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## NEWS

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### **“German Newspapers’ Demise” Indiana State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated in Indianapolis, Indiana**

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker examining the demise of German-language newspapers during World War I is scheduled for Friday, October 6, 2017. The marker dedication will begin at 1:00 p.m. at 41 S. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, located immediately south of the Julia M. Carson Transit Center (201 E. Washington St.). Parking is available at metered spaces along the nearby side streets.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “German Newspapers’ Demise”:

German-language newspapers thrived as Germans became Indiana’s largest immigrant population by 1850. The *Täglicher Telegraph und Tribüne*, located near here, was among over 175 German-language newspapers published in Indiana, 1843-1920. These newspapers were important vehicles for readers in integrating and maintaining their cultural identities with American values. U.S. entry into WWI in 1917 created suspicion and antipathy toward German-American schools, churches, clubs and newspapers. Several of these Indiana newspapers, which had tried to present balanced war coverage, closed by 1918. This included the *Täglicher Telegraph und Tribüne* and papers in Berne, South Bend, Logansport, Evansville, and Terre Haute.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony for this Indiana state historical marker that commemorates German contributions to the state, once Indiana’s largest ethnic group, and examines the demise of German newspapers here during World War I. German-language newspapers thrived in Indiana in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as important tools for integrating this group and for helping to maintain their cultural identities in their new country. The Indiana German Heritage Society provided the funding for this new historical marker. 2017 marks the centennial of American involvement in the war.

The Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) oversees the state historical marker program. State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Since 1946, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. Over 600 of these markers have been installed over the years.

For more information about the Indiana Historical Marker Program and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at <http://www.IN.gov/history> or call (317) 232-2535. For more information about the marker dedication ceremony, please contact Steven Schmidt at [schmidt@iupui.edu](mailto:schmidt@iupui.edu).

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