

SYNOPSIS



Leaving for Bread and Butter

Butterkinder - Überleben nach dem Krieg

In the difficult years following the Second World War, around half of all Austrian children were undernourished. In response to this, a number of different organisations set up programs, in which so called "Butterkinder" (butter children) were sent abroad for a few months to put on weight. Many of the little Austrians were taken in by host families in countries that, only a few years before, had been under occupation by Nazi Germany. From these short stays abroad, long standing friendships were formed, some of which continue up until today or have even been passed on to the next generation. Former Butterkinder still hold reunions, which are also attended by children from former host families.

Alois Hawlik accompanied some Butterkinder on a journey to Spain and Belgium and spoke with their host families. In the film he explores this early act of European solidarity, the influence of which continues to be felt across the continent.

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Run-Time: 1 x 51 min.

Directed by Alois Hawlik

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