

Treaty of versailles



Germany shocked with embarrassment
Two days ago Germany was left with embarrassment and humiliation after having to sign the treaty of Versailles.

The treaty of Versailles was a treaty attended Britain, France, Italy and USA.

The Treaty was received very badly within Germany. The nation had been blamed entirely for the First World War and had been forced to pay compensation to the allies. When the terms were made public there was anger and fury throughout Germany.

Within Germany the treaty was becoming known as Diktat, meaning order as it was being forced on us and we had no choice but to sign it. Many in Germany did not want the Treaty signed, but the government knew that they had no choice as Germany was incompetent of restarting the war again. The signing took place in the palace of Versailles, near Paris. I was sent over to cover and witness this milestone event that would affect Germany for ever.

When I entered the hall of mirrors, where the treaty was being signed there was people everywhere, you couldn't move. After standing there for 1 hour, the big 4, started reading out all the conditions of the treaty. As a German all these conditions just seemed so unjust.

There 4 main conditions Germany had to take upon while signing the treaty of Versailles. The main condition was giving up territories. Germany had to surrender land to France, Belgium, Poland, Denmark, Czechoslovakia and the city of Danzig. In total lost 13% of European territory. Germany also had to give up colonies such as Japan, Australia, New Zealand and England. All these countries were given to the League of Nations to look after.

This was seen as a great insult to Germany because The Allies stated that Germany had shown itself unfit to rule an overseas empire. Another thing that the treaty of Versailles put Germany through, is dealing with the guilt. Germany was responsible for starting the war.

Therefore Germany was to blame for all the war damage caused by the First World War. Therefore, she had to pay compensation;? most of the compensation had to go to France and Belgium to pay for the damage done to roads and cities of both countries by the war. Because Germany were a very forceful country, they had to take away some of there power by weakening there militarily.

During and before the war there was a compulsory military service, because of the treaty, that was stopped. The army was reduced to 100, 000 men. The navy had to be reduced; she was only allowed 6 naval ships and no submarines. For protection, no soldiers or military force was allowed in Rhineland, only allied forces.

When they finished reading, I took a few photos and had to wait until the big 3 left the building. As soon as I left, outside the palace of the Versailles, the crowd was huge and I knew that back in Germany there would be furry.