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Columns 1, 2, 3 = Survey # (972)

Column 4 = Card #

Columns 5, 6, 7, 8 = Questionnaire #

? Cards I & II

A. Is the economical situation of your family better today than in 1939?

Card I - Column 9

- 1 Yes, better
- 2 No, not better
- 3 The same
- 4 No opinion
- 5 Worse
- 6 Much worse

1. If you now had the chance to tour a West European country for some time, which country would you prefer?

Card I - Column 10

Card II - " 57

- 1 France ..... (ask question 1a)
- 2 England ..... (ask question 1b)
- 3 Italy ..... (ask question 1b)
- 4 Switzerland ..... (ask question 1b)
- 5 Sweden ..... (ask question 1b)
- 6 Spain ..... (ask question 1b)
- 7 Holland ..... (ask question 1b)
- 8 Some other country:
- X No opinion

1. a. (IF FRANCE) Why would you prefer France?

*and 71 - col 9*

- b. (IF FRANCE NOT NAMED) Why not France?

*Card II - col 10*

2. Are there, at present, nations in the world which represent a menace to peace? (French survey June 1954 - Question 3)

*Card I* Column 11 X

- 1 Yes .....(ask question 2a)  
2 No  
X No opinion

- a. (IF YES) Which nations are these?

*Card I -* Column 11 X

3. In your opinion, has Germany an enemy or enemies? One or several? (French survey June 1954 - Question 2)

*Card I -* Column 12 X

- 1 Yes, one .....(ask question 3a)  
2 Yes, several .....(ask question 3a)  
3 No  
X No opinion

- a. (IF YES ONE, OR YES SEVERAL) Who is (are) this (these) enemy (enemies)?

*Card I* Column 12 X

4. Would you please tell me what is your attitude toward the French as people? (CARD)

Card I - Column 13

- 1 I like them very much
- 2 I like them
- 3 I like them somewhat
- 4 I like them a little
- 5 I would say that I neither like them nor dislike them
- 6 I don't like them especially
- 7 I don't like them
- 8 I don't like them at all
- 9 I can't stand them
- X No opinion

5. In your opinion, in what areas are the Germans superior to the French?

Card II - col 11

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6. And in what areas, in your opinion, are the French superior to the Germans?

Card II - col 12, 13

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7. And what prestige does France enjoy with you personally? (CARD)

Card I - Column 14

- 1 Very high
- 2 High
- 3 Fair
- 4 Mediocre
- 5 Low
- 6 Very low
- X No opinion

8. What opinion, do you believe, the French have of Germany? (CARD)

*Card I* - Column 15

- 1 Very good opinion
- 2 Good opinion
- 3 Fair opinion
- 4 Bad opinion
- 5 Very bad opinion
- X No opinion

9. Are you for or against a France-German rapprochement at the present time? (French survey June 1954 - Question 29)

*Card I* - Column 16

*Card II* - Column 58

- 1 For it.....(ask question 9a)
- 2 Against it..... (ask question 9a)
- X No opinion

a. (IF "FOR IT" OR "AGAINST IT") Why are you (for) (against) it?

*Card II* - col 14

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10. In your opinion, does a mutual antagonism exist between France and Germany, or doesn't it? (How strong?)

*Card I* - Column 17

- 1 Very strong antagonism
- 2 Strong antagonism
- 3 Some antagonism
- 4 No antagonism
- X No opinion

11. Do you consider France's distrust of Germany to be in any way justified, or don't you? (CARD)

Card I - Column 18

Card II - " 50

- |   |                               |                    |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Entirely justified .....      | (ask question 11a) |
| 2 | Predominantly justified ..... | (ask question 11a) |
| 3 | Somewhat justified .....      | (ask question 11a) |
| 4 | Not justified at all .....    | (ask question 11a) |
| X | No opinion                    |                    |

- a. IF "ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED", "PREDOMINANTLY JUSTIFIED", "SOMEWHAT JUSTIFIED", OR "NOT JUSTIFIED AT ALL".  
Why do you consider France's distrust of Germany to be (entirely justified) (predominantly justified) (somewhat justified) (not at all justified)?

Card II - cols 15

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12. What are, in your opinion, the main strong points of the French?  
(French survey June 1954 - Question 25)

Card II - cols 16, 17

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13. What are the main shortcomings of the French? (French survey June 1954 - Question 24)

Card II cols 18, 19

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14. In your opinion, what shortcomings do the French chiefly reproach us (Germans) with?

Card II cols 20, 21

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15. Considering the present relationship between France and Germany, in your opinion, where is the antagonism against the other country stronger - in Germany or in France?

Card I Column 19

- 1 In Germany
- 2 In France
- 3 In both countries equally strong
- 4 No antagonism
- X No opinion

16. In your opinion, how are the relations between France and Germany at the present time: Very good, good, not so good, or bad? (DIVO Trend)

Card I Column 20

Card II

- " 60
- 1 Very good ..... (ask question 16a)
  - 2 Good.....(ask question 16a)
  - 3 Not too good
  - 4 Bad
  - X No opinion

- a. (IF "VERY GOOD" OR "GOOD") In your opinion, what are the reasons for France-German relations being (very good) (good)?

Card I col 22

17. In your opinion, what stands in the way of a friendly understanding between France and Germany?

Card I - col 23, 24

18. Can you name me some aims that are shared by Germany and France? (Any others?)

Card II col 25, 26

19. Can you also mention something where Germany and France have different or contradictory aims? (Any others?)

Card II - 4/27, 28

20. Do you think that an understanding between Germany and France is possible sooner or later, or don't you think so? (French survey June 1954)

Card I Column 21

- 1 Yes, possible  
2 No, impossible  
X No opinion

21. How essential do you think it is for Germany to try to achieve friendly relations with France? (CARD)

Card I Column 22

Card II " 61

- 1 Absolutely necessary ..... (ask question 21a)  
2 Very necessary ..... (ask question 21a)  
3 Necessary ..... (ask question 21a)  
4 Not very necessary ..... (ask question 21a)  
5 Not necessary at all ..... (ask question 21a)  
X No opinion

- a. (IF "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY", "VERY NECESSARY", "NECESSARY", "NOT VERY NECESSARY", OR "NOT NECESSARY AT ALL") Why are you of this opinion?

Card II col 29

22. What is your impression of France's endeavors for an understanding and friendly cooperation between France and Germany, - do you think that France tries hard, somewhat, relatively little, or does not try at all?

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22. (Continued)

Card I Column 23

Card II - " - 62

- 1 Tries very hard ..... (ask question 22a)
- 2 Tries somewhat ..... (ask question 22a)
- 3 Tries relatively little ..... (ask question 22a)
- 4 Does not try at all
- X No opinion ..... (ask question 22a)

- a. (IF "TRIES VERY HARD", "TRIES SOMEWHAT", "TRIES RELATIVELY LITTLE", OR "NO OPINION") What does France do in order to achieve an understanding and friendly cooperation with Germany?

Card II col 30

23. And what is your impression of Germany's endeavors for an understanding and friendly cooperation between the two countries - do you think that Germany tries very hard, somewhat, relatively little, or does not try at all?

Card I Column 24

Card II - " - 63

- 1 Tries very hard ..... (ask question 23a)
- 2 Tries somewhat ..... (ask question 23a)
- 3 Tries relatively little ..... (ask question 23a)
- 4 Does not try at all
- X No opinion ..... (ask question 23a)

- a. (IF "TRIES VERY HARD", "TRIES SOMEWHAT", "TRIES RELATIVELY LITTLE", OR "NO OPINION") What does Germany do in order to achieve an understanding and friendly cooperation with France?

Card II - col 31

24. In your opinion, what concession should Germany make in order to achieve better understanding and friendly cooperation with France?

Card I - Column 25

Card II - - " - 64

- 1 Concessions, what? Card II col 32  
Y No concessions  
X No opinion

25. And, in your opinion, what concessions should France make in order to achieve better understanding and friendly cooperation with Germany?

Card I - Column 26

Card I col 65

- 1 Concessions, what? Card II col 33  
Y No concessions  
X No opinion

26. Do you have the impression that, by and large, America's European policy favors the Germans or the French? (French Survey June 1954 - Question 27)

Card I Column 27

Card II col 66

- 1 The Germans ..... (ask question 26a)  
2 The French ..... (ask question 26a)  
3 Neither/nor  
X No opinion

a. (IF "THE GERMANS" OR "THE FRENCH") What makes you think so?

Card II - col 34  
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Even if one actually hasn't been in France and doesn't know any French people personally, one has certain notions and a certain image of France and the French. We would like to ask you some questions about this.

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27. What ideas do you have of the French way of life and the French outlook on life?

Card II - cols 35-37

- 1 Favorable impressions
- 2 Unfavorable impressions
- 3 Indeterminate impressions
- 4 Don't know

28. And what are your notions of French family and married life?

Card II cols 38-40

29. And what do you think of the political affairs in France and of the French as citizens?

Card II - cols 41-43

30. What notion do you have of church and religious life in France?

Card II - cols 44-46

31. And what are your ideas of French business, industry, and technology?

Card II - cols 47-49

32. And what notion or what ideas do you have of French culture, - arts, music, literature, painting, etc.?

Card II - cols 50-52

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33. a. Would or wouldn't you like to live in the same house with French people?

*Card I* - Column 28

- 1 Yes
- 2 It depends
- 3 No

- b. And would you like to see your husband (son) (brother) work with the French, or wouldn't you?

*Card I* Column 28

- 4 Yes
- 5 It depends
- 6 No

- c. And would you like to see your children (if you had any) play with French children, or wouldn't you?

*Card I* Column 28

- 7 Yes
- 8 It depends
- 9 No

- d. Suppose you had a French acquaintance; would you invite him to a party together with German friends and acquaintances, or wouldn't you?

*Card I* Column 28

- 0 Yes
- X It depends
- Y No

- e. Would you willingly see your daughter (sister) marry a Frenchman, or wouldn't you?

*Card I* Column 29

- 1 Yes
- 2 It depends
- 3 No

34. Did you have any bad or annoying experiences with the French?

Card I Column 30

Card II --- 67

- 1 Yes ..... (ask question 34a)
- 2 No

a. (If "YES") What kind of bad or annoying experiences were these?

Card II - col 53

35. Do you personally know some French people? (One or several?)

Card I Column 31

- 1 Yes, one ..... (ask question 35a)
- 2 Yes, several ..... (ask question 35a)
- 3 No, nobody

a. (IF "YES, ONE" OR "YES, SEVERAL") Well or only slightly?

Card I Column 31

- 5 Well
- 6 Slightly

36. Are you personally interested in getting to know France and the French people more thoroughly, or aren't you? (French survey June 1954 - Question 5d)

Card I Column 31

- 0 Yes, I'm interested
- X No, I'm not interested
- Y No opinion

37. About how many inhabitants does France have? (French survey June 1954 - Question 6)

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## 37. (Continued)

Card I Column 32

- 1 Less than 10 million
- 2 10 to 19 million
- 3 20 to 29 million
- 4 30 to 39 million
- 5 40 to 49 million
- 6 50 to 59 million
- 7 60 million and more
- X Don't know

## 38. And how many inhabitants does West Germany have?

Card I Column 33

- 1 Less than 10 million
- 2 10 to 19 million
- 3 20 to 29 million
- 4 30 to 39 million
- 5 40 to 49 million
- 6 50 to 59 million
- 7 60 million and more
- X Don't know

39. Can you tell me the names of two French writers, two philosophers, two musicians, two scientists (of the present time or the past)? (French survey June 1954 - Question 8)

Card II col 52

A	Writers	1	<u>1</u>	2	<u>2</u>	<del>X</del>	No
B	Philosophers	1	<u>3</u>	2	<u>4</u>	<del>X</del>	"
C	Musicians	1	<u>5</u>	2	<u>6</u>	<del>X</del>	"
D	Scientists	1	<u>7</u>	2	<u>8</u>	<del>X</del>	"

## 40. Do you perhaps, know any foreign languages? (Which?)

Card I Column 34

Card II - - 68

- 1 English
- 2 French
- 3 Russian
- 4 Italian
- 5 Others: (list)
- Y None

40. a. (IF "FRENCH") How good are you at speaking French? (And how good are you at reading French?)

Card I Column 35

Speaking

- 1 Just a few words
- 2 Can make myself understood fairly well
- 3 Have a good working knowledge
- 4 As well as German

Reading

- 5 Can read it only with difficulty or can hardly read it
- 6 Can read fairly well
- 7 Read fluently
- 8 As well as German

- b. For what reasons did you learn French?

Card II col 55

Card II - col 56 - correct X

41. Have you ever been in France? (IF "YES") Under what circumstances?  
(French Survey June 1954 - Question 5)

Card I Column 36

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|---|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | As a combat soldier in France                                 | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 2 | As a soldier with the occupation army                         | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 3 | As a prisoner of war                                          | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 4 | As a political prisoner                                       | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 5 | As a tourist                                                  | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 6 | On business                                                   | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 7 | For voluntarily working (exchange)<br>(As a volunteer worker) | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 8 | For other reasons: _____                                      | (ask question 41 a & b) |
| 9 | Have never been in France                                     |                         |

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41. a. (IF "HAVE EVER BEEN IN FRANCE") In which year (or period) were you in France? (French survey June 1954 - Question 3b)

*Card I* Column 37

- 1 Prior to 1933
- 2 Between 1934 and 1939
- 3 Between 1940 and 1944
- 4 Between 1945 and 1949
- 5 After 1950

- b. How long were you in France? (French survey June 1954 - Question 5c)

*Card I* Column 37

- 7 A few days
- 8 Some weeks
- 9 Some months
- 0 Some years

42. Did you lose a loved one in France during the war?

*Card I* Column 38

- 1 Yes, father
- 2 Yes, son
- 3 Yes, husband
- 4 Yes, brother
- 5 Yes, other relatives
- 6 Yes, fiance
- 7 Yes, other persons
- 8 No ,

43. Do you think that the Germans are to have the leadership in Europe?

*Card I* Column 39

- 1 Yes, I think so.....(ask question 43a)
- 2 No, I do not think so .....(ask question 43a)
- X No opinion

43. a. Why don't (do) you think so?

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44. Do you approve of this opinion? (CARD)

"We should have a strong national party which  
could serve all interests."

Card I Column 40

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- X No opinion

45. In 1932 there were more than 30 parties in Germany. Today there are  
5 parties. How many ~~politic~~ parties do you think would be most convenient  
for Germany?

Card I Column 41X

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46. Do you have any activities or official assignments? (CARD)

Card I Column 42

Card II - " - 2

- 1 Representative of a community, town council, or a district
- 2 In an organization for refugees
- 3 In a professional or economical association (~~Which?~~)  
(Which?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4