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The perplexing behaviour of even morally acclaimed German physicists toward the Allied occupiers after WWII is examined. Their public and private statements are examined and may shed light on the prickly issue of the proper comportment of victor nations. - ;Few scientific communities have been more thoroughly studied than 20th-century German physicists. Yet their behaviour and patterns of thinking immediately after the war remains puzzling. During the first five post war years they suspended their internecine battles and a strange solidarity emerged. Former enemies were suddenly willing to exo