture was covered by the post's newspaper Warner Weekly as was the talk in Nuremberg on July 4. The interest in Prof. Weinstein's visit taken by the media in Nuremberg was proven by reports in the local press and a radio interview.



Newspaper article in *Nürnberger Nachrichten* about Prof. Weinstein



Prof. Weinstein in Luitpoldstraße in front of the former *Flying Dutchman* bar (photo: Susanne Rieger)

For us and many others who met him, Prof. Weinstein's visit was inspiring, instructive and memorable on a personal level. We wish for more encounters with him and other Merrell veterans to expand our horizon by their knowledge and opinions regarding the German-American past, presence and future.

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