

SUDETEN GERMAN HISTORY AND STORIES

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The text presents a chapter from the personal memoirs of the author, who was born in Germany but grew up in the United States. It deals with his return to Germany, initially for M.A. thesis research and subsequently as a doctoral student of Professor Karl Bosl and fellowship recipient of the Collegium Carolinum in the late sixties. The focus is on his experiences within the Collegium during the institution's early years and his encounters with many individuals who played prominent roles in Sudeten German politics and research. He also comments on the issues affecting the relationship between Sudeten Germans and the large American external radio station RFE in Munich, where the author spent nearly thirty years in senior management positions.