

Proclamation No 1 from the Control Council for Germany (Berlin, 30 August 1945)

Caption: On 30 August 1945, in Berlin, US General Dwight D. Eisenhower, British General Sir Brian Hubert Robertson, French General Louis Koeltz and Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov sign the act establishing the Allied Control Council, which thereby assumes supreme authority over defeated Germany.

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Establishing the Control Council

To the people of Germany!

The Commanders-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in Germany of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, acting jointly as members of the Control Council, do hereby proclaim as follows:

I
As announced on 5 June 1945, supreme authority with respect to Germany has been assumed by the Governments of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

II

In virtue of the supreme authority and powers thus assumed by the four Governments the Control Council has been established and supreme authority in matters affecting Germany as a whole has been conferred upon the Control Council.

III

Any military laws, proclamations, orders, ordinances, notices, regulations and directives issued by or under the authority of the respective Commanders-in-Chief for their respective Zones of Occupation are continued in force in their respective Zones of Occupation.

Done at Berlin, 30 August 1945.

DWIGHT. D. EISENHOWER

General of the Army

B.H. ROBERTSON

Lt. Gen

Deputy for:

BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY

Field Marshal

L. KOELTZ

Général de Corps d'Armée

Pour P. KOENIG

Général de Corps d'Armée

G. ZHUKOV

Marshal of the Soviet Union