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**HONOR CEREMONY.** Newly installed members of the National Honor Society from the Berlin American High School are, from l. to r., Jim Head, Pam Billingsly, Nicole Haymons, Debbie Marmer, and Paul McGarry.

## It's Tax Time

# Springtime Ordeal Made Easier

With Spring just around the corner, thoughts in Berlin turn toward that well-instituted American ritual called the income tax.

This year, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has done away with the old 1040a (card) form that most of us were well acquainted with, and has instructed one and all to make use of the longer but simplified form 1040.

This form, in conjunction with whatever supplemental forms your individual case may require, should, if properly filled out, tell you if you owe the government money, if it owes you a refund (joy of joys), or if you both can call this year a draw.

In order to assist everyone in the American community to get the right information in the right place, the Staff Judge Advocate's (SJA) office has designated unit tax advisors.

The men and their locations are: 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry — Specialist Six Robert A. Gladky (S-1 office, mil. ext. 3201); 4th Battalion, 18th Infantry — Private First Class Ronald Williams (Company B, mil. ext. 3372); Special Troops — First Lieutenant William Bransford (S-1 office, mil. ext. 3558) and First Lieutenant Gary L. Seacrest (Headquarters Company, mil. ext. 3553); United States Army Hospital, Berlin — Captain W. Rex Parker (Pharmacy, mil. ext. 4119); and Field Station, Berlin — First Lieutenant Eric J. Olson (Adjutant, mil. ext. 3478).

All necessary tax forms are now available, and are to be picked up from the unit tax advisor, Berlin Brigade Headquarters personnel may pick up their forms directly from the SJA Legal Assistance office.

For your information, the SJA has provided the following helpful tips that pertain directly to most of us overseas:

● You are not required to file an income tax return if your income is less than \$1700 (single) or \$2300 (married), but it is usually advantageous to do so if you expect to be entitled to a refund.

● If your income is under \$10,000, it is usually to your advantage to take the standard deduction rather than to itemize your deductions.

● For those of you who moved during 1970, you may be able to deduct all nongovernment subsidized moving expenses under the adjustments to income in line 17 of form 1040.

● Remember, incentive awards are taxable, and must be entered

under line 12 of form 1040.

● Any wages, tips and salaries that have been made while working at any American military operations (e.g. PXs, commissaries) are taxable.

● Don't forget to compute the tax surcharge (check tables) on ALL TAXES totaling over \$155 for single people, and over \$300 for married persons.

● If you are married but are filing a separate return for your spouse, remember that each of your children (or other dependents) can only be claimed on one return.

● The personal exemption level for each dependent has been raised to \$625.

● If your income is \$20,000 or less, and you choose to claim only the standard deduction, then you may elect to have the IRS compute your tax for you. However, you would be wise to check with your unit tax advisor before making such a move.

● If you are married to a non-U.S. citizen, check your filing status with your unit tax advisor.

● As for state taxes, you should either check with your tax advisor or your home state to see if income taxes are applicable.

The filing date, usually April 15th, can be extended for military personnel overseas until June 15th, but if you elect to take this extension, remember — if you owe the government money, you will be charged a late fee after the 15th of April, amounting to 1/2 per cent for each month.

File early — the advantage can only be yours.

## British Soldiers Get Briefing On US Tactics

by PFC Dale Wanner

Captain Robert J. Amiot, Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion 18th Infantry, and First Sergeant James L. Edwards recently gave an informative class on American operations in Vietnam to a company of British soldiers in another "Project Partnership" operation.

The class was given to Bravo Company of the Cheshire Royal Regiment at Alexander Barracks.

The primary purpose of the class was to instill a better understanding of the military situation in Vietnam and the most prevalent tactics being used by the American soldier there.

After enjoying a hearty British meal, Captain Amiot started the class off with a few opening remarks and gave a brief rundown on his and First Sergeant Edwards' background.

While serving in Vietnam, Captain Amiot flew for the Diamond Heads as an aviation gun platoon leader and First Sergeant Edwards served three tours in Vietnam totaling over 48 months as platoon leader, platoon sergeant and first sergeant in the 1st Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division and a Vietnamese ranger battalion.

Captain Amiot then gave a short briefing on heliborne operations and

their capabilities. Captain Amiot explained that airmobility enables the soldier to search, destroy, defend and extract troops rapidly. It allows for the surprise and immediate engagement of the enemy. He noted that airmobility saves time, money and human resources.

The British company were then shown a film of a heliborne operation and another film giving a generalization of American troop activities in Vietnam.

Following Captain Amiot's class, First Sergeant Edwards explained several daylight and night platoon tactics in attack and defense. He also demonstrated how to set up patrols, perimeters and ambushes. Following the talks there was a discussion period to answer any questions the British might have had about Vietnam as a whole.

The success of the class and the keen interest of the British troops pleased both Captain Amiot and First Sergeant Edwards, and more exchanges between the two companies are planned for the near future.

## GSA Celebrates 'Thinking Day'

Last Monday, February 22nd, was celebrated by over 400 German, French, British and American Girl Scouts as "Thinking Day."

Every year, on or close to that date, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides of 87 member and associate member nations celebrate the birthdays of the founders of Girl Scouting, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. But more than an ordinary founder's day, "Thinking Day" is a linking of thoughts around the earth that all people shall be friends.

The day starts in New Zealand where Girl Guides begin the chain of thoughts that reaches around the world. In Japan, girls hold a candlelight ceremony and renew their

scout laws, and in the Netherlands Guides gather at dawn to raise the World Association flag, renewing their promises.

In Berlin it has become tradition for girls of Germany, France, Great Britain and the United States to meet and share the celebration.

American Scouts hosted the meeting this year, held in the D2 Conference Room at Tempelhof Central Airport. The Scouts met in two sessions when the girls of each group presented a cultural song, teaching it to the other girls there. Taking part in the celebration were Brownies, Junior Scouts, Guides, Cadettes and Senior Scouts.



**REPRESENTING AMERICAN BROWNIES** from every troop in Berlin, these young ladies are teaching the song, "An Austrian Went Yodeling," to Girl Scouts from France, Great Britain and Germany at their recent "Thinking Day" celebration. (Photo by Mrs. Wanda McCollar)

## Berlin Scouters Gain Friends and Awards

Berlin Scouts participated in a full docket last weekend, stretching from an adult awards banquet in Frankfurt to a British-American exchange right here in Berlin.

On Friday, the 19th of February, the Annual Adult Scout Recognition Dinner for the North Star District, Transatlantic Council was held in Frankfurt. Nine Berlin adult scouters attended the dinner, at which Brigadier General Thomas J. Trigg, district commissioner for the North Star District, presided.

Two of the primary awards handed out at the dinner fell to our own Berlin scouters. Technical Sergeant Larry Weinzelt, cubmaster of Pack 418 (Tempelhof) was selected as the outstanding cubmaster of the year for the North Star District, which encompasses most of Northern Germany. Sergeant Weinzelt has an extremely active pack numbering over 70 boys.

Outstanding scoutmaster of the year for the North Star District was none other than Berlin's Technical Sergeant Joseph Beausoleil, mentor for Boy Scout Troop 46.

The adult scouters had to hurry back from Frankfurt in order to join Troops 46 and 152 in the first British-American Boy Scout exchange program to be hosted by the British troops.

The program commenced with a joint Founders Day Service which was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at St. George's Church in Charlottenburg.

The service was conducted by the Senior church of England padre, the Reverend John Galbraith, and prayers were offered by the Roman Catholic padre, the Reverend Father Phelan. Berlin Brigade Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Robert Rockwell gave the main address.

After the service, the scouts ad-

joined to Saint George's Hall for refreshments. According to Berlin's Major John Thomas, assistant district commissioner for the North Star District, "When our scouts left the hall, there was not one of them that had a complete American uniform—you should have seen all the British berets."



**SURROUNDED.** American Scout Britt Ball (center, with glasses) is surrounded by British Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at last Sunday's fun-fest hosted by British Scouts. (Photo by Dan Guerra)

## New Look At the Harnack House

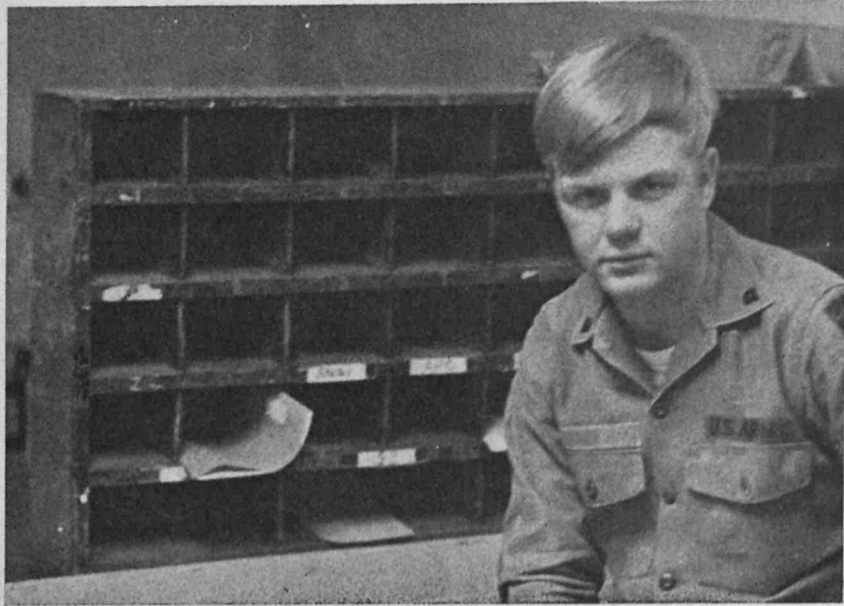
In an attempt to cater to the varied tastes of its patrons, the Berlin Officer's Open Mess, the Harnack House, has undergone some recent changes.

"We're trying to have something for everyone," says Warrant Officer Carl W. Samples, the club's custodian. "We've made some changes already, but there are more on the way. We've got a long way to go before the club gets running properly."

Part of the new look at the Harnack House includes the "Marine

Room" which features pop music for people who like their music a little loud. It's called the "Psychedelic Room" by those who frequent it. If customers prefer piano music and an atmosphere conducive to conversation, they can have that too, in the club's "Fiddler's Green" room.

"We can give anything to any person that any restaurant downtown can give," says Samples, who has over 12 year's experience in the club business and an education from the University of Florida Hotel and Restaurant Management School. (Cont. on p. 5, col. 1)



**SPECIALIST FOUR GERRY E. DARR**, the man responsible for getting the mail to the men of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry. (Photo by PFC Graham)

## Defender Mail Clerk

# AGI Means More Responsibility

by PFC Stephen Graham

"Mail call! Mail call!"

These words are very important to the soldier, especially the one stationed overseas. The words signify the letters and packages that are the soldiers link to his relatives and friends "back in the world." The past two weeks, however, something else has been on the minds of the men of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry. That something is the Annual General's Inspection (AGI).

Most of you have prepared for an AGI at some time in your Army career. But, did you ever pause to think, while you are working on your equipment, clothing and area, what the clerk who delivers that much anticipated mail was having

to do? Sure, he has equipment and clothing to prepare the same as you. But what else must he do?

I presented this question to Specialist Four Gerry E. Darr, the battalion mail clerk for the Guardian Battalion. Darr replied that two of the most important areas are the locator card files and the accountable mail files.

I am sure most of you are acquainted with the locator cards. They are the computer-type cards that you have filled out each time you have changed units. Although you probably felt them to be a nuisance at the time you filled them out, they are the means by which the mail clerk can get your mail to you when you change units, go on TDY or leave the Army.

The mail clerk must keep a locator card on each member of the battalion. "With two hundred new men arriving in the last three weeks, the locator card file was the most difficult part of this inspection," explained Darr.

Accountable mail consists of the registered and certified letters and packages and insured packages. These files are checked carefully to insure that all of this mail passing through the mail room has been

signed for by the person to whom it is sent.

And, of course, there is the inevitable thorough cleaning of the mail room that accompanies any inspection. Besides these responsibilities in the mail room, the mail clerk has the same responsibilities as most of you in attending to his personal equipment and clothing as well as helping clean the barracks.

When the big day of the inspection rolls around, the mail clerk must perform his regular duties along with "standing by" for the inspection of the mail room. These duties normally consist of picking up the mail at Brigade, sorting it and distributing it to the companies within the battalion twice a day.

Darr added that the AGI was not the only inspection he had to be concerned about. The mail room is subject to a weekly inspection by the postal officer and a quarterly brigade inspection. It is also subject to an inspection by USAREUR at any time.

So the next time you go to the mail room to pick up those words from home or start preparing for an AGI, remember the toil and dedication of the clerks responsible for getting your mail to you.

## Battalion Briefs

4/18

by PFC Dale Wanner

The Vanguard Battalion welcomes Second Lieutenant David L. Brower, who will serve as a platoon leader in Charlie Company, and First Sergeant Donald Wilson who will take over as Bravo Company's First Sergeant.

The past two weeks have seen various officer changes within the battalion. Assigned as Executive Officers are First Lieutenants Louis J. Curl, III to Bravo Company, Terrence L. Follas to Alpha Company and Jerold R. Winders to Headquarters Company.

Other changes are: First Lieutenant John Schneeberger to Headquarters Mortar Platoon; First Lieutenant Joseph G. Blackledge to Battalion Motor Officer; First Lieutenants Robert M. Currey and Charles McAllister to Assistant S-3; and First Lieutenant Emile R. Dupere to Assistant S-4.

Specialist Five John D. Kephart from the Medic Platoon reenlisted for another four years.

Specialist Four and Mrs. DeWayne D. Pavay, from Bravo Company, are the proud parents of a baby boy born February 15.

Charlie Company hosted a company party at the Starlight Grove Club, McNair, Tuesday night. The party featured a soul band and all girl-friends and wives were invited.

2/6

by PFC Stephen Graham

This week we welcome many more new men into the battalion. Sergeant First Class John E. Prioleau and Specialist Five James J. Crawford are among the new members of Headquarters Company. We also welcome Specialists Four John Skivington, Michael J. Lenoir, Robert Weckesser, and Gilbert E. Yoho. The new Privates First Class of Headquarters Company are David Boudreau, Donald Harris, John C. Martin, Robert A. Clark, and Michael Leidlein. Privates James V. Becker, Richard T. Lovest, Fredrick McClaren,

Jerry W. Carter, Jesse M. Lopez, and Joseph V. Nelson.

The recently arrived replacements of Company B include Sergeants Edmond Ross and John A. Leck. The new Privates First Class of Company B are Stephen L. Graham, George R. Price, Leo J. Sealock, Jr., Ronald L. Liebig, Herbert W. Watchinski, Jr., John Crump, Loren Jacobson, and Fredrick Sims. And completing the roll call for Company B are Privates Robert A. Berkheiser, Timothy E. Burns, Leroy Leffew, Hiroshi H. Piedra, Gary L. Wadle, Ronald P. Wangler, William Sorg, Donald W. Parkman, Leonard J. Regalado, John L. Riley, Raymond J. Brodigan, Irvin E. Beehler, Charles Shetley, and Gary L. Chaplin.

Congratulations to First Lieutenant John B. Hood for recently receiving his silver bars in Company C.

New members of Company C are Privates First Class Gary L. Hames, Allen R. Schmidt, William L. Watkins, Phillip L. Wedgeworth, Mark E. Whitney, Jamie D. Huff, and Jerry K. Sanderson. The new Privates are James B. Isreal, James A. Jacobs, Jr., Steven J. Kinsley, Robert L. Minjarez, Jr., Gordon L. Stevens, Gerald R. Stowe, Jay L. Struthers, James M. Sullivan, Ronald A. Utitus, Joe D. Vieira, and Donald G. Watts.

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by Sp/5 Dan Fredrickson

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Harold L. Robertson, S-4, received a pleasant surprise last week upon being promoted to his present rank—his wife, who was the guest of Lieutenant Colonel David L. Buckner, arrived here for her husband's promotion ceremony.

The 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry welcomes Second Lieutenant John R. Bennett, the new Bravo Company 2nd Platoon Leader upon his arrival into the command. He replaces First Lieutenant Gerald Goodson who has taken over the Support Platoon leadership. Likewise, First Lieutenant Melvin H. Patton has moved from the Support Platoon and now holds the position as Mortar Platoon Leader.

Alpha Company reports that several of its members have received Commendation Certificates and lifetime membership into the 3rd Battalion following their tour of service in the battalion. They are Sergeant Brent Raffetto, Specialist Four William Oldaker, Specialist Four Gary Spinda, Specialist Four Franklin Churchwell, Specialist Four Kenneth Childers, and Specialist Four Joseph Ellis. All received lifetime memberships, while Sergeant Raffetto and Sergeant Oldaker were awarded Commendation Certificates.

Bravo Company awarded six members of their unit Commendation Certificates and eleven lifetime memberships recently in honor ceremonies. Sergeant Michael Chaussee, Marshall Husted, Herbert Nicks and Gary Urbach earned the Commendation award, while Specialists Four Tillman Black, Virgil Helget, Kenneth Walter, Lloyd Ward and Gary Southern all received lifetime memberships.

Bravo Company also lists three promotions to E-5: Sergeant Thomas Swigart, Sergeant David Wood and Specialist Five Ish Halliburton.

Charlie Company has three new sergeants in Larry Kettner, Jack Palmer and Edward Greenhill.

Headquarters Company adds four new personnel to the rank of E-5, three of which (Sergeant Larry Peters, Specialist Five Robert Boyd and Specialist Five Jerry Rawls), are due to rotate during the month of February. The remaining E-5, Specialist Five Arthur Bramer, will remain in the Headquarters mess hall (perhaps forever). Promoted to the rank of Specialist Four to round out Headquarters were Specialists Four James Harris, Thomas Hillian and James J. Kresky.

### Special Troops

by PFC Thomas P. McGuire

Promotions were the main point of news in Special Troops Battalion this past week. The E-5 Promotion Board was held February 16, 1971, and following is the list of individuals who successfully qualified for the ranking of E-5.

From Headquarters Company, the individuals who qualified for E-5 were; John M. Schneider, John W. Cooper, Steven K. Scholzen, Wayne F. Murzyn, Richard Goodman, Russell Frazier, Dennis C. McConnell, Martin Bruflat, Billie B. Honey, Wesley M. Matin, Kenneth Cesky, and Howard D. Stimely.

From 42nd Engineer Company were; Dennis W. Pollock, John I. Brown, Terry Brown, Steven D. Corley, Hans-Paul G. Reed, and Anthony F. Cortez.

From 592nd Signal Company just one man was able to advance to the ranking of E-5, and this was Rufus J. Harper.

From the 287th MP Company, the individuals who qualified for the E-5 ranking were: Timothy D. Welch, Paul L. Livingston, Ronald W. Hobbs, David F. Pattee, and David E. Lyche.

From Service Company two men were fortunate to make the ranking of E-5: Larry J. Gardner, and John B. Newman.

From 298th Army Band, only one individual qualified: George B. Thompson.

Finally, men qualifying from the Helmstedt Support Detachment were Alfonso G. Diaz, and Ronald Normand.



Pollution — Why?



**SWING YOUR PARTNER.** The Berlin Square Dancing Association held a graduation dance for two of its member clubs, one American and one German, on February 13th at the Thomas A. Roberts School.

(Photo by Boughman)

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# Readiness Marks Defender Battalion

The 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry illustrated their proficiency at assuming a combat posture early this week as men, equipment and staff moved to the field for a combined Operational Readiness Test (ORT) at the Major Training Area (MTA).

The move-out was one of several which the Defender Battalion had executed during the second week of their month-long stay at the MTA. The first was a company level training phase which emphasized troop leading procedures, attack, defense, withdrawal and patrolling and ambushing, all conducted during both daylight and darkness. The second phase had all units moving to the field for a two-day battalion level Field Training Exercise (FTX) featuring a supporting team of aggressors from the 42nd Engineer Company which held mock assaults on each of the rifle companies.

The ORT, a Department of the Army requirement, offered a positive criterion for evaluating the combat readiness of the infantry battalion. The testing was accomplished by a team of Berlin Brigade inspectors, headed by the Deputy Brigade Commander, Colonel Robert W. Hill. The team observed every phase of the operation and rated the battalion as "Operationally Ready."

Once the ORT was completed, the Defenders turned their sights to the weapons ranges. All personnel armed with the M-16 rifle fired familiariza-

tion and record courses on the train-fire ranges.

The 106 mm recoilless rifle teams from each of the weapons platoons practiced crew drills and then journeyed to the Proficiency Course for record fire. Also, familiarization and live fire left the M-72 light anti-tank weapon, M-79 grenade launcher, 90 mm recoilless rifle, and 81 mm and 4.2 inch mortar teams blasting away at targets on their respective ranges.

During all range firing, concurrent training stations were operated to teach sighting and aiming, maintenance, mechanical training, crew drill and other associated subjects.

In all, Lieutenant Colonel David L. Buckner, battalion commanding officer, seemed quite pleased with the caliber of the training and offered these words as illuminating evidence to what the battalion's purpose here is:

"Being stationed in Berlin, we have a tendency to become so internally oriented that we forget and need to be reminded of the primary role of the infantry battalion. Therefore, regardless of the extensive preparation necessary, resource limitations, the long distances to be travelled on icy autobahns, inexperienced drivers and weather conditions which frequently hamper operations such as airmobile training and range firing, the trip to the MTA twice a year is most worthwhile and extremely important to maintaining proficiency within the battalion."



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Mike Timms takes his turn on perimeter guard during the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry's Operational Readiness Test.



LINING UP for the Army's version of a picnic lunch are Defender Battalion members, enjoying a recon lunch in the field during an Operational Readiness Test.

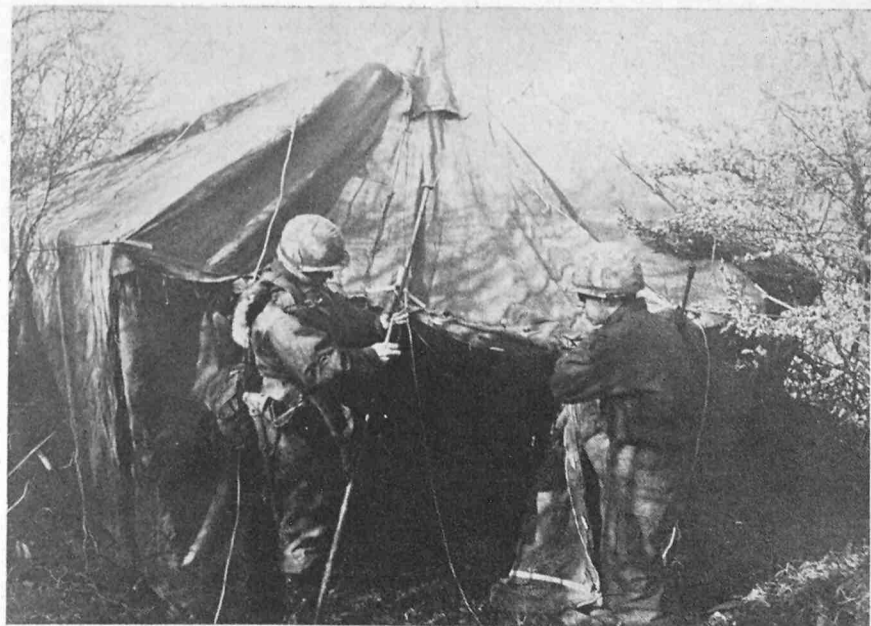
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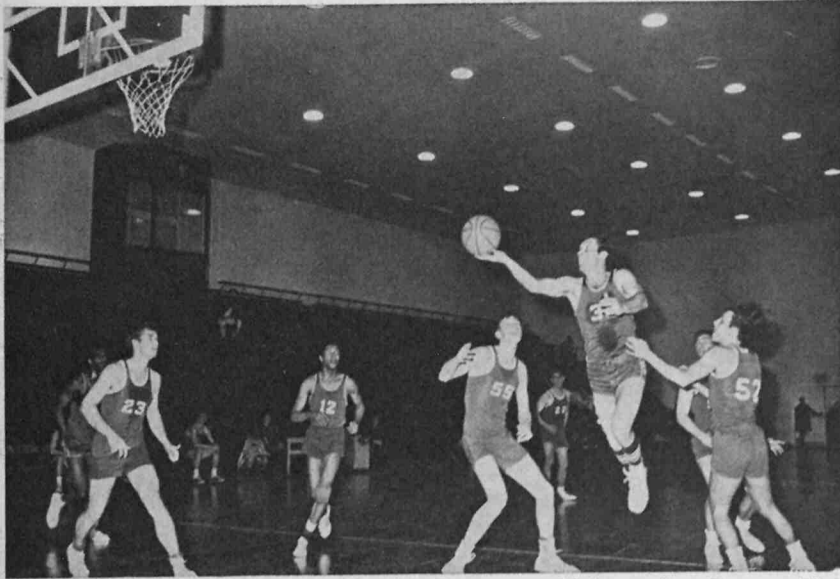
DEFENDER MAINTENANCE PLATOON member, Specialist Four Jerry King repairs the engine of a 2½-ton truck.



BRAVO COMPANY DEFENDERS train-fire and qualify with the 90 mm recoilless rifle on the range at the Major Training Area.



TWO MEMBERS OF THE DEFENDER'S Headquarters Company, First Sergeant Henry Hudson (left) and Specialist Four Dave Mleko, combine to set up Headquarters Company's tent during the Field Training Exercise.



ANOTHER TWO POINTS for Special Troops, as high-scoring Tommy McGuire drives through the B 4/18 defense for a lay-up. McGuire led all scorers with 24 points as his team romped to a 70-47 win in the Company Level Basketball Championships.

# BERLIN OBSERVER Sports

## Sports Shorts

### Golf

A series of ladies golf clinics will begin on Monday and Tuesday, March 8th and 9th. The clinics will be limited to 12 ladies and will consist of two half-hour sessions per week for three weeks at \$3.00 per person. The sessions will be held on Mondays Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The tentative opening date of the Berlin Golf and Country Club is planned for Thursday, April 8th at

the Golf Club with a free coffee at 9:30 a.m. Call Berlin Military 6533 to register for the clinic of your choice.

### Basketball

The Berlin Bears basketball team will play two exhibition games with the Aschaffenburg "Cottonbailors" February 27-28. Game times will be at 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively.

## Knicks JV Remain Undefeated

In AYA Junior Varsity action Sunday the Lakers defeated the Royals 13-4. Stanford Donnell led the attack for the Lakers with six points while Tom Wise had five. Terry Roberts scored all four points for the Royals. In Varsity action the Royals' Peter Chametzky scored 13 points and that was all the Royals needed in defeating the Lakers 13-12. Chametzky hit five field goals and three free throws in leading his team to their first victory of the season. David Howley scored five points in a losing cause for the Lakers.

The Knicks JV got their sixth straight victory by defeating the Hawks 8-5. Jeff Gilbert scored two field goals, Daniel Torres and Eric Oliver scored one each for the Knicks. Mike Cassidy and James Cole had two points for the losing Hawks.

The Hawks Varsity outscored the Knicks 8-2 in the first half and went on to defeat the Knicks 20-11. Stephen Starks scored six points in the first half and teammate Donald Phillips supplied eight points in the second half. The Hawks defense completely shut off the Knicks outside shooting. Spencer Liepman was high for the Knicks with six points. This was the Knicks first loss of the

season, but they remain all alone in first place.

In Senior Division action, three Warrior players scored in double figures Sunday, carrying them to a 54-34 victory over the Celtics. Gary Robinson made 15 points for the Warriors, followed by Mike Howley and Robert Robinson with 10 points each. Owen Stevenson shot a game high 17 points for the Celtics. This victory moves the Warriors back into a first place tie with the Pistons.

Working behind the dead-eye shooting of guard Rick Mattingly, the Baltimore Bullets pulled off a big upset victory over the Detroit Pistons 33-31. Mattingly scored 16 points for the Bullets and was high man of the game. This loss dropped the Pistons into a first place tie with the Warriors. Jerry Holt was high man for the Pistons with 14 points followed by teammate Randy Smith with 10.

Junior Division Standings			
Junior Varsity		Varsity	
Knicks	6-0	Knicks	5-1
Lakers	4-2	Hawks	3-3
Hawks	2-4	Lakers	3-3
Royals	0-6	Royals	1-5
Senior Division Standings			
Warriors	4-2	Bullets	2-4
Pistons	4-2	Celtics	2-4

## Garmisch Features Train Ride

The Bavarian Zugspitz Railroad is a famous Garmisch landmark. Completed in 1930, it's ingenious engineering makes the remarkable 60 minute trip from Garmisch to Germany's highest mountain summit a must for vacationing servicemen.

The capacity of this miniature express is impressive. It can transport 400 persons an hour over the cogged tracks, and it traverses a difference in altitude of 6,500 feet before docking at the Schneefernerhaus Hotel, 8,500 feet up the Zugspitz.

The train must negotiate grades of 25 per cent, requiring most passengers to take seats facing straight ahead to keep from sliding off the cushions during steep ascents.

Built on the principle of cog wheels (a system of inter-locking gears which match steel notches in the center of the tracks), the tiny train must literally pull itself up the mountain. Electricity from overhead wires keep the gears meshing as in a clock. Each stop of the way proves

exciting, especially for persons who lack an affinity for steep grades and staggering heights.

Passengers board the train in downtown Garmisch or near the Eibsee Hotel, located about halfway. But whether you take the full ride or the last half there are enough picture possibilities to satisfy any camera enthusiast; the village of Grainau with its church spires, quaint farmhouses and chalets, hayfields, the Eibsee and scenes in Austria on the other side of the Zugspitz.

However, photographers should save some film for even better pictures after the train completes a 20 minute series of switchbacks inside a tunnel through the Zugspitz. Then, camera carting passengers ride 15 minutes in a cable car to the very peak of the 10,000 foot mountain. Make reservations to vacation in the Garmisch Recreation Area through the Billeting Office, APO 09053.

# Special Troops Blitz Tournery Foes

Coach Frank Butler of Headquarters, Special Troops believes in conditioning and because of it the scorekeeper at the Berlin Brigade Sports Center is getting a workout.

Butler's team opened the Company Level Basketball Championships by routing 66th MI, 73-45, Monday and came back the next day to run past Company B, 4th Battalion, 18th Infantry, 70-47.

In addition to keeping track of the Special Troops' high-scoring machine, the scorekeeper had the extra burden of tabulating Tommie Ford and Tommie McGuire's individual point totals.

In the opening game, Ford tossed in 26 points while McGuire added 21, and in the second game McGuire led the way with 24 points with Ford chipping in 20.

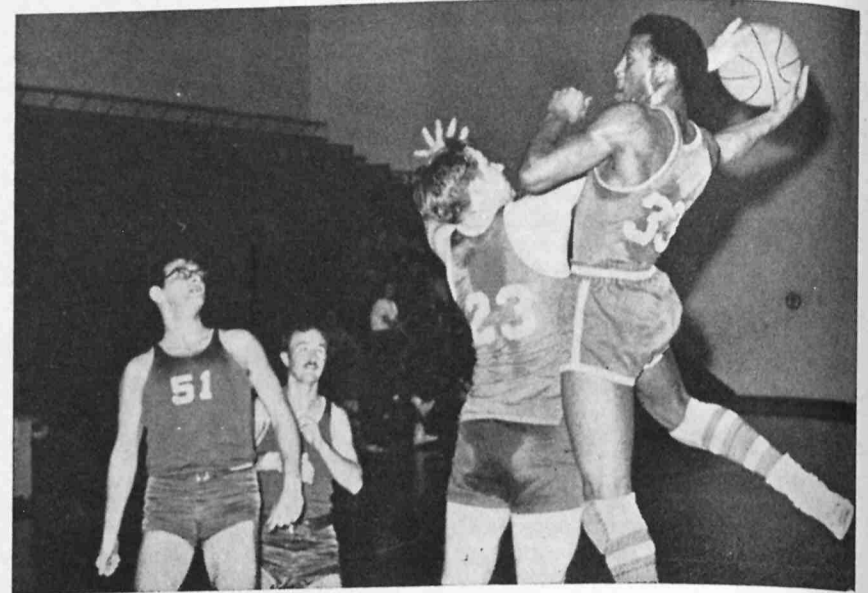
"We've got the best conditioned team in the tournament," Butler exclaimed after watching his team race past the opening two opponents. "That was the difference out there and I think we can go all the way now."

Neither 66th MI nor B 4/18 were in any position to argue the point.

After battling Special Troops to a scoreless standstill through four minutes of play, 66th MI fell behind 8-0 and by the half they were trailing 34-12.

To start the second half, MI rallied to cut the deficit to 35-22 but Ford took over to spark the Headquarters team to a 26-point lead at 64-38. That turned out to be the final margin of victory as Ford tossed in a 20-footer at the buzzer to bring the score to 73-45.

In Tuesday's game, B 4/18 battled



THE BATTLE OF THE BOARDS develops as players from Special Troops and B 4/18 fight for a rebound in second round play of the Company Level Basketball Championships.

Butler's crew on even terms throughout the first half and trailed only 29-26 at intermission.

But in the second half, the Special Troops' conditioning paid off as their fast-break offense bolted to a commanding 20-points lead. Headquarters was never seriously threatened again and by the final buzzer they had built their margin to 23 points at 70-47.

Service Company opened play in the tourney by topping Company B, Field Station Berlin, 40-27. In other games completed through Tuesday,

Signal Company edged Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, 53-50, and then downed Headquarters, FSB, 62-53; and C 4/18 topped Headquarters 2/6, 52-49.

In the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament, Headquarters, 2/6 ousted 66th MI, 47-43, and B 2/6 eliminated Company B, FSB, 51-47.

The tournament runs through Friday with the winner of the loser's bracket taking on the team that makes it through the championship bracket undefeated at 4:00 p.m.

## Cubs End Regular Season With Two Wins

by John Freeman

The Berlin American High School Cubs wound up their regular season play last weekend at Zweibrucken, defeating the high school team there with scores of 67-49 and 68-25. This puts the Cubs' won-loss record at 13-1 and hands them the first place title in the European Red Division.

The Cubs opened up Friday evening's game with a comfortable 20-10 first quarter lead as Berlin began the romp over the Zweibrucken Trojans. Scoring in the second quarter wasn't as high with Zweibrucken hitting only two of 21 shots. The Cubs popped in 11 as the half ended with Berlin out in front 31-15. Zwei-

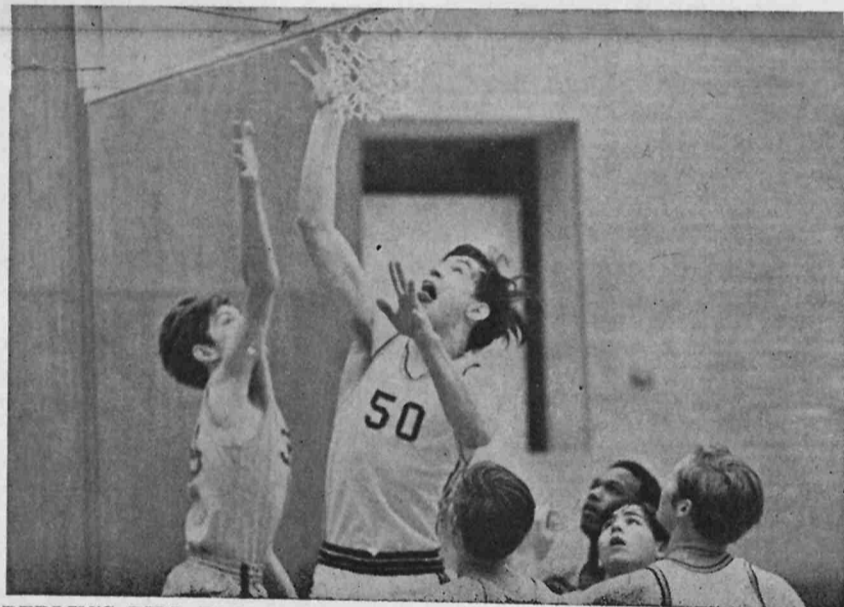
brucken outscored the Cubs 19-16 in the third quarter, but the Cubs took over again to lead in the final quarter scoring with 20-15, and then finished the game out in front with a 67-49 tally.

Coach Byron Smith's Cubs continued their winning ways again on Saturday afternoon, getting off to a quick 17-5 lead. Berlin pushed on to outscore the Trojans and took a 39-5 half-time advantage. The tempo increased in the third quarter for both teams as the Cubs paced the action 30-13. Berlin's only points in the fourth quarter came on a three point play by Ron Holt. The Cubs left the boards with the 68-25 win and the Red Division title.

The leading scorer for Friday's game was Bill Planz, who tallied 27 points. Dan Sinnard and Sophomore Ed Sears followed with 20 and 12 points, respectively, and both players burned the boards with fine offense and rebounding. Sinnard led Saturday's scoring with 22, Planz followed with 20 and Ron Holt pumped in another 15.

The Berlin Junior Varsity received their second setback of the season on Friday, bowing to the Zweibrucken JV 38-36. They bounced back on Saturday for a 42-27 win and finished the season with a 12-2 record.

The Cubs left last Tuesday night for Rhein Main Air Force Base, where they will be competing in the USDESEA basketball tournaments at the top seeded Class B team.



BERLIN'S BILL PLANZ (50) goes up for another two points for the Cubs in last weekend's game against the Zweibrucken Trojans. The Cubs ran over the Zweibrucken team with scores of 67-49 and 68-25 to capture the Red Division title. (Photo by John Freeman)

## Garmisch's Zugspitz Offers Year Round Skiing



GOOD FORM — One sure way to bring your skiing skills up to racing pitch is to take an AFRC "Learn to Ski" week at the Berchtesgaden or Garmisch Recreation Areas.

The mere rumor of good snow in a ski area is enough to attract hundreds of skiers during this relatively snowless winter. Many servicemen drive hundreds of miles in search of snow, only to find that good conditions exist only on the expert runs in the very highest altitudes and at the most expensive rates.

Good snow can always be found a lot closer to home on Garmisch's Zugspitz. Germany's highest mountain has a year-round snowcap and offers terrain suited to beginners as well as expert skiers.

The Garmisch Recreation Area has its own ski rental point at the Schneefernerhaus atop the Zugspitz as well as private or group lessons from American Ski School Instructors. A special AFRC arrangement gives servicemen a break on round-trip cable car rides to the Zugspitz.

With the help of GRA's snow maker, the Eibsee is kept in condition despite uncooperative weather. A daily ticket at the Eibsee costs only \$2 and all equipment can be rented for another \$2.

Ski reports from AFRC are broadcast daily on AFN during the nine o'clock "Tempo" program to keep skiers posted on the weather and slope conditions in the Garmisch and Berchtesgaden Recreation Areas.



# Cultural Events Around Town . . .



## PHILHARMONIE

Kemperplatz  
Tel: 13 43 83

February 27, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Moshe Atzmon. Choir of St. Hedwig's Cathedral. Mahler: Symphony No. 2

February 28, 3:30 p.m. — Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Kurt Gaebel. Tchaikovsky's Fairy Tale Pictures — Performed and Danced. Excerpts from "Sleeping Beauty", "Nutcracker Suite", "Swan Lake"

March 1, 8 p.m. — Anna Moffo — World star sings Verdi — Donizetti — Puccini — Rossini — Strauss — Debussy

March 2, 3, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Eugen Jochum. Bruckner — Martin

March 4, 8 p.m. — Piano Recital — Jorge Bolet. Chopin — Brahms

March 5, 8 p.m. — Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin "Tchaikovsky Concert". Conductor: George Singer

March 6, 7, 8, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Eugen Jochum. Honegger — v. Elnem — Beethoven

March 9, 8 p.m. — Wiener Philharmoniker. Conductor and Solist: Leonhard Bernstein. Haydn — Ravel — Schumann

March 11, 8 p.m. — Reinhard Mey — songs and chansons

March 12, 13, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Horst Stein. Strawinsky — Ravel

March 14, 8 p.m. — Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin. "Beethoven Concert". Conductor: George Singer

March 15, 8 p.m. — Juliette Greco — The Grand Dame of Chansons

March 17, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Reinhard Peters. Yun — Blacher

March 18, 8 p.m. — From India: The World's Greatest Sitar-Player "Ravi Shankar"

March 19, 8 p.m. — Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin "Gershwin Concert". Conductor: Borislav Iwanov. Rhapsody in Blue — Songs from Musicals — Piano Concerto in F — American in Paris

March 22, 8 p.m. — I Musici di Roma. Händel — Albini — Vivaldi — C. Ph. E. Bach — J. S. Bach

March 27, 8 p.m. — Philharmonic Choir Berlin and Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Hans Chemin-Petit. J. S. Bach: Johannes-Passion

March 29, 8 p.m. — "The Hollies in Concert"

April 4, 5, 8 p.m. — "ADAMO"

April 6, 8 p.m. — "Los Paraguayos"

## DEUTSCHLANDHALLE

Messedamm 26  
Tel: 302 50 31

March 2, 8 p.m. — "Ten Years After"

March 6, 8 p.m. — "Glenn-Miller-Orchestra"

March 7, 8 p.m. — "Peter Alexander"

March 10 to 21, daily at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday also at 4 p.m. "Ukraine Ballet on Ice" presenting folklore, minuet, can-can, and beat in colorful costumes

**MGM presents:**  
**MGM Kurfürstendamm 197-98**  
Tel: 881 50 82

René Clément's "Le Passager de la pluie" (in German). Daily at 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday also at 11 p.m.

**Royal Palast, Europa Center**  
David Lean's "Ryan's Daughter" (in German). Daily at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

**AKADEMIE DER KÜNSTE**  
Hanseatenweg 10  
Tel: 39 81 31

February 26, 27, 28, 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. — "Free Music Production" at the Exhibition Halls. Irene Schweizer Group, Steve Lacy Quintet, Peter Brötzmann Group, and Tomasz Stanko Quintet. Tickets, DM 1

## SPORTPALAST

Potsdamer Strasse 170/72

"Grosses Berliner Bockbierfest"  
Two more nights only: Friday, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. and Saturday, 8 p.m.-3 a.m.

March 5, 8 p.m. — "James Brown" and his Big Show

March 7, 8 p.m. — "Lionel Hampton" and his Allstar Jazz Inner Circle

March 12 to 16 — daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. First Berliner Sex Exhibition "Sex 2000"

March 20, 8 p.m. — "Benny Goodman" and his Big Band



## DEUTSCHE OPER BERLIN

Bismarckstrasse 34-37  
Tel: 34 01 81

February 25 — "Die Zauberflöte" (The Magic Flute)

February 27 — "Madame Butterfly" (in Italian)

February 28 — "Manon Lescaut" (in Italian)

March 1 — "Aschenbrödel" (Cinderella)

March 2 — "Das Rheingold"

March 3 — "Manon Lescaut" (in Italian)

March 4 — "Die Walküre"

## KOMÖDIE

Kurfürstendamm 206  
Tel: 881 38 93

Daily at 8 p.m. — "Die bessere Hälfte" (How the other half loves)

**A LOOK AT BERLIN . . .**  
"Jazzgalerie"

Wilmerdorf, Bundesallee 194b  
Open daily at 8 p.m.

February 26, 27 — Leo Wright  
Until February 28 — Guest Performance "Vince Benedetti"

Picture Exhibition: "Ludwig Börr" Every Monday — "The Billy Brooks Drum Ensemble "El Babaku" (Program is subject to change)

"Sculptures and Icons"

At the "Kupferstichkabinett" Museum Dahlem, Arnimallee 23-27 an exhibition of Sculptures and Icons will be on display until March 31. Open: Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## International Boat Show and Watersports Exhibition Berlin 1971 . . .

will come to the Funkturm Exhibition Grounds from March 6 to 14. Every year this great exhibition and its sporting events provide countless ideas for the best use of leisure time and for recreation. This year's display, set up in a total of 18 halls, will include ocean-going yachts and cabin cruisers, pleasure boats of all kinds, caravans, camping gear, sports gear, beachwear, swimwear, etc. to be seen daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission for adults: DM 3; for children under 14, DM 0.50

## Congress Hall

John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10  
A sales exhibition of Oriental Carpets will take place at the entrance and exhibition halls from February 24 to 28, daily from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## SFB Concert Hall

Masurenallee 8-14  
February 28, 11 a.m.; March 1, 2, 8 p.m. — "Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra". Conductor: Lorin Maazel. RIAS Chamber Choir. All Schubert Program

March 14, 11 a.m.; March 15, 16, 8 p.m. — "Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra". Conductor: Juan Pablo Izquierdo

## National Galerie

Tiergarten, Potsdamer Strasse 50  
Exhibition Edvard Munch. Water colors and drawings from the Munch-museum, Oslo, until March 29. Open Monday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

February 27, 6 p.m. — Bach Choir and Bach Collegium. Conductor: Karl Hochreither. Mozart

## Ladengalerie

Kurfürstendamm 64  
Exhibition of paintings and graphics by Klaus Hohlfeld until April 10

## NEUE WELT

Neukölln, Hasenheide  
"Bockbierfest". Daily at 8 p.m. Closed on Monday. No admission charges on Tuesday.

# Rock, Soul Set Tempo For March 'Ten Years After,' 'James Brown'



by Judy Pricks

If you have enough time and money, you could keep yourself entertained each night of the week in Berlin. The first week in March has an especially attractive program to offer.

March gets off to a lovely start with an evening of song in the Philharmonie presented by the charming Anna Moffo on the first of the month. Accompanied by Bruno Canino on the piano, she will sing songs and arias by Verdi, Rossini, Bellini and Debussy to name some.

The next night, March 2, pop music fans are going to crowd into the Deutschlandhalle for another rock'n blues session with "Ten Years After" beginning at 8 p.m. Also part of the show is the New Mick Abrahams Band. All seats cost DM 9. Those who come first see best (until somebody stands in front of them).

Back to the Philharmonie on March 3, where the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra will play the "Maria-Trip-tychon" by Martin and Bruckner's Symphony No. 6. Eugen Jochum will conduct this concert for the second time, since it is also scheduled for March 2.

For the 4th of March a piano recital is scheduled in the Philharmonie. Jorge Bolet has chosen selections by Chopin and Brahms for this evening.

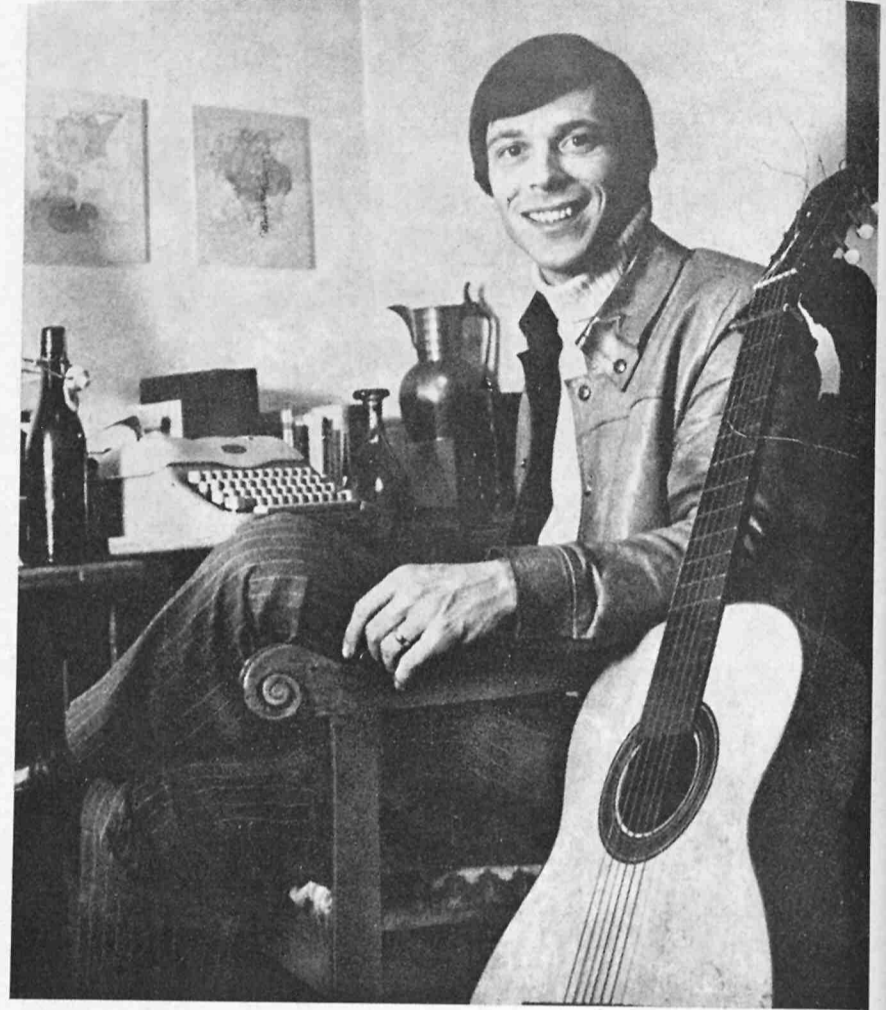
On Friday, March 5, things are really going to move in the Sportpalast when James Brown and his big show move onto the scene. Aside from the 30-man show orchestra, Mr. Brown also will bring along some of the peppiest Go-Go girls.

If you prefer, you can also go the classical route on the 5th with a Tchaikovsky concert in the Philharmonie. The Symphony Orchestra Berlin, directed by George Singer, will present the "1812 Overture," a violin concerto, and Symphony No. 5. The big-band sound will dominate on March 6, when the Glenn Miller Orchestra has its one-night stand in the Deutschlandhalle, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

On the same night, "Guests from Hungary" will be featured in the big SFB studio on Masurenallee 8. The Hungarian State Ensemble will bring the music and dances of their country to Berlin in a colorful program, which begins at 8:00 p.m.

### Jump for Jazz

Jazz fans will be interested in the March 7 program at the Sportpalast. None other than Lionel Hampton and his Allstar Jazz Innercircle are go-



REINHARD MEY, the popular singer-composer who calls the Divided City his native home, will give a concert of his own chansons in the Philharmonie on March 11. The best advice — get your tickets early.

ing to be there. Lionel Hampton will not only bring along 10 other jazz musicians, but also Valerie Carr to sing along with the band.

So much for the first seven days, if you still have energy, there is plenty more. Like the Melos Quartet from Stuttgart who will play works by Kodaly, Mozart, and Brahms in the Hochschule fuer Musik on March 8.

For music lovers with filled bill-folds there are still tickets (DM 45 and up) for the concert of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra directed by Leonard Bernstein in the Philharmonie on March 9. The great master will conduct Haydn's Symphony No. 102, Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major and Symphony No. 4 by Schumann.

Then on March 10 the Ukrainian Ice Theater will have its premiere in the Deutschlandhalle. The visit of this ice show is going to last until March 21. The troupe will appear nightly at 8:00 p.m. with matinees at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

The young man who is going to sing his own chansons in the Philharmonie on March 11, is so popular that his concerts are sold out before you can say Reinhard Mey. Mey, who was born in Berlin, attained recog-

inition in France first, where he was presented the "Prix International de L'Academie de la Chanson" for his outstanding texts and music. The subjects of his songs, whether lyrical ballads or comical descriptions of situations, vary greatly. To enjoy a Reinhard Mey concert you have to understand German very well.

For the above-mentioned events, you can get tickets at the PX ticket agency.

Lastly, it should be pointed out that spring is here — at least in the fashion world. Accompanying the first snow drops blooming in gardens here and there are various fashion shows in Berlin's department stores. At Wertheim on Schloss Strasse in Steglitz you can get an idea of what's "in" for spring from March 1 to 5 at 3:30 p.m. daily. For DM 4 you can purchase your tickets at the Information Stand on the ground floor of the department store. For your money you also get cake and coffee or a glass of champagne and a sandwich along with the show.

The Ka De We department store will hold its fashion show from Monday through Friday the first four weeks of March at 3:00 p.m. daily. Here the pleasure costs DM 6 and you make your table reservations at the "Kundendienst" on the 3rd floor.

# Community Observations

## PWOC

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will celebrate the 1971 World Day of Prayer on March 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the American Community Chapel. This year's theme is "New Life Awaits." Mrs. Joan Muennig will deliver the morning meditation. All ladies of the Berlin Community are invited. Free nursery service will be provided.

## Service Clubs

Berlin Brigade Service Clubs will be closed one day each week during March according to the following schedule:

All American Service Club, McNair Barracks — Tuesdays.  
Hi-Lite Service Club, Andrews Barracks — Fridays.

The operating hours of other Special Services recreation facilities such as libraries, craft shops and photo shops will remain the same. Personnel using the McNair Library, craft and photo shops are requested to use the side/rear entrance to the building. For further information please phone 3125.

## On the Home Front . . .

### Speed Reading

Mon March 1: Speed Reading Course, Berlin Brigade Hqs, tel. 6814  
Wed March 3: Speed Reading Course, Andrews Barracks Ed. Center, tel. 3583

### Hi-Lite Service Club

Fri (February 26) — 7 p.m. — Underground Films  
Sat 8 p.m. — Sounds Spontaneous  
Sun 9 a.m. — Coffee Call  
1 p.m. — Free Tour of West Berlin  
7:30 p.m. — NFL Film "Game of the Week"

### All American Service Club

Fri (February 26) — 33 Spending Days till Payday!  
Sat 8 p.m. — Casino Night  
Sun 1:15 p.m. — Free Berlin Tour

### Harnack House

Fri (February 26) — 5 p.m. — Happy Hour  
Sat — Rock Bands in Marine Room with Go-Go  
Sun — Brunch and Dinner Buffet

\* Girl Scouts of the U. S. A.  
Brownie Scouts — Ages 7 and 8. Various troops meet daily, Monday-Friday, after school at the Scout Hut on the U. S. Army Hospital grounds  
Junior Girl Scouts — Age 9-11. Various troops meet daily, Monday-Friday after

school at the Scout Hut on the U. S. Army Hospital grounds

Cadet Girl Scouts — Age 12-15. Troop meets every Wednesday at the Scout Hut.  
Senior Girl Scouts — Age 16-18. Troop meets alternate Wednesdays at the home of Mrs. Janice Walton  
\* For information in all Girl Scout programs, contact the Troop Organizer, Mrs. June Gallant — 813-8595

\* Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 46 — Age 11-17. Meeting every Friday 7 p.m. at McNair. Contact CPT Speer, Phone: 3181

Troops 152 — Age 11-17. Meeting every Monday 7 p.m. at BBde Hqs. Contact LTC Terry, Phone 6558

\* Cub Scouts  
Pack 46 — Age 8-10. Meeting at different times after school at individual homes. Contact SSGT Olson, Phone 6994

Pack 152 — Age 8-10. Meeting at different times after school at individual homes. Contact SFC Couch, Phone 813-6706

Pack 418 — Age 8-10. Meeting at different times after school at individual homes. Contact TSG Weinzell, Phone 5184

\* Explorers  
Post 46 — Age 14-18 for both young men and women meets monthly at USAHB. Contact CPT Hartoon, Phone 4174

\* For information in all scouting programs, registration, etc. call MAJ Thomas, 6423

## THEATER DES WESTENS

Kantstrasse 12  
Tel: 32 10 20/50

"Porgy and Bess" (in German) weekdays at 8 p.m. "Eine Nacht in Venedig" — Sunday at 7 p.m.

## BERLINER THEATER

Nürnberg Strasse 50-52  
Tel: 24 24 44

Daily at 8 p.m. except Monday — "Mädchen für alles gesucht" (They don't grow on Trees)

## HEBBEL THEATER

Stresemannstrasse 2a  
Tel: 18 22 12/13

"Boeing — Boeing Jumbo-Jet" Musical, playing daily at 8 p.m., starring Vico Torriani