

Dear Prof. Gordon,

In *Restoration, Revolution, Reaction*, author Theodore S. Hamerow writes: "The truth is there was no German Revolution of 1848. There were rather several simultaneous German revolutions ...." (260). Yet Hamerow also writes that "The parliamentarians in Frankfurt could now turn to the task for which they had been summoned, the preparation of a constitution for the united fatherland" (128), and includes a quote from Friedrich von Ronne, one of the delegates to the Frankfurt Parliament, which contains the following language: "the liberated German nation," "the political unity of Germany," and "the united states of Germany" (132). So it seems that the revolution did take on a national character even though Germany itself was not a political unity.

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