

## FOUR YEARS OF FORCED INACTIVITY (1940-1944)

*These four years could not obliterate these traditions nor weaken the friendship of the members. As in other fields, oppression only strengthened these ties. Following the liberation, the members immediately gathered again to resume the activities of the "American Club". Our liberation by the American troops forwarded the aims of the Club and helped it to develop further.*

*At the liberation, members of the "American Club" numbered only approximately fifty. This is the figure given by President Konsbruck in his speech of 1953 mentioned above. Certainly this is a very low figure, but the survivors, long immobilized by the war, took up the task with renewed energy.*

