

American 'Wild West' Back in Berlin



GROUNDBREAKING — Taking the first shovels full of dirt, marking the start of preparations for the 1971 German-American Volksfest, "The Wild West" are, from l. to r., Zehlendorf District Mayor Hans-Joachim Schnitzer, Thomas Sharper, Brigadier General Harold I. Hayward, commanding general, Berlin Brigade, and the "Indians." Looking on behind Mayor Schnitzer is David L. Klein, American Minister in Berlin, who participated in the earth turning and then relinquished his shovel to young Sharper.

EES Makes Announcement

The European Exchange System (EES) has recently released three announcements which may be of interest to members of the Berlin American Community.

As part of a program to protect customers from hazardous or potentially harmful products, EES has alerted all of its facilities of certain types of Italian pottery which contain high levels of leachable lead and may, when combined with food or beverages, result in a chemical reaction causing serious illness.

The dangerous pottery includes mugs, small pitchers and some dishes. The items are manufactured by three firms and may be identified by the marking "H-H Italy."

The EES warning is based on a message from the Food and Drug Administration. While none of the pottery has ever been stocked or sold by EES, there is a possibility that some EES retail concessions might have the items. All area exchanges have been directed to check stocks of their concessions and remove from sale any of the pottery if found.

EES also cautioned that some of the pottery may have been purchased on the Italian economy by leave or TDY personnel.

Another warning from EES concerns microwave ovens and heart pacemakers, namely that if you wear a pacemaker, stay away from microwave ovens!

The warning is being posted by EES in all of its food and vending facilities following an urgent message from the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, which cautioned that cardiac pacemakers may be adversely affected if the wearer is within 50 to 75 feet of a microwave oven.

To prevent any such adverse effects, EES is posting the following warning:

"Warning. Microwave cooking ovens. Persons wearing heart pacemakers should not proceed beyond this point."

The final EES announcement is that effective April 28, the price for miscellaneous barber services will be adjusted to 90 cents in Berlin (compared to an adjustment to 60 cents in the United Kingdom, Spain and Greece, and \$1.00 in Italy).

The action was considered neces-

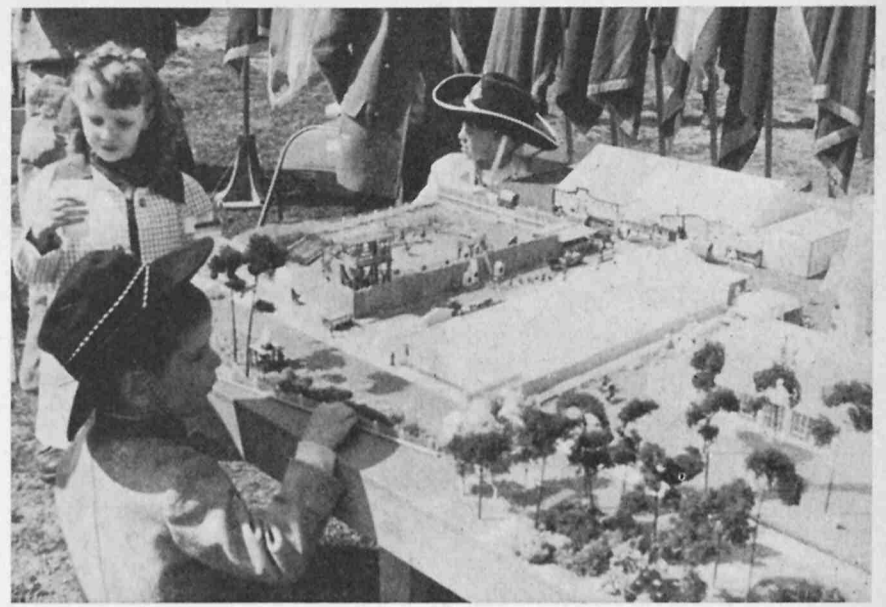
sary to insure continuous quality services by barber concessionaires. As adjusted, the price will offer approximately a 20 per cent savings over economy prices in the Berlin area.

The "Wild West" is returning to Berlin this summer. Due to the tremendous public response last year, the theme of the 1971 German-American Volksfest will once again deal with this exciting period from American history.

The German-American Volksfest tradition began in 1961, the year the Berlin wall was built. At that time, the U. S. Army in Berlin made an effort to bring a different recreational activity to the Berliners, who found themselves fenced in on a tiny island. Each summer, the U. S. Army introduces a new bit of Americana to the Berliners. The Americans enjoy presenting this 17-day show, which the local population seems to enjoy so much.

Among the attractions returning this year will be the very popular "Rodeo Berlin" with rough tough cowboys, bucking broncs and fighting bulls. A major new attraction will be a group of authentic Indians from the western United States.

The first shovel of earth turned on Monday by Brigadier General Harold I. Hayward, commanding general, Berlin Brigade, and District Mayor Hans-Joachim Schnitzer, of Zehlendorf, signified the beginning of the construction on the 11th German-American Volksfest. When construction is completed the Volksfest will recreate the main street of an old town from America's "Wild West" and an American Indian village. These buildings will house many of the activities and exhibits to be of-



THE DREAMS OF CHILDREN are brought about in this model of the "Wild West" Volksfest, which will materialize for the delight of all during 1971 Volksfest days, July 23 through August 8.

ferred during the 17 days of Volksfest.

In addition to the "Wild West" attractions, the American portion of the Volksfest will include a large German beer tent featuring live German and American entertainment. Also on the grounds will be several concession stands offering hamburgers, ice

cream and other refreshments.

The Indian dancers in Monday's programs were students from the Berlin American High School under the direction of Staff Sergeant Thomas Sharper.

The "Wild West" comes to Berlin on July 23, and will continue through August 8.



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Snack Bar Competition Now Under Way

Almost every day some organization stages a contest of one kind or another.

Such affairs range from candy-wrapper specials to corporate advertising gimmicks that send some lucky consumer off to the Bahamas for two weeks.

Well, EES is now in the stages of a far-reaching competition of its own, not as any mere gimmick but to upgrade its food service outlets located across the Continent. The end result should be improved customer service.

The purpose of the competition is to choose the best snack bar in the entire system and that means casting a self-critical look at hundreds of facilities with a Solomon-like search for truth that should pose quite some challenge.

"Actually, we have reduced much of the hassle by asking our area exchange commanders to search out and nominate their absolute best snack bars for the preliminary rounds," explains Joel Sontag, assistant food chief for EES and a man dedicated to service betterment wherever the golden exchange shield shines.

"We figure from the hundreds of possibilities we'll make final judgment on nine finalists."

Here are the top nine as selected locally:

- Berlin Shopping Center Snack Bar, Berlin, Germany
- Jaeger Kaserne Cafeteria, Aschaffenburg, Germany
- Warton Barracks Cafeteria, Heilbronn, Germany
- Augsburg Cafeteria, Augsburg, Germany
- Bentwaters Cafeteria, Bentwaters, England
- Community Center Cafeteria, Torreon, Spain
- Crete Cafeteria, Crete, Greece
- Balgat Cafeteria, Ankara, Turkey
- Brindisi Cafeteria, Brindisi, Italy

These nine snack bars are well aware that they are in the final running and are putting their best faces forward for the crucial inspections to follow.

One might ask what guidelines will be used to come up with the eventual winner and Mr. Sontag is anxious to field that question.

"We are using a point system that completely discounts the exterior glitter and layout that many facilities enjoy over others," he relates.

"For example, a brand new snack bar is ineligible to compete this time because one year's service is required."

The inspectors will rate facilities on a variety of items; e.g. sanitation, food preparation, speed of service, but to cite a few. Underlying the whole program is an attempt to up-

grade service to the customer.

"Inspectors will check storerooms, restrooms, utensils, food preparation, personnel — nothing will escape our closest scrutiny," he vows.

"Employee courtesy will get an extra-close look too," he adds with a penetrating gaze.

"Another thing, we're going to be completely impartial. The same team members will visit every installation to insure that the same critical eyes are cast on all snack bars concerned.

"We hope to have a winner by June," Mr. Sontag said.

What's in it for the top snack bar? It will be a huge trophy to be displayed for a year at a prominent place within the winning snack bar.

"We've modeled that portion of our program after competitions run by USAREUR and USAFE for their messhalls," he points out.

"Looking ahead to the cafeteria fantastic enough to garner the trophy three times, that facility will take permanent possession and start competing for another."

Such a possibility is a long way in the future, though. And if the interest and the keen competitive attitudes expressed by the managers are any indication, the shake-up for this contest and for contests to come will look like a National Football League scramble.

One thing is certain: snack bars throughout the system are in for some pretty close inspection.

And the end result will mean more to the customer than all the trophies and platitudes in the world.

'Diese Welt' Wins Honors

Fred Jacobson, program officer of RIAS Berlin, has won international honors as a song writer.

His song, "Diese Welt" (This World of Ours), written in collaboration with German composer Dieter Zimmermann, was awarded third prize in the Eurovision Song Competition 1971, a sort of World Cup, for writers of popular songs.

The Eurovision program was televised from Dublin to all countries of Western Europe and, this year for the first time, to the United States as well. Upward of 500 million people watched the program.

Eighteen countries of Europe had held national contests to select their best new pop songs for the Eurovision competition, and "Diese Welt" had been chosen as the entry from the Federal Republic of Germany. It was sung at the Dublin finals by the talented young German singer, Katja Ebstein.

First and second prizes went to Monaco and Spain, respectively. Germany took third for the second year in a row.

Jacobson's lyrics (in German) are topical, stressing the ecology theme—starry nights, crystal streams and jasmine-scented air on the one hand, or smoking skies, oil-stained beaches and senseless pollution on the other hand; a hymn of hope for what might be, juxtaposed with protest against what threatens.

Jacobson began his profitable song-writing avocation 40 years ago as a teenage student in his native Vienna. When he came to the United States in 1940 he continued to write, though now in English. His songs were recorded by Vaughn Monroe, Perry Como and other top artists. Several of his records have sold over the million mark. "Diese Welt" may surpass them all.



NEW TREE — Students of the Berlin Junior High Congress stand around the evergreen tree they planted Tuesday at the Berlin American High School. The tree symbolizes the first "Junior High" Congress, and was planted in observance of Arbor Day. Lending a hand in the ceremony are Mr. William Locher, assistant principal, (c.) and Mr. David Twohy, BAHS principal, (r.). (Photo by John Freeman)

Going AWOL Not Like Playing Hooky

According to military police officials here, many servicemen who go AWOL are not aware of the seriousness of the act. They fail to realize the costs, penalties, embarrassment and grief to themselves and their families that can be brought about by what many seem to think is merely playing hooky from the Army.

"If you go AWOL," a provost marshal representative stated, "notification is made to your family, hometown police, the FBI, military police, the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. and the commander of the Army in whose area your home is located. Additionally, your security clearance is withdrawn, allotments and family allowances may be stopped, your Serviceman's Government Life Insurance (SGLI) may be discontinued and your family may be refused medical care and benefits including commissary and PX privileges.

"And if you are court martialed for AWOL, conviction can mean a heavy fine, loss of grade and pay, confinement at hard labor and/or a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge.

"If you have thought about going AWOL or are thinking about it now, talk to your commanding officer or one of your unit officers, to whom you can tell it like it is. If you think you really need a leave or pass, discuss it with him. If you need money for transportation or for some other emergency, contact the Red Cross or the Army Emergency Relief. That's what they are in business for.

"Let them handle it before the military police become involved. Statistics indicate that 99 out of every 100 AWOL's are returned. And, for your own sake and your family's don't fool yourself into thinking that you'll be that one man in a hundred."



The M-60 MACHINE GUNNERS learn to set up defensive positions in various types of terrains. Photo by PFC Graham.

New Survivors Benefit Plan Recommended to Congress

At long last, if proposed legislation passes, it will be feasible for a retired service member to leave a sizeable portion of his retired pay to his survivors.

A survivors benefit plan that actually will give the survivor of a career serviceman enough revenue on which to survive is in the mill in Congress. Much of the plan is identical to recommendations made to Congress by the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS).

Civil service and industry retirement plans have long included benefit rights for the widows of their retirees. Not so with the military.

In fact, until 1953 when the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP) was put into effect, there was no provision of any kind for survivors of retired servicemen. The only exception was when death was proven to have resulted from a service-connected disability. Unfortunately, RSFPP, because of its provisions and high costs, has attracted less than 16% of today's retirees to join. And the Government makes no contribution to RSFPP, except to cover the very small operational costs.

Retirees have relied on their personal insurance policies and investment plans to care for their survivors. The result is that many widows and surviving children have suffered untold hardships.

Now, with the new plan which has been drafted by a House subcommittee, headed by Representative Otis Pike, a retired serviceman would be

able to provide an annuity for his survivors of up to 55% of his retired pay and the Government would share the cost of the program.

At the time of his retirement, the active duty military man would be enrolled automatically in the program, unless he stated in writing that he did not wish to participate. In addition, the new plan, when law, would allow all members then on the retired lists one year to decide whether or not to participate in the program.

An added feature of the program is a provision which would give, in certain cases, supplemental compensation for survivors of active duty personnel with 20 or more years of service.

It is expected that Congress will act favorably upon a bill in 1971.

NAUS is one of the associations actively promoting this survivor annuity plan. NAUS — whose membership is open to both officers and enlisted men, active and retired, from all of the Uniformed Services — is prepared to answer questions on this bill and to assist in any way in its passage.

If you are interested in your SURVIVORS SURVIVAL, then write to NAUS, 956 N. Monroe St., Arlington, Va. 22201 for further information. Your active support is needed and wanted. NAUS can supply you with the details of this program. They can tell you how to make sure that your survivors are fairly treated and protected.

Old World Sounds Bring New Pleasures

by Steve Reisler

Rock music, in its quest for variety, has borrowed or absorbed material and instruments from other cultures outside the realm of the 20th century Western Hemisphere.

The Fruits of this sponging process are encouraging. By combining extra-North American techniques with standard rock arrangements, groups have produced numbers along the lines of "Soul Sacrifice" (Santana), "Intermezzo from the Karelia Suite" (Nice), and "Bouree" (Jethro Tull), songs that have only a distant relationship to their ancestor, rock 'n roll.



Modern composers are moving not only in an anterior direction toward greater electronic sophistication, but also in a retrospective search for sounds out of the past. Perhaps the most promising musical period for rock artists would be the 14th and 15th centuries, the age of medieval instrumentation.

The marvelous gadgetry of our own decade cannot begin to match the tonal quality and ingenuity of the old world. True, the instruments

of the Middle Ages lacked the versatility of present equipment, and there certainly weren't any contraptions that could produce vibrations similar to a fuzz box, tone bender, or wah-wah pedal. Yet there was a unique, singular accent in the instruments of that by-gone age — an accent with cannot be faithfully duplicated through modern processes.

If your musical temperament is similar to mine, you will discover, after only a few listenings to selected pieces, that you have become mesmerized by the haunting, exotic concoctions of the past.

The enchanting strains of the recorder and crumhorn will captivate your imagination and enslave your eardrums. Moody, but not depressing, the spicy flavors of the dulcimer, clavichord and spinet may very well transform an enraptured pop fan into a fanatical lover of the ancient's creations. Indulge yourself. Allow the senses to perceive the ways in which the masterful employment of the lowly tambourine and simple pump organ can tactfully disguise the absence of a metered percussion section or rhythm pattern.

The uncluttered synchronization of contralto and tenor vocals superimposed on a melodious score can best be described by the well-worn colloquial expression, "freaky." In the vernacular, the singing in medieval compositions is a tasteful blend of pacific crooning that tends to com-

Guardians Return From MTA

by PFC Steve Graham

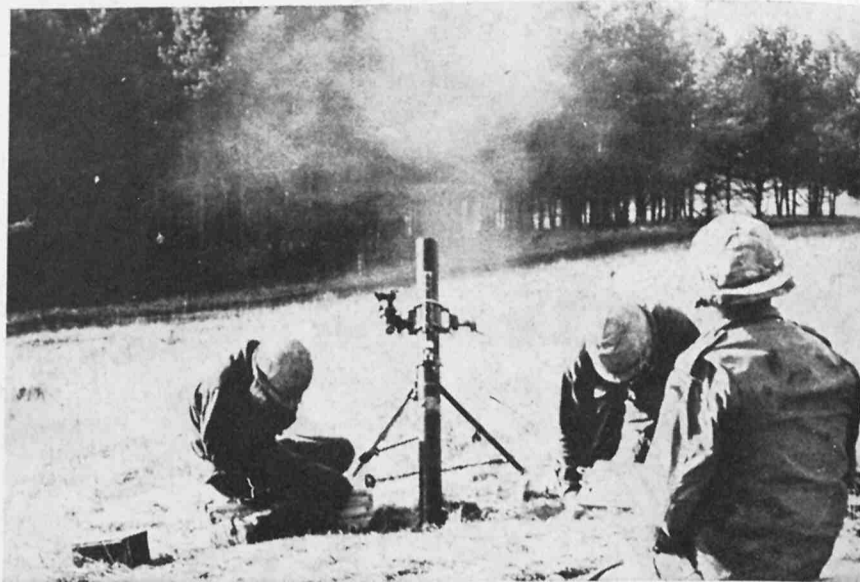
The Guardian Battalion has completed its spring trip to the Major Training Area (MTA). After a long and tiring month, the men are very happy to return to Berlin.

Naturally one's thoughts now turn to how much was accomplished during the month of training in the Zone. The consensus of unit commanders was that all of their men did an excellent job during the training.

Captain Lester W. Rooker, company commander of Headquarters Company, commented that all of his men did an outstanding job. "Although the line companies usually benefit more from field training than Headquarters Company, the Mortar, Recon and Commo Platoons did get a large benefit from the training. The only time the mortar crews get to fire is during the training at the MTA, so it provides very excellent training for them," continued Rooker.

"We had many new men in the company, but they learned quickly and everyone performed very well," replied Captain Theodore J. Purdom, commanding officer of Company A. "The Zone provides the men the opportunity to put the knowledge they have acquired in the classroom to practice in the field."

Captain Valent P. Bernat, Jr., commander of Bravo Company, remarked, "The Zone provides very good training for the men. We can do some field training in the Grunewald in Berlin, but it is only about one-third of the training we can accomplish in the MTA. The training here is especially good for the 106 mm and 90 mm gun teams and also the M-60 machine gunners. It allows them the opportunities to set up their gun po-



THE MORTAR CREWS are provided many opportunities for practice firing during field training exercises. Photo by PFC Graham.

sitions in various types of terrains."

The field training will continue its influence on the men after they return to Berlin. "Our classroom teaching in Berlin will reflect the weaknesses and problems that were seen during the training in the Zone. We will attempt to point these things out and correct them while they are fresh on everyone's mind," remarked the commanding officer of Charlie Company, Captain William F. Petruzel.

Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Daniel J. Tobin summed up the performance of the battalion as a whole by stating, "We accomplished

everything we set out to accomplish. It was a very successful trip. I was personally very impressed with the battalion's performance on the Army Training Test. The two hundred new men of the battalion did a very excellent job. What they lacked in knowledge, they made up in hard work, enthusiasm and dedication."

Although the trip to the Major Training Area in West Germany may seem long and unnecessary at times, it does provide the men of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry with the knowledge and training that is required to meet any situation that might arise.

User Turned Counselor Warns of Drugs

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (ANF) — John H. looked relaxed.

In fact, it was probably the first time he'd been able to relax since he joined the Army nearly a year ago.

Today, John H. is happy. He's happy because he's helping others . . . and himself . . . as a drug counselor at Ft. Lewis' newly-opened Drug Information and Counseling Center.

The story of how John H. found himself at the Center is a long one — and it's a story that needs to be told. Because, as he says, it just might change another drug user's trip from a bad scene to a good one.

You see, John H. is an exdrug user.

FACING TRIAL

If he'd had the help he is now giving to young soldiers with drug problems, he might not have spent four

months of his military life AWOL and might not now be facing court-martial proceedings.

John was raised in a middle-class family in Los Angeles. At the age of 13 he was smoking marijuana. In a few years he had tried everything from "shooting the hard stuff" to LSD.

Then, at 17, faced with confinement at the California Youth Authority, he chose what he thought was the easy way out — military service.

He turned out to be wrong . . . at least to a point.

Discovering that going Army was not "a trip," John H. "turned on" more and more, finally going AWOL.

GAVE SELF UP

Last month he gave himself up, because, he said, "I don't like running."

Then he heard about the drug center and how he might help other drug users while helping himself.

"I came down here to see if it was on the level . . . you know, to see if it was crawling with CID (Criminal Investigation Department) or what," John H. said.

"But I found it's all right," he said.

"And even the officers who visit us seem to be changing some of their views of drug users . . . they're pretty fair-minded now."

What about the drug center atmosphere? "At first the users had problems with uniforms, identifying the center with the Army," said John. "But now it's a relaxed, casual place with everyone — including officers — wearing civilian clothes and on a first-name basis."

Currently, 14 counselors — many of them former users — answer the drug-help phone lines at the Center. They deal with 20 to 30 men daily who want some form of drug counseling. They are giving serious counseling to 20 more.

"WE TALK TO THEM"

As one man at the Center put it, "Our job isn't to turn users in or to treat them . . . all we do is talk to them and tell them how to get help."

And what about John H.? "I like helping other people and myself . . . it makes my life worthwhile," he said.

What about the future of drugs for John H.?

"I've got hard veins . . . I'm only 18 . . . and I've had hepatitis," he explained. "Drugs? There's no future in them . . . no future."



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THIS IS THE WAY WE MAKE OUR COOKIES . . .

Defender's Midnight Baker

Specialist Boggs Always Works Late

by SP/5 Dan Fredrickson

When most 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry soldiers are ready to settle down for the night, Specialist Five Wendell Boggs only begins his duties in the Headquarters Company Consolidated Mess Hall Bake Shop, preparing the next day's culinary specialties.

Specialist Boggs, one of two school-trained food service specialists assigned here, is the night baker. His job entails the preparation and baking of the following day's menu of baked goods and other gourmet delights, utilizing the baking ovens. Altogether, his work begins at 12:00 p.m. and lasts generally until just before the first cook shift arrives at

5:00 a.m. for preparation of the morning meal.

Since the consolidated mess system has been in effect, Specialist Boggs has the opportunity to draw from two ration supply rosters, HQ's and Charlie Company's, to make his specialties even more palatable to the individual soldier. His favorite recipes include coconut cream pies, fudge-nut brownies, Danish-style pastries, and chocolate cake—a cuisine's delight with the men which has earned him the name "Cakeman" by more than one contented Defender troop.

His late hours in the bake shop are not altogether the most interesting thing one could be doing in such a thriving city, but Boggs feels that his job is an essential one and besides, less distraction and a slow pace produce a much tastier delicacy.

Each dish that he prepares is listed with a recipe number outlined in Army Regulations as far as how to prepare it, time for cooking or baking and the ingredients to use. There are also ARs governing the use of leftovers, standards of cleanliness, the KP's job and the cook's job. Everything the cook or baker needs to know is contained in the ARs, but it takes a well-seasoned specialist to come up with the desired results, especially when you're cooking for well over 300 men.

Specialist Boggs graduated from the Ft. Jackson, S. C., Food Service School in March 1969, and received orders for Germany, and eventually Berlin. His first 18 months as an ap-

prentice cook taught him a great deal about food preparation and the importance of feeding soldiers well-prepared meals.

"If we made one mistake in cooking, it wasn't the commanding officer, the first sergeant or our mess sergeant to answer to," Boggs related, "it was a whole company of hungry men."

The quality of the food received from the Food Service people has improved over time according to Boggs, namely in the fresh vegetable category. A year ago there was only a surplus of cabbage and salads to draw from, but now, "We've got an abundance of all types of vegetables," he explains.

The efficiency of the Mess Hall itself has also increased with the addition of two NCOs instead of one. Staff Sergeant Charles Johnson now runs the kitchen during the day and offers helpful guidelines for meal preparation, while Sergeant First Class James Bayless handles all ration ordering and menu preparation.

"Everyone is working together in the consolidated mess," Boggs relates, "a good team of cooks can produce a valuable morale-builder with the men and make our job worthwhile."

Battalion Briefs

4/18

by PFC Jackson D. Wilson

The Vanguard Battalion departed last week for its bi-annual trip to the Major Training Area.

Before leaving Berlin, a number of new personnel joined the Battalion. Headquarters Company welcomes Staff Sergeant Walter Greene who is platoon sergeant of Support Platoon. Four medical specialists reported into the Medical Platoon—Privates First Class James R. Bailey, Bertrand A. Breton, Lawrence Allen Discenzia and Glenn Louis Waren.

Ten new men in Alpha Company are Privates First Class Gary Lee Bailey, Michael Ross Drew, Robert B. Fox, Harry F. Lunde, Bruce G. Phelps, Thomas Edward Riedel, James David Thomas, Robert Clay Ward; and Privates Ralph Paul Dutschmann and Lonnie Edward Muncy.

Bravo Company welcomed Staff Sergeant Otis D. Ingram, who will be a section leader, and Specialist Four Herman Eugene Little.

Charlie Company reports ten new personnel: Second Lieutenant Thomas Francis Page, who will be a platoon leader; Privates First Class Robert Joseph Bosco, Gerald Wayne Brownfield, Alan George Martin, Larry E. Wattenburger and Robert F. Wilson; and Privates Robert Charles Boyd, Charles Raymond Bushong, Frederick Dale and Webb Michael Eugene Worley.

In Headquarters Company Specialist Five Glenn F. Hyatte, Battalion legal clerk, has received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Korea from December 1969 to January 1971.

Congratulations to Specialist Four and Mrs. Phil Cotten on the birth of their first child. A seven-pound, four-ounce boy, Jason Philip Cotten was born March 30 at the U. S. Army Hospital, Berlin. Cotten, from Headquarters Company, is a clerk in the Office of the Deputy Commander, Berlin Brigade.

2/6

by PFC Steve Graham

Headquarters of the Guardian Battalion welcomes Staff Sergeant Glenn Vallin to its roll. Newly promoted Captains are Charles R. Batteau and Frank J. Klarnet. Sergeants Roy H. McBride and Jonny J. Woods and Specialist Five Warren C. Stovall are newly promoted from Specialist Four.

Losses to Headquarters Company include First Lieutenant John D. McLeroy and Sergeants Lloyd Moncrief and Leslie Durham. Also entering civilian life were Specialists Five Billy Twitchel, Wendell Vereen, and James C. Reed. Specialist Four Rafe J. Matthews is back on the block in Oklahoma. Specialists Four Terrance Bede, Richard McClanahan, and Eugene D. Giebel complete the separation from HHC.

Ten members of Headquarters Company received the One Year Safe Driver Award. They were Sergeants John C. Guinther, Timothy G. Bouwens, Randall W. Ockerman, and Richie L. Kioski and Specialists Four David P. Stoddard, Albert J. Makowski, Ronall Jacobson, Ricky J. Zawada, Harry J. Blackshear, and Roger A. Hagen.

Second Lieutenant Rudolph Siegesmund is a new member of Company A while Sergeants Philip Mutschler, Ivery D. Luckey, and Terry L. Lane have departed. Also taking the big silver bird home were

Specialists Four Andrew R. Ball, Charles R. Ayres, Kenneth Chamblin, Joseph A. Apuron, Lynn A. Keener, and Norman Thompson.

Receiving promotions from Specialist Four were Sergeants Shelly Nell and Randy L. Ratliff and Specialist Five John R. Radabaugh.

Company B promoted Sergeants Frederick Dalby, Joe B. Dawson, and Lawrence Daggett, and Specialists Five John M. Rangel and Galen G. Gordon from Specialist Four.

Departing B Company were Specialists Four Kenneth Tripp and James R. Thomas and Privates First Class Roger Kampa, John Yankoski, and Ralph Morris.

Company C welcomes Second Lieutenant John V. Cogbill and bids adieu to Sergeant Steve Swearingin, Specialists Four Albert Fascucci and Charles McCrary and Private First Class Earl Wheatley. Sergeant Terry L. Wilkins received an assignment to the 50th Infantry Battalion at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Sergeant Marcus Mikola was promoted from Specialist Four.

Charley Battery, 94th Artillery lost Sergeant William Coleman, Specialist Five Jonny Anderson and Specialists Four Terry L. Finn, James Newsome, Donald Davidson, Terry Turman, and Jerry Millecan to the civilian world. Staff Sergeant Charlie Williams was reassigned to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

3/6

by Sp/5 Dan Fredrickson

This week the Defender Battalion is taking part in the Adjutant General's Inspection (AGI) in each of the four companies. The purpose of the AGI, a Department of the Army yearly requirement, stresses problem areas in which additional work is required and offers a positive criteria for evaluating the readiness of the infantry battalion.

First Sergeant Steve Garman Jr., Alpha Company, was awarded a Bronze Star early last week by Lieutenant Colonel David L. Buckner, for his outstanding service in the Republic of Vietnam prior to joining the Defender Battalion.

Bravo Company reports that Second Lieutenant John Bennett has returned from extensive training at the CBR School in Western Germany, while Charlie Company has Specialist Four John Schuette attending Supply School in Oberammergau, West Germany.

Headquarters Company lists three new personnel, Charlie Company two new personnel, and Alpha Company two new members to their units following their release from the Replacement Training Center. In Headquarters, Sergeant Otis Burdon will assume the Redeyes Platoon Sergeantship for Sergeant Jerry Dalton who is scheduled to rotate the Command. Also, Privates Danny Brigham and Jose Gonzales have joined the Defender Support Platoon as vehicle operators. In Charlie, Sergeant Ivory Blackman will become a squad leader, and Specialist Four George Mortis will join the second platoon. Alpha Company lists Sergeant David Jarrett and Private First Class Jeff Cathcart as new members of that company.

Three soldiers from Alpha Company received Good Conduct Medals in morning awards presentations by their commanding officer two weeks ago. Specialists Four Peter Garner, Billy Laughlin, and Tommy Hunt all were awarded GCMs for their out-

standing contributions to their unit.

Alpha Company's Sergeant Tom Swigart, Specialists Four Eligaha Oliver and Timothy Voirol were honored with special certificates and awards by their company commander. Sergeant Swigart received a Commendation Certificate along with Specialist Voirol, plus Lifetime Membership in the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry and Guardian of the Outpost of Democracy Certificates. Specialist Oliver received the Lifetime Membership and the Guardian awards.

Charlie Company lists two new promotions to the rank of Specialist Four in Donald Wright and Joseph Spurgas.

Staff Sergeant Donald May, Mortar Platoon, received a Good Conduct Medal in presentations by Headquarters Company Commander Captain Frederick M. Wintrich. Also, Specialists Four Jeff Wright, Gregory Wilt, Morris Adkins, and Private First Class Palmer Wicker were honored with Certificates of Achievement at the same ceremony.

40th Armor

by Sp/5 Bill Old

The First, Second, and Fifth Platoons have returned from tank gunnery with an enviable record. Qualifying 20 per cent of their tanks on the MTA's difficult Range 80 gave these men the present high score in USAREUR for the year.

Our highest crew, achieving a rating of "combat ready with distinction," was composed of Staff Sergeant Domaso Irizarry, tank commander; Specialist Four Robert J. Felmet, gunner, Privates First Class Curtis P. Barrois, and Robert J. Bachmann, loader and driver, respectively.

The men of "The Judge" finished their two runs through the course with a total score of 2040. They were recently presented with the Commanding General's "Best Tank Trophy" by Brigadier General Harold I. Hayward, commanding general, Berlin Brigade.

Fourtieth Armor had the honor of sponsoring the first foreign crew to qualify with an United States unit. A British crew, composed of personnel from "A" Squadron, First the Queen's Dragoon Guards, fired a tank from our headquarters.

As these men had been trained on the Centurion, currently considered one of the world's most outstanding armored fighting vehicles due to its performance in the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict, their comments were interesting. The tank commander, Lance Corporal Laurence Carter, stated that the M60 AL was superior to the Centurion in firing speed and accuracy, as well as the ability to hit targets at further ranges than were possible with their tank.

The gunner, Trooper Barry Gabriel, felt that the range finder systems as employed on the M60AL was more effective than the ranging machine gun of the Centurion. Their feelings tend to echo ours here at Turner Barracks, as we too feel that we have the finest combat tank in the world.

Recent promotions here include: to Specialist Four: Torrence E. Dester, Thomas Erickson, Richard A. Felmet, Otto C. Konecny, Charles Musselman, Glenn D. Opp, Gary S. Spears, and Garry F. Stogdill; to Specialist Five: James K. Miller, Thomas R. Reeder, and Bruce D. Wolfe.

Vanguard Convoy Is Sunny One

by PFC Jackson D. Wilson

The warm weather and sunshine of a German spring followed the Vanguard Battalion into West Germany and the Major Training Area (MTA).

The 4th Battalion, 18th Infantry's convoy of an Advance Party and five March Units arrived at the MTA last Thursday, April 15, free of accidents and major problems.

Lieutenant Colonel Lonnie T. Howard, commanding officer of the battalion, said "It was the smoothest convoy we've ever had—mechanically, control and speed. I am very well pleased with the way people behaved and the drivers ought to be congratulated."

Periodic rest and refueling stops were made each day. And immediately upon arrival at each day's destination, maintenance checks were made on all vehicles. Due to weeks of planning and maintenance preparation before leaving Berlin, mechanical problems were kept to a minimum.

Having endured for three days without the ever-welcome chant of "Mail call," the men of the Battalion were somewhat surprised and pleased to hear the chant on the afternoon of their arrival at the MTA.

In fact, mail was picked up and ready for distribution and the Battalion Mail Room was in operation even before all March Units arrived at the MTA.

The speedy set-up of the Battalion Mail Room and the efficiency with which it began operation exemplified

the smooth running effectiveness of all elements within the battalion in readying themselves for operation. Well before the supper chow call, the Battalion was fully operational, due to the effort of the bulk of Vanguard personnel who had arrived by train the preceding day, as well as the convoy personnel.

In this initial phase of its mission at the MTA, the Vanguard Battalion truly practiced its motto "In Omnia Paratus" — "In All Things Prepared."

As the sunny weather prevailed, sunburned men began training Saturday in squad tactics, mortar crew drills and land navigation.

Attached to the battalion during training at the MTA were personnel from the 287th Military Police Company, the 42nd Engineer Company, the 582nd Signal Company and the 351st Aviation Company.

Deserving much credit for the success of the convoy are the Convoy Commanders. First Lieutenant Terrence L. Follas, Alpha Company executive officer, was Commander of the Advance Party.

The five March Unit Commanders were: Captain Lynwood L. Johnson, commanding officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company; Captain James N. Joyner, Jr., commanding officer of Alpha Company; Captain Peter M. Karow, commanding officer of Bravo Company; Captain John J. Gartland, Jr., commanding officer of Charlie Company; and Captain Joseph G. Blackledge, battalion motor officer.



AND THIS IS THE WAY WE ROLL THEM OUT—Children from the Thomas A. Roberts School are treated to a visit to one of the local bakeries, where everyone had a chance to try his baking skills and get covered with flour and jam.

Gentry Running 100 Miles To Win Bet



Concrete pavements and strained tendons may slow him down but nothing is going to stop Joe Gentry from proving his point.

Gentry, a member of the Berlin Bears track team, is in the process of running 100 miles to show what a person can do when he puts his mind to it.

"It all started out as a bet," laughed Gentry after logging 40 miles through Tuesday evening. "A friend

and I were talking one day about people not being strong and having enough determination to do something hard.

"That's what running is—it's very hard but it's mostly a psychological battle. So I bet him that I could run 100 miles."

Only Two Problems

So far Gentry is ahead of a pace that would have him pounding out

his 100th mile early next week. He runs 10 miles in the morning and 10 in the evening in two five-mile bursts. The only problems he has encountered so far are a strained tendon and the hard pavement on German streets.

"I've got to get off the streets and stay on the paths," Gentry moaned. "The pavement causes shin splints. Your feet pound on the ground and it doesn't absorb the shock. Grass is better. The roads here are just too hard."

Running is nothing new to the St. Louis native. After running high school track, he attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., where he ran cross-country in addition to the 440 and 220. Since coming into the Army, Gentry's love of running has not decreased. If anything, it has grown stronger.

Always Running

"I run all the time, even in the office," he explained. "Since I like to run, I decided that I would give some one a good mark to shoot at in the 'Run for Your Life' program. This will also get me in shape for the track season."

There are other advantages to running that others could profit from, too.

"I quit smoking about three weeks ago," Gentry said, "and now I feel great. I can breathe again, my legs feel good and I'm losing weight. My wrist watch is even slipping up and down on my hand."

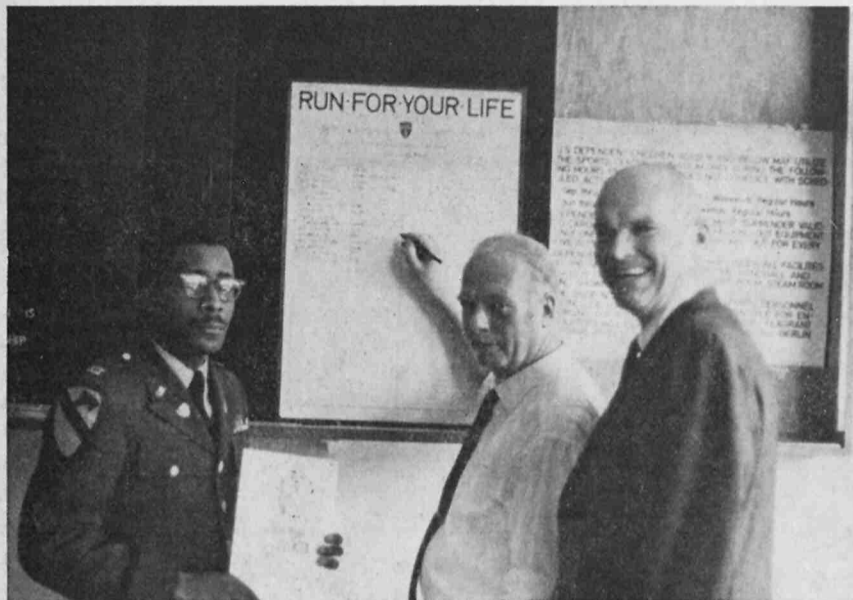
The hardest part of the program, as Gentry sees it, is determination.

"Psychological Battle"

"It's your legs," he explained. "You've got to keep picking them up and putting them down. You can get your breathing down to a rhythm. But after a couple of miles it's a psychological battle to keep your legs going."

"When you've finished, you really feel great, though. It's like you've accomplished another milestone in life."

Barring the hard German streets and a sore leg, Joe Gentry will accomplish another milestone in his life sometime early next week. And at the same time he'll prove what lengths some people will go to in order to win a friendly wager.



RUN FOR YOUR LIFE — Captain Joe Gentry (l.), of St. Louis, stands by as Pete Girke (c.), of the Berlin Brigade Sports Center, enters Gentry's latest progress figures on the tally board. Also looking on is Cliff Lewis, Special Services crafts director.

Photo by 1 Lt. Gildersleeve

Sports Shorts

Driver Training

The German Police Sports Club will hold a driver training course on the old taxiway Sunday, April 25 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Entry will be through Gate 10 on Tempelhofer Damm. The gate will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. only, but other gates are open at other times.

American drivers are welcome to attend.

Girls Softball

Registration for girls interested in playing softball this year will be open through Monday, April 26. Any girl who is between nine and 18 years of age can register in the AYA Athletic Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. An AYA membership card is required along with a proof of age document.

Karate Demonstration

The Jukado Self-Defense Class will present a demonstration of Karate and self-defense and hold a board-breaking competition at the AYA House on Huettenweg today from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. All members and parents are invited.

Horse Show

The French commander in Berlin, General De Division Maurice Routier, has invited all American riders stationed in Berlin and the Federal Republic of Germany to an international horse show May 29-30 at the French garrison in Berlin (Quartier Napoleon). The entry deadline is May 15.

Advance programs and additional information may be obtained by interested American individuals or

Bears Schedule Preseason Tilts

Berlin fans will get their first chance to see the Bears baseball team in action May 8 and 9 when they host the 3rd Armored Division in a series of preseason games. The games are tentatively set for 1:00 p.m. and will be played at Defender Field at McNair Barracks.

The Spearheaders, who finished third in USAREUR last year, will be led by coach Jan Withrow, who doubles as the team's shortstop, and pitcher-outfielder Bill Sims.

Sims is the player who caught two touchdowns passes last November as 3rd Armored downed Berlin, 20-12, for the USAREUR football title.

The remainder of the Bears' preseason schedule is still being planned and will be announced at a later date.

clubs by contacting the Community Relations Office, Information Division, USCOB, telephone 6842 or 6831.

Bowling Run-Offs

The 1971 Company Level bowling run-offs will take place at the Berlin Brigade Sports Center Lanes May 4 to 6.

Company Softball

The 1971 Company Level softball leagues will start play May 10. Championship play will be Sept. 6 to 10.

Rod and Gun

Anyone interested in joining the Rod and Gun Club may stop by the Rod and Gun store located in the military barracks at Andrews Barracks.

The only requirement is that you must be in the armed forces, a dependent, retired or a DA civilian. The clerks at the store will be glad to give you all of the information you need to become a member.

Some of the activities of the club include a skeet and trap range that is open on Saturdays from 1 p.m. until dark and Sundays from 10:30 a.m. until dark.

If you are interested in firing rifles or pistols, there are several ranges for marksmen located at Rose Range. These ranges are open on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The clubhouse at Rose Range will also be open on Sundays from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. to provide refreshments and a place to get warm.



SPRING FEVER — The Berlin Bears, defending USAREUR champions, are pointing toward the season opener May 22 at 3rd Armored Division. The Bears will also meet the Spearheaders in a preseason game here May 8 and 9.



U.S. Forces Blank First Two Opponents As German Soccer League Season Opens

The U. S. Soccer team got off to an excellent start in their bid for the German Industrial League title by winning its first two games.

In the opening game of the season, the American eleven crushed Bismarck 111 by a 4-0 score. The game was completely dominated by the Yanks from the outset and only a series of missed chances kept the score respectable.

The U. S. Forces team appeared to be over anxious at the start and it was not until midway through the first half that right halfback Noel Yarr put them ahead with a 25-yard shot, 1-0. The "Big Blue" failed to score again and left the field at halftime with a meager 1-0 lead.

Different Story

The second half proved to be a different story, however, as the Yanks had everything their own way. About fifteen minutes into the half, outside left Randy Achenbach headed a Noel Yarr center into the goal to put the U. S. Forces team up, 2-0.

Minutes later, outside right Harry Gonyer scored to bring the count up to 3-0 and inside left Tom Arens closed out the scoring with a short shot to give the Americans a 4-0 victory.

The second game of the season was a different story as the U. S. Forces team journeyed to Stadion Wilmersdorf to take on BSG Mibag. Again the aggressive offense gave the Americans the advantage throughout the first half.

Golf Tourney Set for May

The Berlin Golf and Country Club will host a 72-hole invitational tournament May 11 to 14. The tournament, which has not been played since 1967, will be medal play and is open to ten players with a 10 handicap or less each from military golf courses throughout Europe.

There will also be a number of German clubs invited, with each club limited to five players with a 10 handicap or less each.

Anyone interested should contact the Berlin Golf and Country Club immediately.

Halftime Lead

However, it was not until the last ten minutes in the half that they were able to score. Outside right Bob Carmany headed a deflected center from left halfback Tom Almes into the German goal to give the American team a 1-0 halftime lead.

The second half was a complete turn-about. The German team exhibited an excellent offense and put considerable pressure on the American defense. The defense rose to the

occasion and, led by center halfback Bill Cheney, was able to preserve the lead for a 1-0 victory.

With the two victories and ties, the U. S. Forces team currently enjoys undisputed possession of first place in their division of the Industrial League.

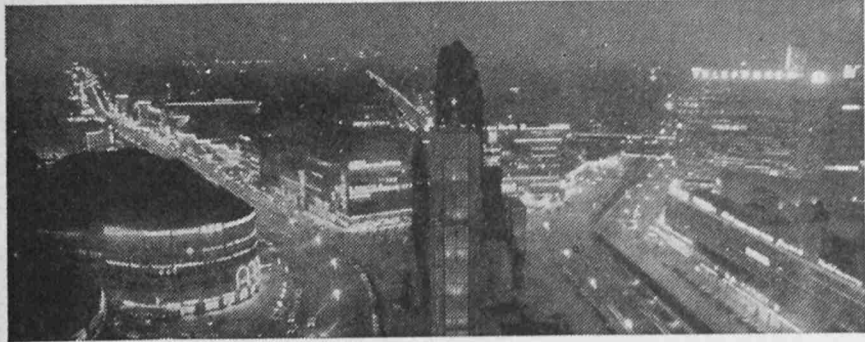
The U. S. Forces team is in action Saturday as they tangle with the team from the Free University in a non-league game at Tempelhof Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.



ON YOUR MARK — Margaret Maloney, secretary at AG Special Services, gets ready to start running as a participant in Berlin Brigade's "Run For Your Life" program.

Photo by 1 Lt. Gildersleeve

Cultural Events Around Town . . .



PHILHARMONIE

Kemperplatz
Tel: 261 43 83

April 23, 8 p.m. — Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Ernst Maerzendorfer, Vienna. Tchaikovsky Program.

April 24, 8 p.m. — Choir of St. Hedwig's Cathedral and Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Anton Lippe. Handel: Judas Maccabaeus.

April 25, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Choir and Berlin Symphonic Orchestra. Conductor: Hans Chemin-Petit. Bruckner: Grosse Messe I-moll.

April 26, 8 p.m. — Emil Gilels, Moscow — "Piano Recital" Mozart — Schubert — Prokofiev.

April 27, 8 p.m. — David Oistrach "Violin Recital".

April 28, 8 p.m. — Henryk Szeryng "Violin Recital" Mozart — Bach — Schumann — Ponce — Caninha — Szymanowski — Novacek.

April 29, 8 p.m. — London Strings Chamber Orchestra.

May 5, 6, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Stravinsky — Brahms.

May 12, 8 p.m. — "Erroll Garner and his Trio".



DEUTSCHE OPER BERLIN

Bismarckstrasse 34-37
Tel: 341 44 49

April 23 — "Ariadne auf Naxos"

April 24 — "Der Barbier von Sevilla" (The Barber of Seville)

April 25 — "Der Rosenkavalier"

April 26 — "Il Trovatore" (in Italian)

April 27 — "Die Zauberflöte" (The Magic Flute)

April 28 — "Ballet Night"

April 29 — "Der Freischütz"

AMERIKA HAUS

Hardenbergstrasse 22-24
Tel: Mil. 7895

April 23, 8 p.m. — The film "Sesame Street No. 7" will be shown, introduced by Antoinette Becker and followed by a discussion.

April 26, 8 p.m. — Lecture by Christoph Wulf, M. A. on "Educational TV in the USA and in Germany"

April 27, 8 p.m. — Workshop in English, led by David Black, on "The Technique and Aesthetic of Transparent Sculpture"

April 28, 8 p.m. — Lecture by Professor Felice A. Bonadia on "Black Power — The Contemporary Situation"

April 29, 8 p.m. — Lecture by Professor J. M. Moore on "Breakthrough in Foreign Language Teaching: The Audio-Lingual Approach"

Exhibition — until May 19: "David Black in Berlin — Transparent Sculpture"

SCHLOSSPARK THEATER

Steglitz, Schloss Strasse 48
Tel: 791 12 13

April 23 — "Der Kandidat"

April 24 — "Die gelehrten Frauen"

April 25, 29 — "Gespenster"

April 26, 27, 28 — "Das Mädl aus der Vorstadt"

HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK

Hardenbergstrasse 33
Tel: 31 63 83

April 23, 8 p.m. — Franz Josef Degenhardt "Protest Songs"

April 24, 8 p.m. — Prague String Quartet. Haydn — Martinu — Dvorak.

April 26, 8 p.m. — Paco de Lucia and Ramon de Algeciras "Concierto Guitarras Flamenco"

April 27, 8 p.m. — Hubert Juhre "Piano Recital" Beethoven — Prokofiev — Debussy — Chopin — Liszt.

April 29, 8 p.m. — Berlin Symphonic Orchestra. Conductor: H. J. Wunderlich "Musicals and Evergreens" — "An American in Paris," "Hello, Dolly," "Three Penny Opera," "Porgy and Bess," "My Fair Lady"

DEUTSCHLANDHALLE

Messedamm 26
Tel: 302 50 31

April 23, 8 p.m. — Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie

May 1, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. — "James Last — Maibowle a go-go"

May 5, 8:15 p.m. — Boxing: "European Light-Heavyweight Championship" Conny Velensek vs Chris Finnegan.

May 6 to 9, daily at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m. — "Harlem Globetrotters"

AKADEMIE DER KÜNSTE

Hanseatenweg 10
Tel: 39 81 31

April 23, 24, 8 p.m. — Guest Performance of the Folkwang-Tanz-Studio, Essen.

April 29 — May 2 — "International Art Fair" daily from 2 to 10 p.m.

Until May 16 — "Alexander — Granach — Archivs" an exhibition at the Foyer, daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission free.

THEATER DES WESTENS

Kantstrasse 12
Tel: 313 72 50/93 20

"Der Vogelhändler". Operetta by Carl Zeller.

Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 7 p.m., closed on Monday.

MGM presents:

MGM Kurfürstendamm 197-98
Tel: 881 50 82

"Soldier Blue" (in German). Daily performances are at 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m., Saturday also at 11 p.m.

City at Europa-Center

Walt Disney's "My Dog, The Thief" (in German). Daily performances are at 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m., Saturday also at 11 p.m.

SPORTPALAST

Potsdamer Strasse 170-72
Until April 29, daily at 8 p.m. — "Catcher Cup 71"

BRITISH CENTRE

Hardenbergstrasse 24
Tel: 31 01 76 (for ticket reservation)

April 23, 8 p.m. — English Documentary Films: "Introducing Shakespeare", "The Poet's Eye: A Tribute to Shakespeare", "Shakespeare Country".

April 29, 30, 7:30 p.m. — Feature Film: "The Caretaker" a screen adaptation of the play by Harold Pinter.

TRIBÜNE

Otto-Suhr-Allee 18-20
Tel: 341 26 00

Daily at 8 p.m. — "Das Opfer Helena" a Comedy by Wolfgang Hildesheimer. Closed on Monday.

A LOOK AT BERLIN . . .

"Jazzgalerie" Wilmsdorf, Bundesallee 194 b Open daily at 8 p.m.

Monday night — Afro Chants with the Billy Brooks Drum Ensemble "El Babaku"

Tuesday night — "Jam-Session" with the Johannes Rediske Quintette

Until April 25 — Guest Performance — From Vienna "Rudi Wilfer"

April 29, 30 — For the first time: "The Group"

Program is subject to change — Picture Exhibition: "Irene Müller"

Wilhelm Foerster Sternwarte

(Observatory) **Munsterdamm 90**

Guided Tours: Fri, Sat, Tue, Thu at 8 p.m.; Sunday: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 p.m. Closed on Monday.

Lectures at Planetarium: Fri, Sat, Tue, Thu at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 and 8 p.m. Subject: "Unsere Erde als Stern" (Earth — a Star)

Vaganten-Bühne-Berlin

Kantstrasse 12a
Tel: 312 45 29

April 23, 8 p.m. — "Biedermann und die Brandstifter"

April 24, 25, 8 p.m. — "Geschlossene Gesellschaft"

April 27, 28, 8 p.m. — "Die Unterrichtsstunde"/"Die kahle Sängerin"

April 29, 8 p.m. — "Die Nacht der Mörder"

"Sculptures and Icons" An exhibition on display at the "Kupferstichkabinett" Museum Dahlem, Arnimallee 23-27 will come to an end on Sunday. Sculptures and icons can be seen the last three days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attention: For the duration of 3 week the Dahlem Museum picture gallery showing works of Old Netherland painters will close for reconstruction work on April 26.

Victory Column, Am Grossen Stern

Tunnel entrances, located on the four corners of Strasse des 17. Juni lead to the Victory Column. Admission for a walk-up view for adults: DM 0.30, children: DM 0.10. Open daily from 10 a.m. to dusk, except Mondays

Marg Moll —

The 86-year old sculptress, artist, and illustrator shows her works in an exhibition entitled "Sculpturen, Skizzen, Stenogramme". The exhibition open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Haus am Lützowplatz, Tiergarten, in the rooms of the Kunstat.

Zoological Gardens

Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission for adults: DM 2.50, children: DM 1.00

"Florida Dolphin Show" — starring "Flash" and "Robin" with tentative daily shows at 10:30 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m. Admission for adults DM 2.50, children DM 1.00

Aquarium, Berlin

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission for adults: DM 2.50, children DM 1.00

Botanical Gardens

Dahlem, Königin-Luise-Strasse 6-8

The Botanical Gardens are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission DM 0.50. Museum open: Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday until 7 p.m. Admission free

Ladengalerie

Kurfürstendamm 64
Until May 22, an exhibition of Heinz Willig's sculptures can be seen at the Ladengalerie near Olivaer Platz. The Ladengalerie is closed on Sunday, but open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schaubühne am Halleschen Ufer

Hallesches Ufer 32
Tel: 18 30 16/18 17 66

Preview Performances of "Peer Gynt" by Henrik Ibsen will be shown tonight until Sunday night. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Premiere of "Peer Gynt" is on April 27, scheduled to run throughout June with daily performances at 8 p.m., closing Mondays.

Exhibition and Sale . . .

Until June 5, the "Workshop" located on 11, Fasanenstrasse invites to its 12th Exhibition and Sale of Skilled Craft. Specialties offered are ceramics, gems, and jewellery made of gold and silver.

Cherry blossoms in Berlin . . .

Every year Britz — district of Neukölln — is celebrating "Bloom Festival" with concerts, joy rides, open-air restaurants and lots of cherry blossoms on Onkel Bräsig Strasse. After a thorough inspection of all the festival's wine and beer stands cherry blossoms surely will be seen double . . .

Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald A Really Swinging Friday Night

by Judy Pricks

In the mood for a swinging Friday night? Then remember that Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie can be seen and heard in the Deutschlandhalle tonight, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Since the Deutschlandhalle is pretty big, you'll be sure to get tickets at the box office. Prices range from DM 6 to 18.

If you belonged to the disappointed people that were turned away at the Uraniahaus last Saturday, April 17, because the group of German gypsies that was to play their music there did not show up, you can catch up on the pleasure tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. at the same place. The reason for this mishap was that one of the members of the Schnuckenack-Reinhard-Quintett, as the group is called had a temporary passport, which is not recognized at border control points.

You needn't drive into the city this Saturday night, if you'd like to enjoy a concert of baroque music. In the Auditorium Maximum of the Free University on Garystrasse, the Berlin Baroque Orchestra, conducted by Konrad Latte, will play selections by Bach, Wagenseil and Weber. Tickets (only DM 3 to 7) for the eight o'clock concert are on sale at the door.

Fans of Flamenco guitar music will have two opportunities during the coming weeks to hear some live. In the Hochschule für Musik, Paco de

Lucia and Ramon de Algeciras will demonstrate their skill on the guitar this Monday, April 26. Almost two weeks later, in the same place, Manitas de Plata and Los Baliaardos will play another evening of Spanish guitar music. Both evenings begin at 8:00 p.m.

Free Film Night

No reason to stay home the night before payday simply because of a lack of funds. The British Centre is holding a film evening on April 29 and 30 at 8:00 p.m., free of charge. An excellent movie, "The Caretaker," is showing. This faithful adaptation of Harold Pinter's play stars Alan Bates, Donald Pleasence and Robert Shaw. Please reserve your tickets by calling the Centre at 31 01 76 (be sure to say which evening you want to come). The tickets will be waiting for you the night of the show. The film is in English.

Oh Happy Day! The Edwin Hawkins' Singers are making a stop in Berlin during their tour of Europe on May 3. The singers will present gospels, blues and soul in the Philharmonie. Show time is 8:00 p.m.

Due to the popularity of this type of program, it is not too early to mention it. On May 20 another evening of "Danced Tchaikovsky" will be presented in the Philharmonie. The Symphony Orchestra Berlin, conduct-



A SWINGING NIGHT — Tonight promises to be a swinging night at Deutschlandhalle, the scene of a Count Basie/Ella Fitzgerald get together. The concert starts at 8:00 p.m.

ed by Kurt Gaebel, will play music from the popular ballets "The Nutcracker," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Swan Lake" while soloists from the state operas of Bukarest and Wiesbaden and the children's ballet group Adrienne Mierau will dance.

Tickets for the above-mentioned events can be obtained through the PX ticket agency, unless otherwise stated.

Community Observations

Tryouts

Berlin Brigade Entertainment Section has announced tryouts for its summer production, "Philadelphia Here I Come!" by Brian Friel, will be held on April 26, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Crump Hall Theater, Bldg. 5, Headquarters Compound. All members of the Berlin American Community are invited to try out.

AYA Dance

The "General Power of Attorney" will provide the music for a dance at the AYA on Saturday, April 24, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Admission is limited to members age 13 and older.

BCEC Meeting

The Berlin Council for Exceptional Children will hold its monthly meeting at the Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School on Tuesday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping handicapped children is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For Hams Only

All hams and generally uninhibited persons are invited to the Instant Theater, a no-rehearsal, come-as-you-are affair, on Wednesday evening, April 28, at eight o'clock at the All American Service Club, McNair Barracks.

Help Needed

The Berlin Brigade Chaplain's Office announces the Vacation Church School program for this year will be held from June 14-25 at the Thomas A. Roberts School. Teachers, helpers and registrars are needed. Volunteers are urged to call Reverend Jung at 6356. Free nursery service will be provided for infants of the staff.

Mother's Day

The Berlin European Exchange System (EES) announces that gift items of special interest to Mother will be given extra attention in EES during the two weeks prior to Mother's Day, May 9. All flowers and floral items will be discounted 10 per cent from May 3-9 as a bonus to the gift buyer. A wide selection of Mother's day greeting cards is also available.

Luncheon

Wives of 40th Armor and Special Troops members will present a comedy skit, "The Basic Black Dress," at the May 4 luncheon of the American Women's Club of Berlin to be held at the Harnack House at 11:45 a.m. Reservations must be made before noon, Friday, April 30 by calling (A-L) 76-1550 and (M-Z) 826-2185 or by signing the poster in the PX lobby. Cancellations will be accepted only until 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 3. Luncheon price is \$1.50.

Talent Hunt

The American Women's Club of Berlin (AWCB) is looking for artistic talent and creativity. This year, as a community project the AWCB will provide for its members originally designed Christmas and note cards depicting Berlin scenes.

Two Christmas card and two note card designs will be selected from the entries at the June luncheon, following balloting by the general membership. These four will be printed and sold. In addition, two more entries will receive honorable mention.

The ground rules for the entries are that pictures must be of Berlin and may be done in either oil, watercolor or pastel. The size of all entries is 50 cm by 70 cm (vertical), and should not be signed until after the judging. Entries must not be framed, but tape may be put around the border. For further information please call Gretchen Ryan at 76-3875.

Pilgrimage

The International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, will take place from May 20-25. American Express Company will handle the travel arrangements with buses leaving various points on May 20 and returning to the same points on May 25. All military personnel and their dependents are invited to attend this moving pilgrimage of faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. Administrative absences of six days are authorized in accordance with AR 630-5 and USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 165-20 for Army personnel. (Air Force regulations concerning leave policy for pilgrimages is separate.) Last year, 40,000 military personnel from 16 different nations were present for the Annual International Pilgrimage. Reservations must be made by May 7. Further information may be obtained from your local chaplain.

International Licenses

Six countries — Spain, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Austria and Luxem-

bourg — require the International Drivers's License as a prerequisite to driving automobiles within their borders. Personnel applying for the license must apply in person at Room #53, Provost Marshal's Office, Andrews Barracks, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the following items: a valid USAREUR POV Operator's License, a fee of DM 5 and one vertical photograph in civilian clothing (2" x 2 1/2"). Total processing time for the license is approximately one week.

USAF Hops

Military personnel are reminded that Air Force "Hops" provide free transportation between the major European Air Force bases. For detailed information, call the TCA Traffic Management Office at 5291 or 5127.

BAHS Special

On April 27 and 28, regular classes at the Berlin American High School will not be in session. The time will be used for program selection for next year. All students are required to attend. Faculty members will explain course content to students, with special emphasis on elective course offerings. New courses will be explained along with those currently offered. Bus transportation will be provided in the morning and will return students home at noon. Afternoon groups must provide their own transportation to school. The afternoon session begins at 1:00 p.m. and bus transportation will be available for return home at the regular afternoon time. The attendance schedule is: Tuesday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. — grade 8; at 1:00 p.m. — grade 10; Wednesday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. — grades 7 and 9; at 1:00 p.m. — grade 11. Sixth grade TAR students will join the orientation program on Wednesday, April 28.

On the Home Front . . .

Hi-Lite Service Club
Fri (April 23) — 7 p.m. — History of Berlin and Slide Show
Sat 1:15 p.m. — Tour: Swimming again at British Sector
7:30 p.m. — O.B.G. Sound Spectacular
Sun 9 a.m. — Coffee Call
1 p.m. — Free Tour of West Berlin
2 p.m. — Pool Tournery
7:30 p.m. — Films
Mon — closed
Tue 1 p.m. — Brewery Tour "Berliner Kindl"
8 p.m. — Donald Stockman Folksinger
Wed 8:30 p.m. — Games
Thu 8 p.m. — Jazz Gallery "Play It Kool"

1:15 p.m. — Free West Berlin Tour
8:30 p.m. — Games
Mon 8 p.m. — The Country Squires
Tue — closed
Wed 8 p.m. — Instant Theater
Thu 8 p.m. — Two for the Money

All American Service Club
Fri (April 23) — 7 p.m. — Tour to Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie
Sat 2 p.m. — Pinochle and Bridge Tournery
8 p.m. — The Harold's Club Casino
Sun 9 a.m. — Cool Sounds and Hot Coffee

Club 50 Entertainment
Fri (April 23) — 8 p.m. to midnight — Mysteries
11:45 p.m. — Show — Freeman King Ricky and Shirley Young
Sat 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Mysteries
Thu 7 to 11 p.m. — Show — Lynn Harper and the Virginians' Boss Night

Harnack House Happenings
Fri (April 23) — 5 p.m. — Soul Brothers Go-Go — Happy Hour
Sat 6 to 10 p.m. — Ship and Shore Dinner Special each Saturday
Sun 4:30 to 8 p.m. — Ship's Round Buffet
Mon — A very quiet Night
Tue 5 p.m. — Happy Hour
Wed — Duplicate Bridge
Thu — Free Bees in the Fiddler's Green