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Cover Photo



The weather vane is spinning on top of the Brandenburg Gate and Sunday will decide which political party holds most sway with the people of Berlin. The gate is a photo by Ries and the weather-vane is by Koerner about whom there is more on page 7. There is an analysis of the pre-election scene on page 5.

Movie Schedule

ONKEL TOM'S THEATER

TONIGHT
"JOE PALOOKA, CHAMP" with Joe Kirkwood and Elyse Knox.

SAT
"THE SEVENTH VEIL" with Ann Todd and James Mason.

SUN-MON
"IN OLD SACRAMENTO" with William Elliot and Belle Malone.

TUES-WED
"HOUSE OF HORRORS" with Robert Lowery and Virginia Grey.

THURS-FRI
"SMOOTH AS SILK" with Kent Taylor and Virginia Grey.

HARNACK HOUSE

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"WITHOUT RESERVATION" with Claudette Colbert and John Wayne.

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British, U. S. To Fraternize At Rest Centers

An agreement has been reached between the U. S. Army and the BAOR to exchange quotas for leave personnel at Army operated Rest Centers in Germany, according to an announcement by Theater Special Services.

At present the British are unable to offer an exact quota because their rest centers are being reorganized on a pay-as-you-go basis. The program is scheduled to commence as soon as satisfactory bases can be established for the interchange of US and British military currency.

The British rest centers include sea-side resorts on the North Sea which have no counterpart in the U. S. occupied Zone, but on the other hand U. S. rest centers offer many winter sports activities not to be found at the British centers.

This exchange of rest center facilities is being established in order that allied troops can meet under leave conditions. It is felt that this program will help to further the friendly soldier relations existing between the Armed forces of the United States and Great Britain.



Photo by Rose

So overwhelming was the applause at the concert of the Infantry Glee Club Sunday night, that another concert was held Monday by special request. The singers, veterans of the Pacific Theater, stirred the Onkel Tom audience with their renditions of songs dear to Americans — "Ole Man River", "Trees", "The Lord's Prayer", as well as Russian folk songs and French, British and Chinese war songs.

Registration At American U. Until October 21

The American University of Berlin will take registrations for the fall term through October 21st, announced R. E. Fauss, University director. Registration may be made by telephone or in person at 25 Irmgardstrasse.

The University is operated for all American and Allied personnel and their dependents stationed in Berlin, free of tuition.

Each subject offered at the University is divided into two parts. Each part is of eight weeks duration. In order that credits may be given for the course taken, it is necessary to complete both parts, or a total of 16 weeks. Those desiring credits will take tests, and certificates will be given, and honored at most universities in the States.

The University offers over 40 subjects in the eight departments. Among the subjects are: Languages, Literature, International Politics, Psychology, Painting, Chemistry, and Biology. The 36 instructors have had previous teaching experience as members of university faculties in Europe and America.

Registration for the last term was 650, stated Fauss, and more than 800 are anticipated for the fall term.



Sunday Services
Catholic — Chaplain M. E. Powers.
Masses at 9:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., at Sacred Heart Church, corner of Kronprinzallee and Riemerstrasse. Busses will leave for the Catholic church from the gate at entrance to Regt. Area at 9:15 a. m.
Mass at 11 p. m., at Harnack House.
Protestant — Chaplain A. F. Weaver.
Morning worship at 11 a. m., with Holy Communion following at 11:45 a. m. The Protestant Church is located Onkel Tom Strasse opposite Onkel Tom's Huette. Take subway to Onkel Tom's Huette.
Breakfast-Bible Class at 7:30 a. m., at the Crown Prince Red Cross Club.
Evening Vesper Services at 7:30 p. m., at the 279th Station Hospital Protestant Chapel. Bus leaves the Onkel Tom Corner (Riemerstrasse and Argentinische Allee) at 7 p. m., stopping on the way to pick up passengers.
Christian Science — Miss Marv Hayes.
Voluntary Worker.
11 a. m., at the Service Chapel, 92 Gary Strasse.
1:30 p. m., at the 279th Station Hospital Protestant Chapel.
Latter Day Saints (Mormon) — Capt. F. M. Fullerup, Leader.
7:30 p. m., at the Service Chapel, 92 Gary Strasse.
Jewish — Chaplain M. Abramovitz.
10:30 a. m., at the Chaplain's Center and Jewish Welfare Board, 78-79 Unter den Eichen.

Weekday Services.
Catholic:
Daily Masses held at 7:45 a. m., at the Service Chapel, 92 Gary Strasse.
Novena Services at the Sacred Heart Church at 7:30 p. m., every Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Church.
Protestant:
Christian Youth Fellowship at 8 p. m., at the Service Chapel, 92 Gary Strasse, every Thursday.
Christian Science:
Wednesday at 8 p. m., at the Service Chapel, 92 Gary Strasse.
Latter Day Saints:
Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., at the Service Chapel, 92 Gary Strasse.
Jewish:
Wednesday at 7:15 p. m., Friday at 7:15 p. m., and Saturday at 9:30 a. m., at the Chaplain's Center and Jewish Welfare Board, 78-79 Unter den Eichen.

Moore-Stramel Wedding Sat.

Chief Warrant Officer Stanley J. Moore of Milwaukee, Wis., and 2nd Lt. Barbara Stramel of Pfeifer, Kans., will be wed in a double ring ceremony at 9 a. m. Saturday, October 19, at the Holy Rosary Church, Kieler Strasse and Schloss Strasse.

Lt. Stramel has been in the European Theater since January of this year, and is a nurse at the 279th Hospital.

CWO Moore, administrative Officer for the G-1 staff section, Headquarters Berlin District, has been in the European Theater since November, 1944, and was among the first troops to enter Berlin.

Maj. Robert B. Cruise will be best man and 2nd Lt. Marian Curley will be maid of honor. Chaplain D. J. Altieri from the 279th Station Hospital will officiate.

A reception will be held from 2 p. m. to 4:30 p. m. at the Wannsee Officers Club.

New Stores at McNair Arcade

The McNair Arcade for American shoppers at Headquarters, Berlin District, has recently opened a variety of new stores. The arcade, located in Building B at Telefunken, now includes a beauty shop, officer and EM snack bar, officer and EM Post Exchange, a barber shop, a gift shop, and a pressing shop.

The officer's soda fountain is open every day of the week, including Sunday, from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. It offers coca-colas, milkshakes, and ice cream sodas and sundaes.

The beauty shop is open weekdays from 1 until 8 p. m., and recently has started opening on Saturday mornings from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. to avoid the Saturday afternoon rush.

The barber shop, open from 9 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. weekdays, is open until 2 p. m. on Saturdays.



By Karl Holtz

The young German democracy takes her first test.

Books:

Love Stories And Biography

Three love stories and three outstanding biographies have been added this week to the selections at Onkel Tom's Library.

"January Thaw" by Bellamy Partidge is a love story. It is a fast moving tale about an old Connecticut farm house, a family who couldn't resist buying it, and Margie and Herbert Gage who had a son in the army and two half-grown daughters.

All Kinds of Musical Scores Available in ET

A Theater Music Reference Library has been established by Theater Special Services. The library, which has been formed as a reference library to be used anywhere in the European Theater for special occasions, possesses collections of symphony orchestra arrangements, dance orchestrations, concert band arrangements, military band marches, glee club and piano music.

The Music Section has available approximately 500 symphony orchestra arrangements with an additional 53 titles for small symphony orchestras. In the dance orchestra section can be found 400 numbers of new and old popular dance tunes. The concert band section has 350 numbers from which to make a selection and there are 200 military band marches available. The glee club section boasts some 233 titles, mainly composed of TTBB (1st and 2nd tenor, baritone, and bass) arrangements for male choruses. Piano music includes semi-classical numbers, standard favorite tunes, and current popular tunes; a total of 700 numbers.

Special Service Officers in the European Theater may borrow music for a period of one week. This time limit is necessary because the library possesses only one copy of all arrangements and numbers. Inquiries as to the availability of music should be made to Theater Special Services, Music Section, Elizabethan School, Frankfurt, or by calling Frankfurt, 21669.

"Borrowed Time" Cast Next Week

"On Borrowed Time" is the next scheduled Little Theater production. Tryout for cast will take place next Thursday, October 24, at 8 p. m. at the Curtain House, 45 Inner Strasse.

Anyone interested in taking part in this play is welcome to attend the tryout next Thursday night, announced Paul Fairleigh, Little Theatre director.

Women's Club Notes

Advanced and intermediate horseback riding classes are held twice weekly at the 16th Constabulary Horse Platoon Stables located at Wolzogen Strasse and Koenigsweg, Zehlendorf West. Four classes are scheduled with two one-hour sessions weekly for Monday and Wednesday at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., and Tuesday and Thursday, also at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Lt. M. B. Quinn, Commanding Officer of the 16th Constabulary Horse Platoon instructs these classes which are limited to six women. Reservations are made by calling Mrs. Martha Green at 846132.

Classes for beginners and for people who wish to ride only once a week are held on Friday at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Reservations have to be made weekly by calling Lt. Quinn's office at 21281.

Weather conditions make no difference in the riding schedules, for indoor riding stables can be used if necessary.

Two rhythmic exercise classes, at 9:30 and 10:30 a. m., are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Harnack House. Classes are limited to eight women, although new classes will be started upon demand. Reservations should be made with Mrs. A. J. Rockwell at 764011.

A box to gather candy bars for DP children has been placed in the Special Service Library at Onkel Tom's. These contributions are delivered weekly to the DP camps by Mr. E. A. Luckenbach.

Beginner's lessons in bridge are given by Mrs. Jack Bennett every Thursday at 2:15 p. m. in Harnack House. Reservations are not necessary.

The Gages should have known better than to buy Lazy Corners, a place with a flaw in the title. The former owners came back there to stay — for life.

The characters are salty, and close to the earth and the goings on at Lazy Corners are hilarious. "Leave Cancelled" by Nicholas Monsarrat is a charming little love story — the full and honest recollections of every fleeting moment of 24 hours in which to talk, to laugh, to understand and forgive; in which to plan for days and nights that might never come; in which to love with all the passion of first fulfillment. It is a story that will go straight to the hearts of every war bride and groom — of everyone who has been in love.

"Wicked Sister" by Helen Topping Miller is the story of spoiled, sophisticated Lilli Wagoner, who comes home to the small Southern town of her childhood, after seven years of success in the New York stage, determined to win back her old sweetheart, Steve Elliot. But she finds Steve engaged to her younger sister, Bridgie. Lilli gets Steve the night before his wedding. The younger sister, after Lilli has married Steve, marries another man and eventually has to face the problem of being married to one man and in love with another.

The dramatic action of "Wicked Sister" plus the romantic love story of Bridgie, make this an exciting and heart-warming story.

Biographies of Interest

The three biographies are: "Jan Smuts" by F. S. Crafford. This book is a fine documented history of Africa's outstanding leader. Field Marshal, The Right Honorable, Jan Smuts, less known in America than any of the other world figures, is a statesman, philosopher, scientist and one of the great men of his day. A Boer whose record in the Boer War was brilliant. He has been a strong pro-British Empire man since Dutchmen and Englishmen were united in South Africa.

When World War II broke out in 1938 it was Jan Smuts, who by force of his personality, led Africa into the war on the side of the Allies — an action which has been of inestimable value to the United Nations.

Tolstoy and Wife

"Tolstoy and his Wife" by Tikhon Polner translated from the Russian by Nicholas Wreden, is the story of Tolstoy's transition from a dashing young army officer to a moral philosopher whose influence was felt throughout the world.

The young officer married a girl much younger than himself but his intellect and the intensity of his emotion moulded her into the person he wanted her to be at that stage of his life. Later, as his ideas changed, he wanted her to change with him. He urged her to give up the material comforts of life, and to follow along the path of simple Christianity as he interpreted it. At the same time she had to face the responsibility of a large family in a materialistic world. Their lives became a tangle of love and hate, of affection and antagonism, of violent quarrels and passionate reconciliations, and every new situation, every new shade of emotion was reflected in Tolstoy's thoughts and in his work.

The book is an infinitely human story of love and life, of happiness and disappointment, as well as a living portrait of a great man.

Sumner, American Naturalist

"The Life History of An American Naturalist" is the delightfully uninhibited and worldly story of an American naturalist, Francis B. Sumner, whose life reads like a contemporary comment on life itself. It is far from the routine autobiography of an average college professor. It is, rather, the case history of a sensitive youth who chose the career of a biologist. Nor is the book devoid of humor. Into it, the author has woven innumerable rare stories about himself, his family, and his contemporaries in scientific research.



Club 48 gets photographed by RKO Pathe News, under the direction of William Murray, to show US moviegoers where GIs spend their evenings

OMGUS Makes Movie Debut In RKO Pathé News Series

By Phil Twersky
Staff Writer

For the past two weeks RKO-Pathé News has been photographing Berlin. Upon completion, the two reel documentary movie picture, which is approximately 20 minutes showing time, will be one of the shorts of the film series "This Is America." The film will deal primarily with occupation problems and the manner in which American civilian and GI personnel live in Germany and their relations with the Germans.

The main purpose of the film is to make the American public fully conscious of the problems and great importance of carrying out a successful occupation. It is anticipated that the film will be shown in the movie houses in America in the early part of next year.

The film will take a total of six weeks to shoot. It has its setting and background in the U. S. Zone in Germany and includes scenes from Frankfurt, Munich and Berlin. However, the greater part of the movie will deal with life here in Berlin. The following places have been photographed already in Berlin: The Crown Prince Red Cross Clubs, Club 48, the Wannsee Yacht Club, Roger's Corner, (typical of the American drugstore back home), the Russian, British and American monuments (Truman Hall is considered the American monument); the ruins of Berlin including the Reich Chancellory, Hitler's air raid shelter, the shops in the Kurfurstendamm area and the Tiergarten. The itinerary also included the Allied Control Authority Council, the Russian Kommandatura, the Reichstag Building, Berlin Schloss, the Barter Mart, GIs playing foot-

ball in the Olympic Stadium, Children's Summer School and activities and buildings here in OMGUS.

William Murray, Paris representative of Pathe news, supervised the photographing of this film: "We are endeavoring to show that the American soldier is bringing Main Street-U.S.A. to Germany. He is showing Germans what life and democracy is like back in the States," expounded Murray.

Murray has been a photographer for the past 20 years. In August 1939 he visited Berlin. He commented on the great change that has taken place in the appearance of the Berlin of today. Murray was particularly impressed with the great amount of political freedom that the Germans enjoy today.

In February 1941, Murray was in Holland when the Germans invaded that country. His passport was confiscated and he was interned by the Gestapo. Through a friend, a German newspaper man, he managed to get back his passport and escape.

Wannsee Barracks Convert To TB Hospital for Berliners

The Wannsee Barracks, at Am Graben, have been released to the City of Berlin for use as a tuberculosis hospital, it was announced last week by Col. Frank L. Howley, Director U. S. Office of Military Government, Berlin District.

In order to make the space available for the vitally-needed tuberculosis treatment center, the Third Battalion, Third Infantry Regiment has been ordered to move into areas now occupied by the First and Second Battalions of the Third Regiment.

The barracks, recently renamed Wharton Barracks, comprise 13 brick buildings and 14 wooden barracks and will accommodate at least 3,000 beds. There are now nearly 5,000 beds in 24 tuberculosis treatment centers in Berlin.

Formerly used by the Germans as an air raid warden school, the barracks are ideally situated away from populated areas.

The hospital space is being made available to enable city officials to

make more headway in combatting the rocketing T. B. rate in Berlin. Capt. E. E. Schwarz, of the OMGUS Public Health Branch, explained that in 1938 there were 8,790 cases of tuberculosis in a Berlin population of 4,306,000. 13,630 cases were reported among the second half of 1945, a total of a population of 2,784,100.

The present day T. B. mortality rate is 30 per each 10,000 population in Berlin. This compares with a figure of eight per 10,000 in 1938 and from 8 to 12 per 10,000 in 1938 to 1943.

Berlin now has at least 20,000 infectious "open" tuberculosis cases. In addition to the infectious cases, the city has 40,000 active non-infectious cases, 5,000 cases of active tuberculosis of the bones and joints and approximately five to seven thousand unreported tuberculosis cases of various kinds.

Now exclusively assigned to combatting tuberculosis in Berlin are 33 German doctors and 166 German welfare workers.

Gifts Increase, Lottery System To Be Discarded

The Post Exchange Lottery system is being discontinued, now that desirable articles such as cameras, watches, electric razors, radios and binoculars are available in greater quantities.

Only the very high priced watches and cameras will be handled on a lottery basis. The frequency of a lottery will depend upon the supply of the merchandise.

Applications will be taken in the PX the week preceding the drawing of the lottery.

Applicants are cautioned that heretofore improper descriptions on the slips such as, a request for a Rolex watch instead of a watch in the 50-100 dollars bracket, have caused disappointments. Many applicants write out just "camera" when there are Leica, Argus, Mercury and Kodak 35 available. Application slips will be available at each lottery box.

The lottery boxes are opened up in the Post Exchange Office and all slips are separated and put into the various categories — Ladies watches 25-50 dollars. Men's watches 50-100 dollars. Leica cameras. Mercury cameras, etc.

The drawings will take place in the PX office of Headquarters Command, Room 109, on the Tuesday following the closing date of the lottery. One of the OMGUS chaplains draws the names of the winners. Any applicant desiring to be present at the drawing may do so. A list of the winners is placed on the bulletin boards of each of the exchanges. All winners may collect the items they have won at the Onkel Tom's Post Exchange on the Wednesday following the closing of the lottery.

It is hoped that in the near future there will be sufficient quantities of even the most costly items so that the lottery system may be done away with entirely.

Civilian Employees Elect Officers for Association, OCEA Ready for Action

The OMGUS Civilian Employees Association elected the following officers at last Friday's election: Chairman F. Taylor Ostrander, Economics Division, Vice Chairman T. E. Hall, I. A. & C. Division, Secretary C. W. Whittemore, Manpower Division, and Assistant Secretary R. Peter Straus, Manpower Division.

Each division is also electing a permanent representative and an alternate this week. They will serve six months and will act as an executive or advisory committee to the officers of the Council. The representatives for the divisions are: Manpower: Herbert Schiller, and George S. Wheeler, alternate; Political Affairs: Mrs. Dorothy Lampe and W. C. Lockling, alternate. Information Control: Mrs. Margaret, H. Kearney and Thomas J. Mizer, alternate. Other divisions have not held their elections yet.

The first meeting of the new council of representatives will be held next Tuesday or Wednesday in the conference room of the Directors building. Grievances already on their agenda are: the removal of telephones from civilian women's billets. Sixty-three women have complained to the council. A committee will be appointed to investigate the problem. Another committee will be appointed to investigate the cost of living in OMGUS. Various functioning committees are also to be appointed, such as the by-law committee and a general grievance committee.

Electric "Sturm" To Be Cut Off

A shortage of electric power in Berlin has made it necessary to decrease the load during peak hours, by interrupting the service in parts of the city during certain hours of the day. The power company has divided the entire city in "Plan-Numbers" which in turn are combined into "Plan-Groups". The hours of the day during which the plan groups of the American sector are to be disconnected will be announced daily over AFN at 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. hours for the present. The 10:30 broadcast will announce disconnections for the following day.

It is hoped that within the near future the disconnections may be established on a weekly and not on a day-by-day basis.

The plan number which applies to Zehlendorf and OMGUS environs is 72.

24 More Shopping Days...

Time marches on-and Christmastime is 'round the corner. After November 15 it will be too late to mail Christmas gifts to the States. The AES Gift Shops are full of lovely, new gifts that will please the folks back home.

Flight to NYC Costs \$397 Nov

Reduction of transatlantic fares have received final approval by all governments or aviation agencies involved, it was announced by American Airlines Officials here last Saturday.

The new rates offer substantial reductions effective October 12, 1946. For example: Berlin to New York from 455 dollars to 397 dollars; London to New York from 375 dollars to 325 dollars; Stockholm to New York from 477 dollars to 405 dollars; Amsterdam to New York from 399 dollars to 357 dollars.

The American School Named For Colonel Thomas A. Roberts

By G. L. Liske
Staff Writer

The "little red schoolhouse" for American children in Berlin will be called the Thomas A. Roberts School henceforth, in memory of Col. Thomas A. Roberts Jr., who was killed near Lessay, France, in July 1944 while commanding the 2nd Armored Division's artillery, it was announced by Capt. J. R. Anderson, I & E Officer, BD, Tuesday.

Colonel Roberts served on the staff at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, and assisted in formulating the doctrines which contributed immeasurably to the success of the US artillery in World War II.

One hundred and seventy-five pupils were enrolled in the Roberts School this week. Included were 126 elementary school children (from grade 1 through grade 5), 15 junior high (7th and 8th grades) and 34 senior high pupils.

In addition to the opening of the school, the Chaplains Section has announced that arrangements have been made to hold religious instruction weekly for all faiths. Every Saturday morning buses will take the children from their homes to the school to study religion under competent instructors. The instructions will last from 9:30 to 11 a. m.

The proverbial "First Day" of school was Wednesday. Since school is opening about one month late, due to extensive repairs to the building and the late arrival of the school staff, the spring session will continue into July to round out the full school year. More enrollees are expected, especially in the first and sixth grades. The school can easily accommodate 500 American children.



Photo by Rose

"Rhythmic" is the uppermost problem for these young Americans in Berlin. Skippy, son of Col. and Mrs. J. C. MacDonald, is looking forward to school football, and D'Este, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Thomas B. Whitted, has switched from collecting dolls to tea cups since she has come to Berlin. They are shown at the American School during their first day of "real" school in the ET.

tion of the regular American teachers.

Edwin M. Boyne, native of Lansing, Mich., former Superintendent of the Training School of State College at Lansing, for the past nine years, has been appointed the Superintendent of the school. He states that the setup for the school far surpasses his expectation.

Commenting on his staff, Dr. Boyne said: "In looking at the qualifications of my staff, I am extremely well pleased. All are better qualified than the average staff back home. They are M A's or better, save two, who are B S's. The

German teachers on our staff have been thoroughly screened, and are in every way qualified to assist our staff."

Two of the teachers were former members of the WAC. Mrs. Rita Wilkerson, Detroit, Mich., received her commission as 2nd Lt., at Fort Des Moines, Ia. She was administrative and personnel officer at Ft. Douglas. Miss Jean Philippi of Seattle, Wash., was a member of the Signal Corps, and stationed in Washington, D. C.

Miss Eloise De Lay, St. Cloud, Minn., has recently returned from

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Hq. Commandant Col. McCawley Leaves OMGUS After 15 Months

After fifteen months as Headquarters Commandant, Col. John C. McCawley, on the eve of his departure, in a farewell message to the men and women of Headquarters Command, writes:

"More than a year ago you moved the large OMGUS Headquarters that totaled over 7900 persons to Berlin. You selected the sites that OMGUS occupies, and converted them from bombed ruins to an outstandingly beautiful Headquarters. You established, operated, and maintained for OMGUS all the services that are normally provided only by a large city. Most of these establishments and services are second to none in the European Theater, as attested to by numerous visitors and inspectors from other headquarters. In this quadripartite city, the dignity of the United States was upheld as it should be.

"During all this time the discipline and conduct of our troops steadily improved.

"These accomplishments were made in the face of deterrents, obstacles, and shortages of every description, and were possible only because of your determination.

"I am proud to turn over to the new Berlin Commandant the personnel and achievements of Headquarters Command, knowing that you will continue to display your zeal and initiative in serving OMGUS."

The Colonel will leave this week for duty with the War Department in Washington, D. C. He came overseas May 19, 1944. He was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Base Section, ETOUSA, where he was in sole charge of drawing up plans prior

to the invasion for operations on the Continent. These plans involved close coordination and work with Headquarters ETOUSA, 1st U. S. Army Group, 3rd U. S. Army Group, British Airborne Command and



Photo by Byers

Col. John C. McCawley

British and U. S. Navies. Later, in France, the Colonel assumed the duties of Chief of Staff, Oise Intermediate Base Section, ETOUSA. He was appointed Headquarters Commandant, OMGUS, in July, 1945, and in May, 1946, he assumed the added duty of Director of Administrative Services.

Colonel McCawley is a regular army man. He graduated from West Point in 1932. His permanent home is in Highland Park, St. Louis, Mo.

Re-Education of Germans Subject of AVC Forum

"Can The Germans Be Re-Educated?" was the problem discussed at last Monday's AVC lecture forum. The general consensus of the speakers' opinion seemed to be that with proper teaching, the Germans can be re-educated.

Alexander George, acting chief of the Reports and Analysis Section of the Intelligence Branch of ICD, stated that no basic change has occurred in the attitude of German youth towards democracy and Nazism since the end of the war. We have lost ground among German youth, who are pro-American and pro-democratic, because the occupation has not turned out as indulgent as they had hoped.

Problems facing educators are: a frontal attack on Nazi beliefs is not successful; indirect methods must be devised. The conflict between the youth and adults is a serious one; the older people use the young as scapegoats, while the youth put the blame of Germany's calamity on the adults. The transition of the youth into adulthood is another detriment; German youth don't want to grow up to assume responsibility for Germany. Many are escapists and are looking for a way out. They have an aversion to joining groups because of the "We've been burnt once" argument, so it is difficult to assemble them for group education. Because of their confused mental pattern, they are in a state of intellectual suspension and it's our problem to give them a concrete ideology.

The second speaker was Dr. Fritz Karsen, chief of Higher Education and Teacher Training Section in the Education & Religious Affairs Branch, IA & C Division. Dr. Karsen was in charge of the Weimar Republic Educational Experiment Schools in Neukölln and was one of the first persons to be removed by the Nazis in February, 1933. He is currently on leave of absence from City College in New York.

Face Intellectual Dead Ends

Dr. Karsen drew verbal portraits of his former students as they are today — facing dead ends intellectually. Few of the young people will get an opportunity to go to the universities because of the present unnatural situation. The first thing that to be done for re-education, said Dr. Karsen, is to change the economic situation. Then the political situation must be relieved.

tical situation must be relieved.

He proposed that in order to make the universities democratic, American teachers and students should come to Germany to study and to live here to show Germans how to be democratic. "Germany is anemic, a transfusion of cultural blood is an absolute necessity." He said that German universities have had the tradition of being reactionary and too far removed from everyday living and that they should be governed by a board of trustees who represent a cross-section of people and professions, rather than by a hierarchy of professors.

Charles A. Dille, Chief of the Consumer Goods Section, Decartelization Branch, Economics Division, the last speaker of the trio, had studied at Columbia and Oxford and was the head of the Economics department at the American University of Biarritz.

No Faith in Democratic Ability

Dille gave a report of his personal experiences at Marburg University where he has lectured for several weeks on economic problems and policies. He said he found an element of Nazi thinking among the students, but they did not realize that it was Nazi. They felt that a controlled economy is necessary for Germany with some form of state capitalism. They said that the action of MG decartelization was a program conceived by American big business men to kill competition and that large giant trusts like IG Farben were necessary to Germany's recovery. The most startling discovery by Dille was that none of the students expressed faith in a German democracy. They do not trust each other in a democratic society.

"Nuremberg" Next Topic

After the forum, R. Peter Straus, chairman of the Berlin chapter of the AVC announced that an AVC birthday party would be held Thursday, October 17, and that an extra forum will be held next Monday on "Nuremberg: Results and Implications." Speakers will be Alvin J. Rockwell, Director of the Legal Division, Benjamin E. Ferencz, Chief of the Office of Counsel, IMT, and Ossip, K. Flechtman, Section Chief of the Ministries Group, of the Office of the Chief of Counsel, IMT. The forum will be held in Crump Hall at 8 p.m.

Two OMGUS GIs Get Appointments To West Point

Two OMGUS soldiers have been selected among the ET's quota of 37 candidates, to enter the US Military Academy at West Point. Sgt. Garland T. Edmonds, chief clerk of Services Section, and Sgt. Charles T. Williams, chief of Utilities, were chosen from a group of more than 200 applicants who had applied from the whole ET. They have already left for the States.

The applicants were interviewed at Frankfurt by a reviewing board of officers and selected on the basis of merit, AGCT scores, and character and efficiency qualifications. The 37 candidates will go the Military Prep Training School at Stewart Field, N.Y., where they will receive preparatory studies. Upon successful completion of these studies and examinations, the men will be admitted to the Academy next June.

Rules Defined for Inviting Germans To Messhalls Here

Germans in an official or semi-official position may be invited to dine at MG messes by OMGUS personnel only after the American host has secured approval from his division chief or department head, Col. J. C. McCawley, Headquarters Commandant, announced this week.

After OMGUS personnel have obtained approval for the messing privilege, they may bring their German guests to the Harnack House dining room or to a private billet. Truman Hall mess will not be used for this purpose.

McCawley's statement was made to clarify the article which appeared in the October 4 issue of STARS & STRIPES. Taken from an OMGUS Public Relations Release, the article stated that OMGUS "gave permission to invite Germans to American messes and billets", providing the Germans were in "official and semi-official positions," the entertainment would be of a "normal, routine character," and that "lavish display of food and other refreshments would be particularly avoided."

BD Engineer Map Library Has Maps of All Places



Photo by Rose

Most distinguished guest at the BD Map Library was General McNarney last Friday. GL Ramos is showing him a collection while Generals Keating and Ryan, BD, look on.

Maps of the whole world can be obtained at the Engineer Map Library at Berlin District. The library, under the supervision of Col. I. C. Arrowsmith, BD Engineer Division,

Crime Grows In Berlin

A steady increase in the current crime record in Berlin is shown by recent statistics gathered from the city's various police stations.

These figures, which include Allied civilian and military offenders as well as those of the German populace, reveal that there were 17 murders and 114 robberies committed in the month of September.

The number of casualties caused by general accidents rose from 99 in August to 148 in September. Cases of prostitution rose from 1222 to 1852. A total of 479 traffic accidents, which accounted for 26 casualties occurred in the month of September. This is a slight increase over the 450 traffic accidents that took place in August. There was no noticeable increase in blackmarket activities and suicides in Berlin during the past month.

Among its most distinguished visitors was General Joseph T. McNarney, ET Commander, while he was on an inspection tour in Berlin District last Friday. General McNarney asked for maps of Alaska; they were found and mailed out to him.

Three large rooms on the fourth floor of the Telefunken Building are lined with shelves of the maps, filed alphabetically by country. George L. Ramos, chief geographical librarian, is in charge of the library. Maps and geographical information are supplied on request. The maps of Berlin show the various districts, streets, bridges and U-Bahn lines and are invaluable to Americans who have to find their own way to destinations in this large and confusing city.

298th Band Has Proud Past



Photo by Ries

tion Band and came overseas with it in 1942. The assistant director is T/4 Ralph Hahn.

Sgt. Hawkins hopes to increase the band, now numbering 27 pieces, to 40 pieces in the near future. He would also like to start a dance band for Club 48, if qualified musicians can be found. The Band holds a retreat parade four times a week in front of Truman Hall in addition to playing for ceremonies.

Any one interested in playing with 298th AGF Band is urged to contact Sgt. Hawkins.

Men of the Headquarters Detachment wake up four mornings a week to the music of the 298th Army Ground Forces Band as it parades down the Detachment streets, playing for reveille.

The official band of OMGUS, the 298th has a proud heritage. Coming overseas as a unit, the original band was attached to General Eisenhower's Headquarters in England. Then numbering 52 pieces, they played at all ceremonies and gave many concerts. Later, the band was attached to the First Airborne Army.

The 298th came to Berlin on July 8, 1945. At that time under the direction of S/Sgt. Alfred Graves, they boasted both a military and dance band. They gave a concert in conjunction with the 78th Division Band for President Truman, and played at the opening of Club 48 in November, 1945. The dance band has furnished music at Club 48 every night and broadcast over AFN each Saturday night from the club.

When Sgt. Graves left the band last June, S/Sgt. Richard Hawkins, the present director took over. He was previously with the First Divi-

British-Soviet Zones Trade Coal for Steel

The Soviet Zone, during the coming year, will furnish the British Zone, in return for the iron and steel already supplied to them, 180,000 tons of brown coal brickettes and 500,000 raum metres of firewood for heating the homes of the inhabitants of the British and U. S. Sectors of Berlin. For a further concession in respect of railway wagons, the Soviet Zone agreed to deliver the brown coal brickettes to the British and U. S. Sectors of Berlin.

By an arrangement made on September 20, the Soviet Military Authorities have undertaken to supply to the British Zone during each month of the period September to December, 10,000 tons of rye and wheat, 1,250 tons of sugar, 2,500 tons of oats, 500 tons of chemical wood pulp for paper making, and 20 tons of cord for tyres. In addition, 30,000 tons of potatoes, 35,000 tons of iron ore, and 200,000 festmetres of pitwood are to be supplied during the period.

In return, the British Zone, during each month of the same period, is to supply 25,000 tons of iron and steel and 4,000 sets of tyres and tubes to the Russian Zone. In addition 5,000 horses and a quantity of young pigs are also to be supplied.

Provisions have been made for bringing the commercial payments between the two Zones into balance and for keeping them in balance within a limit of 15 percent on either side.

Maj. Utter Named BD Senior Chaplain

Chaplain Maj. Marvin E. Utter of St. Joseph, has been named Senior Chaplain for Berlin District, succeeding Chaplain Lt. Col. Aubrey J. O'Reilly, who has returned to the United States.

As Senior Chaplain, it is Chaplain Utter's responsibility to direct the work of chaplains representing all faiths in the American sector of Berlin.

Since entering army service, Chaplain Utter has served as chaplain for the 113th Infantry Regiment, the Seventh Armored Division, from 1944 to 1945, and from 1945 to 1946 he was assistant division chaplain for the 3rd Infantry Division. In July of this year, he was made assistant chaplain for Berlin District.

For services rendered during the war, Chaplain Utter has been awarded the Silver Star with Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with Cluster, the French Croix de Guerre, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the Belgian Order of the Crown, and campaign stars for Normandy, France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Germany. Since VE Day he has received the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Chaplain Utter holds an AB degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and in 1940 was graduated from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y. In 1943 he received a commission in the Regular Army.

The Pre-Election Scene



The voters — as they listened to a political speech during the intensified campaigning this week.

By Gus Mathieu
Guest Writer

This coming Sunday — E-Day in Berlin — the eyes of the world will once again be focused on the Reich's former capital as one and a half million Berliners qualified to vote will go to the polls to elect their first city government since fourteen years. The elected 130 city representatives will immediately form a constituent assembly and start drafting a provisional constitution which will replace in eighteen months the Kommandatura-made temporary constitution which governs this election. Although only local in scope this Sunday's election takes a global aspect due to Berlin's unique quadripartite situation in which the Berlin population will indirectly cast a vote for either the Western or Soviet conception of democracy. As one party leader said "The world's political meridian goes through Berlin."

Unlike American elections, in which the candidate's popularity plays a decisive role, Berliners will not vote for individual candidates but according to lists and will choose one of the four parties listed in their ballot. They are, according to their sequence on the ballot:

1. The Independent Social Democratic Party (SPD) which stands for socialism by evolution, parliamentary procedure and the rigid maintenance of civil liberties for the individual.
2. The Socialist Unity Party (SED) which claims that economic democracy is the basis for political democracy and therefore desires to bring about socialism by decree at the expense of the political freedom of those who oppose them.
3. The Christian Democratic Union (CDU) a middle-of-the-road party which propagandizes the advent of socialism through the application of Christian ethics and violently rejects the Marxian theory of class-struggle.
4. The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the only party which outspokenly defends capitalist economy and includes in its platform freedom of enterprise and political opinion.

All four parties bear the common denominator of "Antifascist-Democratic Parties". Nevertheless they all have a strong flavor of German nationalism, demand a unified, strong Germany and hope it will have the frontier of 1933.

Unlike the present municipal administration, the new one will reflect the political color of the population and will be directly responsible to the people. The present administration was not elected, but appointed by the Soviet MG before the other Allies occupied Berlin.

Every possible measure has been taken by the Allied Kommandatura and the German Election Board to insure that the elections will be efficient, fair, honest and secret. The Local Government Committee of the Allied Kommandatura will sit in permanent session on election day and for two days preceeding and following the elections. It has invited every German voter who feels that he is being coerced or intimidated in the free choice of party to report immediately to the Local Government Committee. Inspection teams composed of French, British, Soviet and American officials will cruise through the city on Sunday and make spot checks in the election offices. They are empowered to arrest any person believed to be violating the election rules.

The Berlin election campaign has been characterized by day-by-day mud slinging and personal polemics in the best Tammany Hall style, and a steady propaganda barrage in which the SED showed itself in possession of an inexhaustible paper source for posters. Qualified observers, however, discount much of the violent electioneering invectives as a tempest in a teapot which will have little influence on the propaganda-saturated Germans who are sick of such sledge hammer methods after a thirteen-year day and night indoctrination. Unless the speaker was a popular orator, rallies have not been well attended.

Typical of the election stunts was the recent charge made by the SED that the Berlin Electrical Company, which is composed primarily of Social Democrats, purposely cuts off the electrical current in an effort to discredit the SED dominated Municipal administration. The SPD boomeranged with a factual report which pointed out among other, that vital power houses had been removed from the Soviet Zone for reparations. Berlin papers carried on for several days a debate about the "Political Electricity".

Attacks and rebuttals are increasing in intensity as Sunday approaches. This week's top campaign sensation was the "revelation" by the SED-nurtured Berliner Zeitung that the LDP leading candidate, Schwennicke had written in 1933 to a Nazi who was trying to enlist him for the party and in which he said that "he had already declared his entry." Schwennicke refuted the accusation of the Berliner Zeitung by stating that the merely had written this letter to stall the repeated demands that he join the party and that he had actually never joined it. He further declared that the whole matter had already been settled by a four-party committee and the whole accusation was "a vile election maneuver from the SED." By now almost every paper has called each other names and used the words "liar and fakers".

Earlier the organ of the Social Democrats accused in a headline "SED plans unfair election campaign" and claimed that the SED was collecting material to smear the SPD's top candidate Neumann as a "Gestapo informer".

The election battle was even carried into Allied Control Council when the Polish Government lodged a protest against the SPD's Neumann for alleged anti-Polish remarks in a campaign speech in which he demanded the return to Germany of the eastern German territories now in Polish hands.



Newspapers, backing the SED, erected this construction featuring the Berlin Bear, "There will always be a Berlin" slogans and replicas of the Four Powers' flags and their constitutions.

Many parties criticized the unpleasant tone of the election campaign. Der Abend, new US-licensed paper, commenting on a picture showing the four parties representatives grouped around the mike of the Radio in the US sector in a table discussion, wrote that it was a pleasure to see that some efforts were made to keep the election campaign on a factual basis. (After the discussion on the air, the four party members continued their discussion for another hour.)

Twenty-seven percent of the population is disqualified from voting mostly due to the denazification laws. Voters must be 21 years of age. The decisive factor in the election may be the women's vote which has increased from 53 to 63 percent through the loss of men in the war. Aware of the women's role, all parties have wooed the Berliners with slogans of motherhood protection and equality of women.

Few bets are being made on the outcome of the elections, for the situation is difficult to size up. Berlin's last municipal election on March 12, 1933 is an indication that the left wing vote has always been very heavy in "Red" Berlin and can't be used as a yard stick because Nazi terrorism was already unleashed and left-wing propaganda prohibited. But then the Social Democrats polled 22 percent and the Communists 20 percent against the Nazis 38 percent of the vote. About five other parties shared the rest of the vote.

Neutral observers predict a SPD victory with about 40 to 45 percent of the votes, followed by the CDU, SED and lastly LDP. However, the SED may show a surprising strength if the many "requests" of the SED to the Soviet authorities such as the removal of the low ration card No. 5, distribution of children's shoes and clothes, equality of pay for women and other voters' bait measures are granted.

But whatever inspired electioneering appears in the remaining last two days of the campaigns, the minds of most stolid Berliners have long been made up.



It's only a small ring, but the eyes of the whole world are upon it.



By Karl Holtz

"Which one shall I use for the cocktail 'Democracy'?"

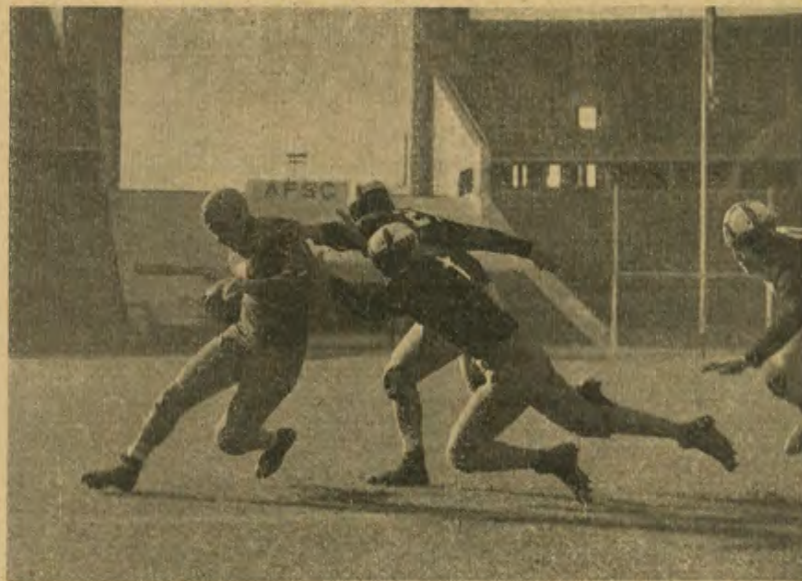
By Karl Holtz



Above, Bill Murtaugh, (13), pulls in the pass that set up Berlin's final touchdown. Murtaugh took the pass, from Eddie Kriwiell, on the USFA 10, and carried it to the 5, before he was stopped by the Traveler's quarterback, Decker, (3).



Above, Tom Pappardis, (33), Bear halfback, performs a one legged dance, in a successful effort to dodge a USFA lineman.



Above, Eddie Kriwiell, (7), shakes off a host of USFA tacklers in the first half of Sunday's game at Olympic Stadium. Kriwiell tallied a Bear touchdown later, and led Berlin to a 20-9 victory.

Photos by Rose



By Don Mesiti
Sports Editor

AFN's play by play broadcast of the World Series was a great improvement over the coverage that they have been giving stateside football and boxing. In fact it seems almost sacrilegious to use the word "coverage" in connection with what AFN masterminds have been doing to such attractions as the Army-Michigan game, the Zale-Graziano bout, and the Louis-Mauriello fight.

Suspense is any sport's biggest draw. It is suspense that packs forty-thousand fans into Sportman's Park, to see if Big George Munger, two months out of the Army, can powder his fast one by a Boston murderer's row. It is suspense that coins 400 grand for Mike Jacobs every time he matches a Tony Zale, peacetime king of the middleweights, with a Rocky Graziano, whose crushing right hand flattened every wartime foe he met, and it was a lack of suspense that held the Louis-Mauriello gate to less than 400 grand.

And it is suspense that AFN is extinguishing entirely, everytime a fight or a football game is rebroadcast a day or two after it occurred.

AFN made sure that none of its listeners would collapse with apoplexy when Zale rallied to beat Graziano, by rebroadcasting the bout a full two days after the bout was staged at Madison Square Garden. Any fainthearted AFN faithful had at his disposal not only the blow by blow account carried in the STARS & STRIPES, but also the learned post mortem opinions of feature writers, which appeared two days later in both the STARS & STRIPES, and the Paris edition of the HERALD TRIBUNE. A Zale fan could take the first five rounds, in which Zale received a sound trouncing, in stride, knowing all along that the Champion would knock out Graziano with a left hook in the sixth, and, thanks to the TRIBUNE, even know why it all happened. It's too bad that AFN couldn't have waited a little longer before rebroadcasting the fight — for the European editions of TIME and NEWSWEEK.

Why all this happens, I'm at a complete loss to explain, unless it is that somebody at AFN Frankfurt, where such broadcasts evidently originate, is a genius for getting things snafued. With a straight face, AFN rebroadcasts prize fights, which take place in the wee hours of the morning (ET time), the next evening, and then turns around and rebroadcasts football games, which take place in the evening, in the wee hours of the morning.

AFN's coverage (there I go, mistreating that word again) of the current American football season is even worse than the fight rebroadcasts. Five minutes are allotted each Sunday morning for the reporting of all of Saturday's scores. This means that instead of getting a resume of the game played by Notre Dame the previous day, a football fan gets only the Notre Dame score, plus the outcome of the Slippery Rock Teachers' game. (As a matter of fact, the Slippery Rock score was aired twice, one Sunday.)

Besides this Sunday broadcast, AFN rebroadcasts the top football game of the week. It may be only a coincidence, but this game always manages to be one in which Army is taking part. Admittedly, the Army — Michigan game was last week's headliner (it must have been, AFN Berlin didn't carry the rebroadcast), but two weeks ago the Army — Cornell game was overshadowed by a score of other encounters. If Army was playing Slippery Rock the game would probably be broadcast directly, and then rebroadcast, each hour, on the hour.

The ideal situation would be for AFN to carry the direct broadcast of what was actually the week's number one game, on Saturday evening. The play by play announcer would give the usual scores as they came in from all over the country, and later on that evening, AFN could carry a resume of all the important results. By late Saturday night every football fan in the ET would know exactly what happened on the stateside gridiron, that afternoon.

AFN could afford to spend the few hours it would take to do this, just as well as AFN can afford to take up Sunday afternoon with a rather ragged broadcast of a local football game.

An observer who viewed Sunday's Berlin-USFA game at the stadium, but who had a portable radio at his side, was more than slightly confused by the AFN announcer, who insisted upon calling a cross buck from the "T" a triple reverse, an end run an end "plunge", and a reverse from a single wing with two blockers running interference, a "naked" reverse. A few of the plays which didn't fall into the above categories were called "hipper dippers". "There goes Jones on another of those hipper dipper plays, etc., etc."

Late Sunday night, at the conclusion of the baseball broadcast, AFN Frankfurt, apparently working on the theory that it is better to be late than never, got around to rebroadcasting the Army — Michigan game. At the same time, AFN Berlin was broadcasting the nightly platter show, "Midnight in Berlin", m'd, ironically enough, by the same announcer who rendered the play by play description of the Berlin football game that afternoon. It has not been reported how many of the discs were "hipper dippers".

Berlin Bears Trip USFA, 20-9

Locals Stage Rally For League Victory

The Berlin Bears, sparked by a powerful second half ground attack, rallied to wipe out a nine point, third quarter deficit, and then went on to trounce the USFA Travelers 20-9, in a football game viewed by approximately 25,000 Allies and Germans, at Olympic Stadium, Sunday.

The visitors took advantage of a Berlin fumble to break the ice seconds before the conclusion of a first half, which had seen the Bears do everything but shove across a marker. A 22 yard field goal by the Traveler's quarterback, Brown, put USFA in front 3-0.

At the start of the third period, after a Berlin drive died on the locals 47 yard line, the Traveler's 240 pound right tackle, Hooper, broke through to block Bear halfback Eddie Kriwiell's punt, picking the ball up at the 25, and scoring Brown's kick was wide, but the score was 9-0.

Following USFA's kick-off, the Bears marched 71 yards in 11 plays, for a touchdown.

Kriwiell passed from his own 29 to Quarterback John Russell, at the 35, who moved it to the 44. The officials, however, ruled that there was slugging on the play, and the ball was returned to the Berlin 29. Fred Carapella, the Berlin fullback, then tossed an aerial to end John Sundgen, at the USFA 40. Two smashes at right tackle by halfback Johnny Beckett put the ball on the Traveler 22. A pair of quarterback sneaks by Russell moved the ball to the 11. Beckett hit off tackle again, to the 7, and two plays later Kriwiell scored standing up, only to see the ball brought back because both elevens had been off-side on the play. The Travelers stopped Kriwiell, trying the same play at the 3, but Carapella plunged across for the score. Kriwiell's conversion put Berlin within two points of USFA, 7-9.

A nice punt return by Kriwiell set up a 44 yard scoring drive which put Berlin in front for good. Seven plays, including a 10 yard jaunt around left end by Russell, shoved the Travelers back to their own 14 where they stiffened, stopping first Kriwiell, and then Beckett, at scrimmage. But on the next play Kriwiell passed to Sundgen on the 5, and Catapella plunged over in two tries. Kriwiell missed the kick, and Berlin led, 13-9.

In the final period, a Berlin march set up when guard Fujio Song recovered a Traveler fumble on the USFA 16, was halted on the 1, and right half Gladding punted to Kriwiell, who was downed on the USFA 26. Tom Pappardis gained 6 yards. Kriwiell ran into his own interference at the 14, and then Pappardis recovered his own fumble back on the 25. On the next play, end Bill Murtaugh snagged a pass from Kriwiell at the Traveler 5. Kriwiell bucked across in two attempts, and then kicked the extra point, making the score, Berlin 20, USFA, 9.

The Bears travel to Bamberg this week, for a Saturday encounter with a Constabulary eleven.

Americans Lose in Soccer Match

A game but inexperienced American soccer team suffered a 12-0 defeat at the hands of a strong Luxembourg squad Sunday, October 6 in Luxembourg City. Lt. Sam Lessay of the Ansbach Air Depot, goalkeeper and assistant coach of the American team, distinguished himself for the losers. The same American team is scheduled to play the Belgian championship team October 10 in Brussels.

During the next few weeks soldier teams of 12 allied nations throughout Europe compete in this international soccer tournament, which will culminate in a championship game between the two leading teams in the Berlin Olympic Stadium November 3. Soccer is just one more sport sponsored by the recently formed Allied Forces Sports Council, chairman of which is Col. Russell T. Finn, chief of the Athletic branch of Theater Special Services. During the coming months, international competition will be held in fencing, ice skating, skiing, cross country running, table tennis and boxing.

OMGUS Bows To Signalmen, 10-0

The OMGUS battalion level football team played its final game of the season, Saturday, at the Hockey Club, losing to the 3110th Signal eleven, 10-0.

Early this week the OMGUS Athletic office announced that because a shortage of available grid talent, the team would be discontinued, and that a 3147th Quartermaster squad would take its place in the battalion league.

Weakened by the loss of a majority of the players that sparked OMGUS to 20-0 triumph over the Second Battalion one week ago, to the Division level Berlin Bears, OMGUS never threatened the Signal eleven which racked up a touchdown and two safeties during the afternoon's play.

Elsewhere in the Battalion level circuit, Templehoff continued to pace the league, with a 20-0 victory over the Second Battalion, and the First Battalion scored once by land and once by air, to defeat the 252nd Engineers, 13-0.

Wac Coaching School To Open November 4

A two week WAC athletic coaching and officiating school will open November 4 at Degerloch Stadium, Stuttgart, according to an announcement by Theater Special Services. Each of the 17 WAC detachments in the theater has been allotted a quota of 6 students, who may be either officers or enlisted women.

Fall and winter sports will be emphasized in the curriculum, which calls for instruction in both coaching and officiating in basketball, volleyball, skating, skiing, bowling, table tennis, badminton and swimming.

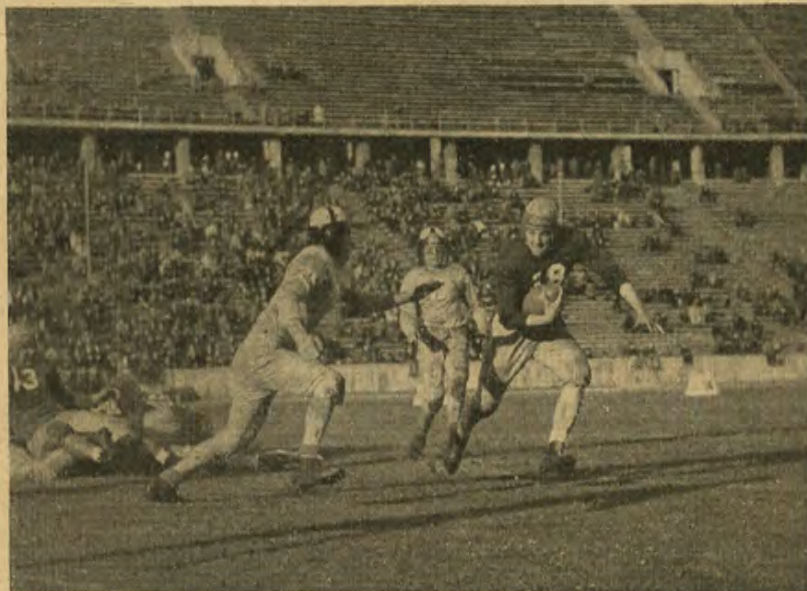


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Above, Fullback Bill Cessar, (18), got by this USFA end, but he was spilled a second later, after picking up 5 yards, in the second half of Sunday's contest.

In an OMGUS Attic Studio

By Viviane W. Adams
Staff Writer

On the top floor of Crump Hall, the OMGUS EM mess hall, in a studio under the sloping eaves, Henry C. Koerner, of the Graphic Unit of the Control Office, paints in his spare time. He paints in tempera and oils with a delightful independence of approach to his subject, and his work — two years of effort — is an interesting and representative collection.

Koerner is planning to have an exhibition of his paintings so as to find out what people think of it. "I do not believe in propaganda," Koerner says explaining his attitude towards his work. "I am not trying to put across anything. All I do is paint what I see and what I feel. Some of the things I paint I have been thinking about for years, perhaps as far back as my childhood. They are things I seem to come across again and again in Europe and America."

He used as an example the picture of the girl in the blue dress with the withered flowers in her hand, hanging on the subway strap. He says he has seen her in subways all over the world.

In the picture entitled "Alexander Platz" he says he has really painted types which somehow made an impression on him throughout his life. He has seen them in America, Germany, and Italy.

There is somewhat of a mural quality in Koerner's work, especially when his medium is tempera, and he is greatly interested in experiments in foreshortening. From the life about him Koerner picks the ingredients for his pictures at will and with them poses emotional questions.

Koerner was born in Vienna, Austria. There he studied at the Academy of Art. He went to the United States in 1938 and commenced to earn his living in New York City, as a designer.

He won two prizes in the National War Posters Competition and in 1941 he was hired by the Office of War Information to do posters. Koerner enlisted in 1942 and was assigned to OSS. During his army career he has done drafting and art work. He came overseas in 1944 and spent several months with the Graphic Unit, in England before coming into Germany.

Here in Berlin Koerner has done a great deal of the graphic art work for the Fish Bowl room of the Directors Building and most of the Posters used by OMGUS in the Suggest and Win campaign. He is currently working on layout designs for the Weekly Information Bulletin for which he recently drew a series of pen and ink sketches of the defendants in the Nurnberg trials.

Koerner, civilianized in March 1946 and is staying on with the Graphic Unit until this spring. He plans to return to New York City and to devote himself entirely to fine arts.

One of Koerner's most interesting canvas is his "My Parents". Both Koerner's parents, being Austrians of the Jewish faith, perished in Nazi concentration camps. He visited Vienna this spring and this picture, which depicts two figures, an older man and a woman, in diverging lonely paths in the autumn woods, is the expression of the keen emotion he experienced when, he was able to ascertain his parents' fate.

To the OMGUS community Koerner is better known as a singer than as an artist for he does not talk much about his art work, whereas he is often called upon to render an impromptu aria at a party. He has a fine tenor voice.

Koerner works with a curious objectivity



A Triangle



Girl in U-bahn

towards his paintings. His color selection is good; the emotional problems he depicts are interesting. His own opinion, expressed with a critical frown: "I'm going to keep on painting. I like to do it."



My Parents



Alexander Platz

Photos on this page by Ries



OBSERVATIONS

by E. P. Mikszto

"Soft! We are observed . . ." Shakespeare.

Against muttering in your beard

Colonel McCawley, outgoing Headquarters Commandant, gave us the following statement this week:

"Every Saturday General Clay conducts a conference of Division Directors. Last Saturday, the latter part of this conference was devoted to a 'gripe' session. The number of complaints on certain phases of administration indicate that Omgusites have been keeping complaints to themselves rather than approaching the proper officer of Headquarters Command, or the Chaplain, the Inspector General, or the Headquarters Commandant.

"Following are some of the complaints which were heard last Saturday:

1. There are not enough Sedans available to OMGUS personnel.
2. Some personnel have better billets than others.
3. There are not enough expensive watches and cameras to be distributed to everyone.

4. Everyone should be permitted to buy food at the Sales Commissary.

"Definite reasons exist for the situations mentioned above and I am certain that if the proper officer were approached for an explanation of any of these situations, a satisfactory one would be given.

"Particular complaints should be brought to the attention of the officer in charge of each specific activity. If he should fail to give adequate action or explanation, then the complaints should be taken to the Chaplain, the Inspector General, or to the Headquarters Commandant. A definite answer will be given as to the action to be taken or as to why the condition must continue to exist.

"Another means to bring complaints to the attention of the proper individual is by writing a letter to the 'Clearing Corner' column in the OBSERVER. These letters will be handled anonymously if the writer wishes. All will be answered either directly or through the OBSERVER.

"During a number of years in Supply work, I have found that many people who claim they can't get something, can't get it because they have never asked for it. I believe that most of the complaints which have not been properly answered or acted upon, haven't received consideration because they have never been presented to the proper individual. It is the earnest desire of the Headquarters Command to provide service to the personnel of OMGUS, and I believe that proper presentation of complaints and a broader knowledge on the part of OMGUS personnel as to the reasons for certain limitations in services will result in a better understanding on the part of all."

Full of terms and fury, signifying?

Lt. Col. James P. Abbott, of the PW Division, seems to have taken a deep interest in the 00 and has from time to time honored us with official letters and personal notes. We believe his latest one is worthy of being reprinted and answered in public. On October 12 Colonel Abbott wrote:

"1. The writer has asked a number of people, during the past week, to define the 'terms of reference' of The OBSERVER. None of those questioned could answer, even in general terms; nor can the writer. 2. In the belief that it will be appreciated by many OMGUS personnel, it is recommended that The OBSERVER be directed to publish in its next issue the complete official 'terms of reference' covering its operations and publication, 'citing the appropriate official reference prescribing them.'"

Frankly, we don't wonder that Colonel Abbott nor his friends couldn't answer his question . . . We can't either because we haven't the slightest idea what he means by 'terms of reference' . . . If he means how do we refer to people — why, we just call 'em by their names if they are civilians, or 'Miss' or 'Mrs.' if they are women, or we give them their proper military rank on introducing them into a story and then refer to them by their last names . . . Our policy is to use as modern and streamlined a style as possible.

His second paragraph leads us to believe that the Colonel means "sources of reference" . . . if so, we are only too happy to state them herewith. Our sources are: Public Relations releases from OMGUS, Berlin District, OMG BD, USFET and Theater Special Services. Camp News Service sends us a weekly poop sheet and photographs from New York that we use as fillers if we haven't enough live material. Also, we have five reporters, US Army personnel and WD employees, whose job it is to "cover" stories originating in OMGUS or in Berlin. When anything big happens here we assign a reporter to be there and to observe what is going on. Also, we have telephone and "leg" beats to some sources of reference: the Chaplains' offices for news of weddings and religious activities, the Red Cross clubs for their special activities, the Press Camp for announcements of press conferences and arrivals of VIPs, the Hockey Athletic Club for the latest dope on games and sports events . . .

As for "reference materials," we use such sources which are available to us. Webster's dictionary, the World Atlas, the Columbia Encyclopedia, the Bible, etc.

In short, we go to the local authorities on the subjects which we write about — mostly stories on local happenings and personalities. As the community newspaper for American personnel in Berlin, The OBSERVER's function is to report local news, which includes military government activity as well as developments in Berlin and in the U. S. Community.

Now, Colonel Abbott has asked for the official "terms of reference" . . . We are operating under War Department Circular No. 103, Section 1, which outlines the policy for Army newspapers. Before the paper goes to press, the material is checked by the proper US Army officers in Headquarters Command for anything which may be contrary to approved WD policy.

If there is some other meaning for Colonel Abbott's obscure phraseology — we shall be glad to enlighten him and his puzzled friends as soon as they explain to us what "terms of reference" are. We and our friends are stumped.

Omgus omnium-gatherum

Dogowners are spluttering about the "no punishment" verdict handed down to the German who killed a thoroughbred airdale of an Omgusite for eating purposes. They say that the expensive pooch was just as valuable property as some inanimate and inedible object might be . . . and that dog-killers should at least be discouraged from committing such larceny further . . . The other evening we experienced scalding humility at the Marine Ballroom when two American couples gathered up cigarette butts and laughingly explained they were going to give them to their gardener who brings them fresh vegetables in return . . .

American radio fans were taken were by surprise Thursday p. m. when a polished German orchestra came over AFN for the first time, playing jazz the way they like to hear it . . . It was none other than Kurt Widmann and his 14-piece orchestra playing from Club 48 . . . It was the first time since the war that German entertainment of any kind has been performed over an Allied broadcasting station. Kurt will be heard every Thursday now from 10:30 to 11 p. m. . . . And Dr. J. H. Seyppel, German instructor at the American University of Berlin, has come forth with the suggestion of having "Der Kleine Observer" in German for the German employees of OMGUS . . . we'd be proud to be the godparents.



W. E. Behnk

W. E. Behnk Leaves Staff

The OBSERVER went to press this Thursday, for the first time since last March, without Sgt. Bill Behnk to see it through the typesetting stage. Bill left for home on Thursday morning after nine months overseas.

As one of the OO's staff writers, Bill has written interesting feature stories — on Leica, the Danish Mission in Berlin, "Eric Clark, On Leave From Met," and the Inter-Allied Meet. He had a good nose for news and story values. Besides his reporting he spent every Thursday at the printing plant putting the paper to bed. He has worked for the OBSERVER during all of his service overseas.

Bill's home town is Rochester, N. Y. He enlisted as soon as he was old enough and has now completed 20 months service. He is returning to his studies at Syracuse University and will take advantage of the GI Bill of Rights to continue his course in dentistry. But before that, Bill is looking forward to a real good old-fashioned American Thanksgiving at home with his parents in up-state New York.

Nursery School To Start Oct. 28

The nursery school, for American children between the ages of two and six, will open for registration at its new location in the Dependents school building, 6-8 Im Gehege, Dahlem, on Monday, October 21. Parents may register their children from October 21-23 in Room 121.

The pre-school group will be under the direction of Mrs. L. M. [Name obscured] and will function separately from the group attending the first 12 grades.

The nursery school will open for its regular scheduled sessions Monday, October 28. Sessions will be held five days a week, Monday through Friday.

For parents who wish to send their children in the morning, a two hour session will be held from 9-11 a. m. Another session will be held in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.

Tuition costs will be determined after registration has been completed. Since the tuition charged will defray the costs of refreshments, equipment, and the services of the director, the amount to be charged will depend upon the number of children enrolled. It will be payable in advance on a monthly basis.

Post Office Gets Award

The 68th Army Postal Unit, Headquarters Command, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty and maintenance of a high standard of military discipline from August 1945 to August 1946.

All during this period the Postal Unit expeditiously processed more than 650 tons of mail, and issued six and one half million dollars in money orders. Handicapped by the lack of trained personnel, the unit, by sheer force and determination, accomplished its mission in a most creditable manner.

Roberts School

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a two years stay in Fairbanks, Alaska. She was a member of the Fairbanks school faculty for one year.

Mrs. Lola Hinson, who is the supervisor of Arts and Crafts, was the last member of the faculty to arrive here. She left the States on October 4 by plane, and on the morning of the 14th she was on duty at the school.

The teachers at the American school are: Edwin M. Boyne of Lansing, Mich., superintendent; Miss Eunice Chute, Folkston, Ga., commercial subjects; Mrs. Helen Macon, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, history and social studies; Mrs. Rita Wilkerson, Detroit, Mich., mathematics; William Van Doren of Marysville, Calif., science; Mrs. Lola Hinson, Chattanooga, Tenn., arts and crafts; Fred L. Grewing, St. Paul, Minn., athletics, physical education and science; Miss Edith Oswald, Bethel, Conn., and Mrs. Pansy Hopkins, Dexter, Mo., 1st grade; Miss Eloise De Lay of St. Cloud, Minn., 2nd grade; Miss Rena Yunkins, Clarksburg, Ala., 3rd grade; Miss Jean Philippi of Seattle, Wash., 4th grade and music; Miss Mildred Neale, Melterbrooke Farm, Bealton, Va., 5th grade and grade supervisor and Miss Frances Moore of Baltimore, Md.

The two dependents hired in Berlin are: Mrs. M. J. Hopkins, wife of Maj. M. J. Hopkins, Chief, Utilities Branch, Berlin District, and Mrs. Frances Moore, wife of Capt. R. J. Moore, Hq, Berlin District. Mrs. Hopkins will teach in the Elementary School and Mrs. Moore is a Home Economic teacher.

School busses, provided by each Military District, pick up the children and take them home. The children do not return for lunch. Lunch is provided at the school by Army Mess at a regular price of 25 cents per meal. In addition a mid-morning snack is provided for grades 1, 2 and 3, at an additional cost of 25 cents per week.

In addition to the children of the American dependents, the children of the embassies and missions located in Berlin are invited to attend. Monday several French, Belgium and Danish kids registered. The Danish children, looking a bit frightened, speaking no English, huddled together holding hands. However, they were quickly put at ease by one of the teachers versed in many languages.

Officials have taken protective measures to guard the health of the children. U. S. Army medical officers will give all pupils a complete medical examination, Tuesday, October 22, and in addition, an U. S. Army nurse has been scheduled to visit the school each morning while classes are in session.

US Life Shown In I & E Movie

The movie "This Is America", will be shown at next week's I & E orientation at Onkel Tom's Theater.

The 30-minute movie, which depicts the reactions of a combat soldier and how he learns to appreciate America and the freedoms he has so long taken for granted, will be shown next Monday and Tuesday, October 14 and 15, at 10:45 a. m. and 4:45 p. m. The program is open to all OMGUS enlisted, officer, and civilian personnel.



Photo by Hemsey

US Infantryman

Statue Honors Combat Soldiers At Berlin District

A life-sized statue of an American GI in complete battle garb, standing at parade rest with his trusty M-1, was placed in the lobby of Berlin District Headquarters last week.

Executed by Ernst Kunst, a German sculptor, the statue is made of plaster of Paris cast over a steel frame and coated with bronze colored paint. A symbolic tribute to the millions of GI Infantrymen, the statue was made at the request of Maj. Gen. F. A. Keating, Commanding General of Berlin District.

The model was selected through a competitive contest to represent the typical combat infantry doughboy. Each battalion commander chose the best soldier in his unit. From these battalion representatives, Third Infantry Headquarters selected the model. The honor was bestowed on Combat Vet S/Sgt. Thomas E. Love, of West Virginia, who had more than three years service. Sgt. Love, a holder of the Combat Infantry Man's Badge, saw action with the 26th Division of the Third Infantry under General Patton's Third Army. He served as a platoon sergeant for Co. E, Third Infantry Regiment, while in Berlin and was redeployed to the States last August.

Behind the statue have been placed insignia placards of the 1st Armored Division, 2nd Armored Division, 3rd Division and 82nd Airborne Division — all who have served in Berlin. On the pedestal of the 1900 pound statue is inscribed the words: "US Infantrymen."

Fashion Show Sat.

A fashion show by Rudow will be held Saturday at 4 p. m. at Har-nack House. All American and Allied women are invited to attend. Tea dresses, sports clothes and evening gowns will be shown.



By Karl Holtz

Germania: "The old dress doesn't suit me anymore, but which one shall I choose now?"