weights must now be recorded at the time of the harvest of grains and potatoes.

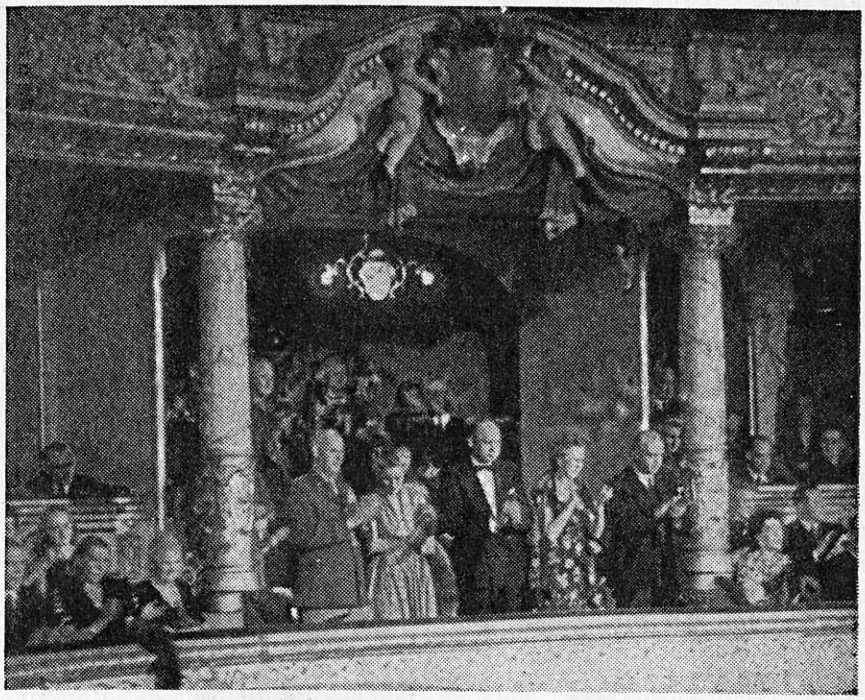
A method of "spot-checking" German yield estimates is now being worked out which will be applied to the potato harvest this fall, and which should greatly improve future estimates. Under this system, a random sample of the crop estimators will be selected, and then a very careful sample will be taken of the yields of the particular area for which the crop estimator in question was responsible. It is believed that it is possible to sample nearly 10 percent of the individual crop estimators and to determine from the results any over-all bias in the official figures.

THE LIVESTOCK census is taken each year in June and December. It has proved considerably less accurate than the other production estimates discussed above. The number of larger animals—such as cattle, oxen, and horses—is fairly well reported, with the estimate of under-reporting usually less than five percent. For smaller animals, however, such as sheep, goats, and particularly pigs and chickens, the understatement may run as high (in local areas) as 30 to 50 percent.

The Germans had under-reported livestock principally to avoid having to slaughter and deliver animals under the livestock adjustment program. The present severe drought, however, has so reduced fodder that livestock is being slaughtered at a markedly increased rate, which promises soon to complete the program.

Once the over-all crop estimates are determined, the various Land collection quotas are worked out by the German bizonal authorities in consultation with the US/UK Group. From the total harvest, certain established allowances are deducted for seed, self-supplier retentions, and for unavoidable spoilage—and the entire balance is subject to delivery.

The delivery quotas for the various products are then broken down among the Kreise within the Land, according to historic and current statistical records. Within the Kreis the allocation to communities and farms is made on the basis of experience, and records showing the planting quotas of the individual farmer.



FROM THE ROYAL box, American occupation officials applaud a performance given by the Wiesbaden Opera Company at the reopening of the world-famed music hall at Wiesbaden. Among those in the box were Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, EUCOM chief of staff; Mrs. Lucius D. Clay, wife of the US Military Governor; Dr. James R. Newman, director of OMGH; Mrs. Huebner, and Christian Stock, minister president of Hesse. (PIO, OMGH)

Cultural-Material Interchange

GERMANS in the US-occupied areas will now be permitted to engage in a virtual world-wide interchange of cultural, informational and educational material on a non-commercial or gift and exchange basis, the Information Control Division, OMGUS, has announced.

The US Government, ICD said, will not only permit but encourage this interchange in furthering its policy for German re-education which insists that "the untrammeled pursuit of truth is a prerequisite for the maintenance of justice and that free communication between individuals, groups and nations is a necessary condition for national and international understanding."

The US Government will assist in the private interchange of cultural material by:

Encouraging the establishment, or when desirable, the reestablishment within the US Zone of Germany of such responsible German agencies as are competent to act for German cultural groups, including agencies designed to operate on a national scale.

Permitting the use within the US Zone of Germany of such governmental communication and transportation facilities as may be authorized and made available by OMGUS for the furtherance of the cultural purposes set forth in this paper.

Correspondence between individuals, institutions and organizations in the US Zone and in member nations of the International Postal Union (excluding Japan and Spain) regarding exchanges of materials, or arranging for receipt and employment of materials for non-commercial cultural purposes, shall also be permitted.

The transmittal of cultural materials from the US Zone to the United States, or elsewhere, shall be subject to the approval of OMGUS and shall be permitted only in so far as those materials are not needed in the re-education of the German people.