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OBSERVER THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

They conquer who believe they can. He has not learned the lesson of life who does not each day surmount a fear.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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PERHAPS THE YOUNGEST CHILD to participate in the rodeo may have been this tricycle-borne youngster at the Düppel Housing Area. His balloon shows that he has really gotten into the spirit of the day.



DEMONSTRATING PROPER FORM is SFC James Lee. Each participant was required to negotiate a circle and a slalom and demonstrate his bike's braking ability.

Youngsters flock to Bike Rodeo

photos by DALE SHARP

Flocks of youngsters from the Berlin American community joined the fun at three different locations last Saturday for the Provost Marshal's Bicycle Rodeo.

The Rodeo, conducted at the Sundgauer and Düppel Housing Areas and at the Thomas A. Roberts School, was the conclusion to Bicycle Safety Week to involve the kids in the care and skillful riding of their bicycles.

Safety inspections were given as a courtesy. Parents are being informed about the results of the inspections so that their children will have safe bicycles in the future. Each participant in the event received a certificate of participation and a balloon.



SP4 WILLIAM CONWAY inspects a youngster's bicycle before the event. All bikes were checked for proper equipment and safety points. Deficiencies are being reported to parents to make corrections. All MPs who participated were volunteers.

AYA Seniors and Bantams win USAREUR titles

by LEE ROWE

The AYA Senior and Bantam basketball teams traveled to Kaiserslautern last weekend to compete in the USA-REUR Championships.

The Bantam All-Stars drew first blood, trouncing a strong Heidelberg team 34 to 23. The Berlin Seniors then made it two for two by coming back from a 12-point deficit to deflate Zweibruecken's hopes for a championship, winning 55 to 52.

The Berlin Bantams, who annexed their second consecutive USAREUR Championship, started strong leading by 12 points early in the game. The combination of McCoy, Ross, Garcia, Flournoy and Jones dominated the

opposition with tight defense and accurate shooting. The tide turned in the middle two quarters as Heidelberg came back strong to even up the score near the end of the third quarter. Berlin never lost their cool and in the final quarter it was all Berlin.

Big Bill McCoy completely dominated both boards and Willie Ross consistently hit from the outside. Berlin won "going away" as their press stopped the opposition cold.

Flournoy and Ward turned in outstanding defensive efforts while scoring honors went to Willie Ross who had a game high of 16 points. Bill McCoy scored 12 and Mike Garcia had six.

In the tournament finale, the Seniors battled back from a 12-point deficit to erase the Razorback's hopes of a championship. Berlin had problems during the first half as the Razorbacks dominated the game. Rick Payne, who scored Berlin's first eight points, was outstanding on the boards but the sharp outside shooting of the Razorbacks offset his efforts. This enabled them to build a 12-point lead midway in the second quarter. Only the remarkable outside shooting of Johnny Hayes kept Berlin in the running.

Midway in the third quarter the Seniors regained their composure and forced the Razorbacks to change their attack. Switching to a running game while putting on a tight press, the Seniors forced the Razorbacks to commit numerous mistakes resulting in turn-overs. Taking full advantage of the opposition's mistakes, the Seniors took over the lead midway in the fourth quarter and were never behind thereafter. Hancock, Sewell and Jones played outstanding defensive ball while Payne and Thomsen controlled the boards for the remainder of the game.

Johnny Hayes was the "Big Gun" for Berlin as he scored a tournament high of 29 points. Jack Hancock was also in double figures, scoring 10 points.

As always in team sports, the majority of the credit must be given to the players, and rightfully so, but forming a group into an effective team requires direction. The direction for these two teams was of course provided by the coaches. To be commended for their outstanding efforts in developing this group of youths into two outstanding basketball teams are from the Seniors, Chris Branam and Roy Carter; and from the Bantams, Eric Bone, Lynn Hansen and Jim Berry.



WILLIE ROSS . . . top Bantam scorer. (Photo by Dave Bauler)

BAHS sports

Boys' track

The BAHS track teams traveled to Karlsruhe last weekend to run against the Baumholder Bucs and Karlsruhe Knights. Much to the surprise of Berlin, the Heidelberg Lions were also there. Since Heidelberg was not scheduled to be there, their points did not count against the other schools.

The day started off with Mark Schneider taking second in the long jump with 17'2", while Dave Aura and Steve Eldridge took third and fourth place in the high jump respectively. Dave Aura was hurt on his last jump and, unfortunately, will not be able to compete for a long while.

The other points were compiled by Kipp Keller in the 100 meters, and Frank Jones and Jeff McMurtrey in the high hurdles. Dieter Bauberman and Darrel Westfall scored in the 2-mile run, David Mills in the 400 meters, and Eldridge again with a first in the triple jump. The 1/2 mile relay with Jonathan Jung, Keller, Bill Lawrence, and Schneider, tallied points in the 1/2 mile relay and Jones, Mills, Schneider, and Steve Wessel all placed in the mile relay competition.

The track team will return to Karlsruhe tomorrow because of the lack of facilities for a home track meet.

—MARK SCHNEIDER

Girls' track

In the girls' events, Berlin led the field in the long jump with Cheryl Weakly taking first with a jump of 14'4". Terri Wilson followed close behind with a jump of 14'1". Cheryl went on to take third in the high jump with a jump of four feet.

Berlin scored the points in the discus when Frances Fortenberry, Debbie White, and Janet Virgilio took second, third, and fourth places respectively. In the shot put, Frances and Janet again got together to take second and third. To finish off the field events, Vickie Neal and Lisa Gore took second and third in the triple jump.

Scoring in the track events, Cheryl Weakly and Linda McCoy took third and fourth in the 50-meter dash. Berlin did not score in the 100-meter dash but Marcia Riedmiller came back to take first in the 1500-meter run. Marcia's time for this run was 5:27.6, with her closest competitor finishing at 6:08.5. No one placed in the 200-meter run, but they did score in the 400-meter when Marcia came in fourth, and the 800-meter when she came in first.

Vickie Neal came in first in the 80-meter low hurdles. The 400-meter relay teams of Terri Wilson, Linda McCoy, Vickie Neal, and Cheryl Weakly came in third. The 800-meter team also came in third. It was made up of Myrna Medina, Jody Engbretson, Connie Jones, and Lisa Gore.

The season continues this weekend with the team returning to Karlsruhe.

—JODY ENGBRETSON

Tennis and soccer

The Berlin American High School tennis team had another successful weekend hosting and defeating the Wuerzburg Wolves 17-1.

All of the team members defeated their opponents in the singles' and doubles' matches except for Stan Bruckheim who lost in a singles' pro-set 9-4.

The soccer teams suffered another loss being downed by the Wolves' varsity and junior varsity teams 3-1 and 2-1 respectively.

Bill Shepard scored the lone goal for the varsity squad and Steve Kapitz scored for the JV team.

—DEBBIE MARMOR

Eight men tie for first place in golf course opening tourney



The Berlin American Golf and Country Club officially opened its 1974 season with a blind bogey tournament which ended in an eight-man tie for first place. (In the blind bogey tournament, the players chose their handicaps because none had been established as yet. After play was completed, numbers between 65 and 70 were placed in a hat and the numbers 70 and 66 were chosen to be the first and second place winners.)

The first place winners include: Major General William W. Cobb, Colonel Frank Cochran, Lieutenant Colonel William Burke, Professor Adler, Jim Mitchell, C. Moore, Mr. Pietrobono and John Prioleau.

Second place also went to more than one person. Six people finished with a net score of 66. They are: Eldon Mansfield, Mr. Winter, Mr. von Kuhlden, Terri Virgilio, George Pueute and Steve Hockenberry.

The next major tournament will be the Match Play Club Championships to be held April 27. For more information contact the BAG & CC at 6533.

The returning champ

BILL NEWTON, 1973 winner of the Berlin Open Golf Tournament, will return this year to defend his title and to go for the Match Play Club Championship title on April 27. (Photo by Rich Bailey)

sport watch

AFN TV

SATURDAY- April 6
1:05 p.m. — NCAA Basketball: Kansas vs Marquette; UCLA vs North Carolina State
4:10 p.m. — American Sportsman
4:50 p.m. — Roller Derby

SUNDAY
1:05 p.m. — Baseball: California Angels vs San Francisco Giants

U.S. events

April 6, 10 a.m. — Capsizing demonstration by the American Yacht Club Berlin at the Sports Center swimming pool
April 6, 11 a.m. — Tempelhof Central Airport soccer field Berlin American Soccer Club vs Berlin Police

April 6, 3 p.m. — Army junior officers vs Air Force junior officers in a basketball game at TCA gym

April 16 — Opening day for the harbour at the Wannsee Recreation Center

German events

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 5, 7 p.m. and April 6, 8 p.m. — Norddeutsche Boxmeisterschaften '74 (Boxing Championships) at the Sporthalle Schöneberg on Sachsendam. Tickets: DM 3-15

HORSE RACES

Mariendorfer Damm 222-298
"Trotting Races" at the Mariendorfer Race Tracks are scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. — International Standard Race — Frühjahrs-

Preis and on Thursday, at 6 p.m. Frühjahrs-Prellimnaries. — Amateur Standard Race

SOCCER

SUNDAY, 10:40 a.m. —
BBC Südost vs BSV 92, Kreuzberg, Wrangelstrasse
BFC Preussen vs Rapide Wedding, Lankwitz, Malteser Strasse

SUNDAY, 3 p.m. —
Tennis-Borussia vs Blau-Weiss 90, Charlottenburg, Mommsenstadion
Westend 01 vs Alemania 90, Charlottenburg, Sömmerringstrasse
Wacker 04 vs Hertha Zehlendorf, Reinickendorf, Wackerweg
Spandauer SV vs 1. FC Neukölln, Spandauer Neuenfelder Strasse

Army-AF officers clash

The Army junior officers will rise to the challenge of the Air Force junior officers for a basketball game tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Tempelhof Central Airport gymnasium.

After the game, the Air Force will host refreshments and a buffet at the Columbia House on Columbia Damm for all officers and their guests.

All members of the Berlin-American community are invited to the game to support the fighting Army team.

Capsizing class

The second of three basic seamanship classes by the American Yacht Club Berlin will be conducted tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the Sports Center swimming pool.

This class will explain, and demonstrate with an actual sailboat, the procedures to follow in case of a capsize. All persons interested are reminded to bring a swim suit in order to participate. The class is free of charge and open to all members of the Berlin-American community.

(Last week's *Observer* incorrectly gave Hal Shanfield's telephone number. He can be reached at 813-3544.)

Officials' meeting

Owing to the response from the call for officials needed at Friendship Raceway for the 1974 season, there will be a meeting at the Berlin American Auto Association office in building 943 on Andrews Kaserne at 8 p.m. on Monday. Hopefully the meeting will result in an equitable turnout of officials.

For those of who have not called in your name and want to work at Friendship Raceway this season, call either Belinda Stewart at 813-8873 or Betty Hoppes at 813-6898 or drop by the BAAA office at Andrews.

Berlin and TRANSCOM knock out city boxers

Boxers from Berlin Brigade and the Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) combined their efforts to win six of the seven bouts against members of the Berlin Boxing Federation in the second Berlin Brigade Boxing Smoker held Saturday at the Sports Center gym.

Klaus Perplies of the Neuköllner Sportfreunde gave the Americans their only loss when he scored a technical knock-out against John Colter of TRANSCOM at the 1:31 mark of the first round of the first bout.

John Lee of the Berlin Brigade evened the match at one-all in the second bout by beating Husseyin Ayas of Sparta 58 in the second round. Lee was credited with a TKO at the 1:42 mark of the round.

The third bout found Chris Pavone of Berlin Brigade opposing Tommy Burlson of TRANSCOM instead of the scheduled German boxer. (The German opponent was scheduled to fight on Sunday in the German championships.) The bout ended with a unanimous decision in favor of Pavone.

The remaining five bouts were won by decisions in favor of the American boxers. Eddie Graves and Sam Henry of TRANSCOM each scored unanimous decisions over Berndt Salzmann and Jürgen Walter of the Neuköllner Sportfreunde respectively.

Ray Savage and Bobby Blue of Berlin Brigade also scored unanimous decisions over Alli Yesilbag of Sparta 58 and Fred Muenster of the Neuköllner Sportfreunde.

In a more even match, Larry Foster of Berlin Brigade was awarded the win by a split decision over Hannes Loescher of the Neuköllner Sportfreunde.

A third boxing smoker is in the planning stages to take place later this month. More information will be printed when the plans are finalized.



RAY SAVAGE of Berlin Brigade and Alli Yesilbag of Sparta 58 exchange blows during their bout at the Boxing Smoker. Savage went on to win the bout by a unanimous decision. (Photo by Dan Morales)

Baseball registration

Registration for the upcoming baseball/softball season for the AYA leagues will end on Thursday. There are still some slots available which will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information, contact the AYA Athletic Office at 6247.

More seasonal sports

The following list and descriptions of clubs concludes the capsule report of spring and summer club activities in the Berlin Brigade. If there are any other clubs (not previously mentioned) that anyone would like information on, let me know and I'll do my best to find out about the clubs and let everyone know. —Joe Bolduc

APRIL
12-Mixed Doubles Activity
15-19 Ladies Match Activity
28 Team match vs German club
30 general membership meeting
MAY
10 Mixed Doubles Activity
16, 20, 23, 28, 30 beginners clinic
five sessions
TBA Team match vs British
(away)
JUNE
7 Mixed Doubles activity

16 Team match vs French
TBA Summer Junior Program
JULY
TBA B Level Tournament
TBA Team match (away)
TBA Mixed Doubles activity
TBA Junior Team match
AUGUST
TBA Summer Open Tournament
TBA Mixed Doubles activity
TBA Ladies Tournament
TBA Invitational Jr Tournament
TBA Team match (away)

Ladies' golf

by VERONICA GARD

The 1974 golfing season for the Berlin Women's Golf Association (BWGA), began March 28, when fifty experienced and aspiring lady golfers enjoyed coffee together at the Berlin Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Delane Cochran, the new president, outlined the purposes of the association which range from the promotion of greater interest in golf to the encouragement of friendship between Allied ladies through golf matches at the British, German, and American courses. Mrs. Cochran also introduced her new committee: Nancy Barrier-Vice President and Hospitality Chairman, Jane Waggoner-Secretary, Sarah Sawtelle-Tournaments Chairman, Veronica Gard-Publicity Chairman, Donna Pickering-Treasurer, and Dottie Ray-Prizes Chairman.

The program this year ranges from weekly friendly tournaments, such as Nassau, Chicago System, and Match Play, to the Spring and Fall Championships. Prizes are

given each month at the last meeting during a Dutch treat luncheon. For top notch competitors, Berlin will host our part of the European Women's Golf Invitational on July 16, 17, and 18, when ladies from American clubs all over Europe compete for prizes. The latter event, however, is not our everyday standard of play. Most of us are golfers simply for fun and good fellowship.

The BWGA is always eager to welcome new players and clinics are available for beginners and those who are rusty. Our club membership fee is \$5.00 and the friendship, good sportsmanship, and good health that go with the BWGA is tremendous. Why not call a committee member or just come out any Thursday morning from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Cricket

The U. S. Sector Cricket Club, champions of the British Infantry Brigade Cricket League last year, will soon begin its 1974 season.

The club is a member of the BIBCL open to all military and civilian personnel working for the U. S. Army. The season begins with practices in April and runs through September, with league games beginning in May.

Practices are held each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the British Headquarters and Thursdays at 6 at Andrews Barracks. All of the league games are played at the British Headquarters (located near the Olympic Stadium complex).

For more information, contact Sam Uthchil at 6535 or Larry Novick at 3148.

Tennis

by KEVIN LIBBY

This coming season will be the first time the Berlin-American Tennis Club will be organizing tennis activities since its origin in the late 1960s. The club's planned activities are oriented toward all levels of playing. The two main goals we hope to achieve this year are to build a strong organizational base for tennis in Berlin and also to provide a program of tennis activities that will appeal to the entire tennis community.

We are blessed here in Berlin with outstanding tennis facilities provided by AG Recreational Services. The potential development of this club is unlimited.

The tentative tennis schedule listed is a good example of what we hope to achieve this season. We hope you'll join us!

Travel Notes

SPRINGTIME IN GAY PARIS is being offered by AWCB Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27. The four-day trip costs DM 185 (about \$68) and includes all transportation, hotel rooms without bath, four breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, half day sightseeing tour of Paris, visit to a champagne factory and optional tours available on request. For reservations, call Mrs. Ella Everett at 813-8914. Booking deadline is May 9.

A **CHAMPAGNE TOUR TO FRANCE** is being offered by the AG Recreation Services Tours Office to leave Berlin on Thursday. The tour will visit a champagne factory at Epernay, the city Reims and the battlefields of Verdun. Included in the price of DM 180 are transportation by motor coach, two hotel overnights, three breakfasts, one lunch and the champagne buffet. The tour returns to Ber-

lin on the morning of April 15. Reservation and cancellations deadline is Tuesday, so get in touch with the Tours Office at 6523/6681 or stop by their office in Building 2 on the Headquarters Compound in Room 3082.

TULIP TIME IN HOLLAND is the latest tour offered by the AG Recreation Services Tours Office. The tour will visit the miniature city of Madurodam, a wooden shoe maker, a real Dutch cheese farm, a motor launch tour of Amsterdam and much, much more.

The tour will depart Berlin on the duty train on May 9 and return the morning of the 13th. The inclusive price of DM 210 includes two hotel overnights in rooms with a private bath, six meals, transportation by motor coach and all entrance fees.

Bookings and cancellations must be made by April 22. The tour will be filled on a first-come first-served basis, so don't delay!

ROAMIN' IN ROME — AG Recreation Services Tours Office is offering a tour to Rome especially priced to fit the budget of the lower EM in the command. For DM 275 you can get a round trip flight, bus transfers, four hotel overnights and the traditional continental breakfasts. The tour will depart Berlin on April 29 and return on May 3.

Registration for the tour will end on April 22 so contact the Tours Office at 6523 or 6681 or stop by their office in building 2 on the Headquarters Compound, room 3082.

New commissary opens in Helmstedt

by GARY NEWMAN

On Thursday, March 28, commissary facilities moved 120 miles closer to the American community in the Helmstedt area of West Germany. A new commissary branch was opened for the area residents who have regularly traveled the 120 miles to Bremerhaven to do their grocery shopping.

Helmstedt Support Detachment, a unit of Special Troops, Berlin Brigade, and home of the troops who control American military access to the Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn, was chosen as the location of the new commissary.

Colonel Robert Spiller, District Commander, Nord Deutschland; and Brigadier General Robert D. Stevenson, commander of the Berlin Brigade, cut the ribbon to open the store. BG Stevenson noted the assets that the new facility will provide to the Helmstedt-American community in savings and convenience as well as the growing pains that the new store will experience in supplying the demands of the Helmstedt community.

Unit commanders in the Helmstedt area requested the commissary because of the long trip to Bremerhaven. Studies were made to determine the market need and the savings in time and money for the area residents. The project was finally given the go-ahead by Theater Army Support Command with basic approval coming from USAREUR Headquarters.

Where to put it

Once the project was approved, the search began for a place to house the facility in the limited space at the Helmstedt Support Detachment. The solution was to construct a small building to house the retail store and to set up four reconditioned Army vans for storage. The vans, taken from old Army refrigerator trucks, were the brainchild of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Marsh, logistics support officer for Support District, Nord Deutschland.

The vans, two for dry storage, one for chilled storage and one for frozen items, have saved the American Government approximately \$20,000, according to the commissary manager, Sergeant First Class William O. Claude.

The commissary will stock 350 light items and will be supplied weekly from the main store in Bremerhaven. Mrs. JoAnn Scofield and Mrs. Florence Fort, dependent wives from Wobek, will run the store. The ladies attended a week-long course in Bremerhaven to learn cost accounting and commissary procedures to ready themselves for the job.

Saving gasoline

According to Mrs. Fort, the commissary will save her family \$30 a month on gas alone. "When I go to Bremerhaven," Mrs. Fort added, "I buy a lot of junk, things I wouldn't normally buy."



A LOOK AT THE BOOK—Mrs. JoAnn Scofield (left) and Mrs. Florence Fort review the commissary stock book with SFC William O. Claude.

(Photo by Gary Newman)

Design Christmas cards for cash

by GARY NEWMAN

The Recreational Services Branch of the Adjutant General Division, Berlin Brigade, is holding a Christmas card contest. Cards will be judged and the winning card will be printed and sold at the Post Exchange next Christmas. Entries will be judged on simplicity of design and originality, and should be limited to four colors, including white. Contest entries should be rectangular and

of Christmas card size. The cards must symbolize Berlin and the American military presence.

All members of the U. S. Military, Department of Defense, State Department and their dependents as well as local nationals employed by the U. S. Government are eligible to enter the contest.

A panel of 10 judges composed of the assistant chiefs of staff will select 10 entries which will be displayed in the commissary and Post Exchange and will be printed in **The Berlin Observer**. The American community will vote for the winners by submitting ballots at the Post Exchange.

The designer of the winning card will receive \$50 and 24 cards. The runner-up will receive \$25 and 24 cards. Deadline for entries is May 15.

AFN has new programs something for everyone

Several new shows and a number of changes in current programming will begin soon on AFN Berlin.

"Zero Hour," a new 13-week drama series will start at 11:05 p.m. beginning April 15. Each week's mystery will be enacted in a series of five 25-minute chapters by noted radio and television author and producer, Rod Serling, and starring top Hollywood names.

The popular "Berlin in Review," a retrospective look at the news that made headlines in Berlin, moves up to 9:45 a.m. on Saturdays, "Focus on USAFE" being aired for 30 minutes at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The re-broadcast of the week's news with John Proffitt will continue to be heard on Mondays at 6:45 a.m. This change will go in effect tomorrow.

"Viva" for Latin music fans takes to the air at 3:05 p.m. for 30 beat-filled minutes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Ed Tooma follows at 3:45 with late afternoon contemporary sounds until 6 p.m.

One of AFN's most prestigious programs, "Adventures in Good Music" with musicologist Karl Haas will be heard at 11:05 a.m. Monday through Friday on AFN-FM.

All of the listed changes begin April 15. Good listening continues on AFN-Berlin, 935 medium on the AM dial and 87.85 FM with stereo around the clock.



A CHANGE OF COMMAND took place at the 287th MP Company on Tuesday, March 26. CPT Edward T. Christiansen succeeded CPT Cleveland Fortenberry, who had served as company commander since November 15, 1972. Before assuming command, Christiansen had served as the officer in charge of the Operations

Section of the Provost Marshall's Division, Assisting in the change of command ceremony are (from left to right) ISG Robert E. Burbo, LTC Eldon E. Mansfield, commander of Special Troops; Christiansen, and BG Robert D. Stevenson, commander of the Berlin Brigade.

Housing

The high cost of economy quarters is a fact of life in Berlin

by LUCAS HUTTON

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the plight of American military families living on the economy in Berlin. This series is based on interviews with First Lieutenant Allan O. Gardner, the Brigade Housing Referral Officer. This article discusses the economic factors behind the high rent paid by American servicemen for economy housing.

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As of March 31, there are more than 700 Army and Air Force personnel living with their families on the economy in Berlin. Almost all of these families have been faced with the situation of having to pay exorbitant rent for quarters that are inadequate by American standards. American families commonly pay \$170-\$250 or more per month for apartments that would rent for substantially less in the States.

THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS is part of the economic facts of life in Berlin, says First Lieutenant Allan O. Gardner, the Berlin Brigade Housing Referral Officer. High rent is the result of an acute shortage of housing in Berlin. Housing is a problem throughout Germany, says Gardner, but the shortage is particularly severe in Berlin. There is limited space in the city to build living quarters, construction costs are quite high, and the competition for housing is fierce. What compounds the problem for the American serviceman, says Gardner, is that he is in a poor position to compete with other groups of people looking for a place to live.

THE GI COMPETES FOR HOUSING with a number of other groups: native Berliners, West Germans coming here to live, students and third-country guest workers. The native Berliner is the most competitive house-hunter—he has family, friends and credit here, and he usually plans to live in Berlin for the rest of his life. He is therefore willing to sign long-term rental contracts—indeed, indefinite leases, says Gardner, are not uncommon. The West German has similar advantages. Like the native Berliner, he speaks the language and usually plans to make Berlin his permanent home.

American servicemen, along with students and third-country guest workers, have several disadvantages in the competition for living quarters: they don't have much money, they are transient, and they don't have a reputation for being low-risk tenants. Furthermore, Americans have developed the reputation of being the people with lots of money and an urge to spend it.

MONEY, SAYS GARDNER, is the only reason most landlords will rent to American servicemen. Construction costs, and therefore rents, in Berlin are so high that few Berliners or West Germans will rent a new apartment. A landlord's costs per square meter to build an apartment house here, says Gardner, is now about DM 14. Therefore, the average new one-bedroom apartment will rent for about DM 700 per month, plus utilities. In addition, the tenant must install his own light fixtures, buy his own furniture and paint or paper the walls.

Condominiums are no better deals. A year or so ago, condominiums were very attractive in Berlin, says Gardner. An efficiency (one-room) apartment was selling for about DM 80,000. Gardner says there are hundreds of free-financed apartments and condominiums standing empty in Berlin. The problem is the same in other German cities. Gardner says there are about 5,000 empty quarters in Munich alone.

GARDNER CALLS HOUSING "the number one problem in West Germany for anyone who is still working." Some young couples will live with their parents for a few years while they try to find a place of their own. The Sunday edition of the Berliner Morgenpost has pages of ads for people looking for apartments and more pages of apartments for rent. The search for apartments begins as soon as the paper hits the streets. By Monday morning, a landlord will have received a flood of phone calls from prospective tenants.

Usually a landlord will not reimburse a tenant for the improvements he has made on his apartment. So the tenant often will pass on his expenses to a new tenant,

sometimes for a generous profit. This tenant-to-tenant charge, called Abstand, "amounts to a racket in this city," says Gardner, and it's a racket that landlords "tend to put up with."

FOR EXAMPLE, A TENANT may have spent DM 6,000 on improvements. When the tenant decides to move, he will look for someone who will pay him DM 6,000 or even 500 per cent more, depending on how much he thinks he can get. If the first apartment hunter won't pay the price, the tenant won't take him to the landlord and will wait for someone who will pay. In general, under German law, a landlord can not evict a tenant unless the tenant has violated his rental contract or house rules. Therefore, the tenant can remain in his apartment until he has found someone willing to pay whatever Abstand he chooses to charge.

Some apartment houses in Berlin have rent controls imposed by law. One particular type of building with such rent controls is known as an Altbau. The Rent Control Office of the Berlin Senat determines whether a building is an Altbau and whether the landlord is charging excessive rents.

There have been a few American families who have gotten substantial rent refunds as a result of action taken by the Rent Control Office. One couple, says Gardner, was reimbursed DM 1100. However, these cases take time—Gardner says he knows of one such case that has been under investigation for almost two years.

Usually landlords accused of charging too high rents will settle out of court. Once a case has been settled, says Gardner, the landlord's name is removed from the approved housing list.

GARDNER SAYS AMERICAN SERVICEMEN are the only Allied soldiers who get involved in the housing shortage in Berlin. The French forces require all personnel below the rank of non-commissioned officer to live in the barracks, and the British forces provide government quarters for all married personnel over the age of 21. When a British regiment has more married personnel than there are quarters available, they give the lower-ranking soldiers a rent allowance and send them onto the economy on their own.

For the American soldier in Berlin, living on the economy is an expensive proposition. The peculiar situation in the Divided City makes high rent an inescapable fact of life. The soldier who does not qualify for government housing simply must choose between leaving his family in the States or paying the price to have them with him.



NEW ARMY LOOK — Troop wear tests will begin soon to evaluate a new men's combination overcoat/raincoat for wear with the Army Green, Army Blue and Army Tan uniforms. The new coat was developed at the U.S. Army Natick Laboratories. Made of a water repellent and wrinkle resistant polyester/cotton poplin combination, the new coat introduces the Black Emerald color to the Army system. A zip-in liner of 100 per cent polyester batting covered and quilted with lightweight nylon taffeta provides warmth yet allows ease of movement. Two designs are under test to determine user preference: a single-breasted version and a belted, double-breasted style. Both versions are the same color. If approved, the combination would replace two separate garments now in the system.

(Photo courtesy of Army News Features)

Brigade cites Firestone

Last Friday the Berlin Command honored Irwin Firestone, the retiring liaison officer at the Provost Marshal Office, by presenting him with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. The award, signed by General Michael S. Davison, commander of the U. S. Army Europe & 7th Army, is the second highest award for a DA civilian.

Brigadier General Robert D. Stevenson, commander of the Berlin Brigade, presented the award to Firestone during ceremonies in the Rotunda.

As the PMO liaison officer, Firestone acted as consultant and advisor to the Commandant and the chief of staff, U. S. Commander Berlin; to the commanding general and chief of staff of the Berlin Brigade; and to the Provost Marshal Division on Soviet reactions, statements, and reasonings on subjects of international importance pertaining to social and political matters.

Firestone served in the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1947 in the European Theater as an interrogator and interpreter. During this period, he attained the rank of captain. He returned to the service in 1950 and remained until 1953.

From 1954 to 1957 he worked as a civilian with the Refugee Relief Program. In 1958 he was appointed as a general investigator with the Berlin PMO, where he remained until his retirement last Monday. During his 15 years with the PMO, Firestone received several awards, ranging from the Sustained Superior Performance Award to a Quality Step Increase.

He has returned to the U. S. to live in Pittsburg, Pa.



RETIREMENT CEREMONY—BG Robert D. Stevenson gestures during last Friday's ceremony honoring Irwin Firestone (left). Firestone retired Monday after 15 years as the liaison officer for the Provost Marshal Office. (Photo by Klaus Anger)

Community Observations

Alcoholics Anonymous offers sobriety

Alcoholics Anonymous welcomes your visit to its meetings at McNair Barracks, Building 1019 every Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 8 p.m. A closed meeting of AA is held in the U.S. Army Hospital Lounge at 8 p.m. the first, second and fourth Fridays of the month and in the Hospital Conference Room the third Friday of each month. For information, call AA at 832-4439 or Military 4129.

Reading teachers needed

Applications are now being accepted for the position of reading instructor, evening hours. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. Minimum requirements are a BA and one year teaching experience, preferably in reading instruction. Security clearance is mandatory. For further information call Ms. Broser at the Reading Center, military 6814.

Volksfest auditions to be held

Do you sing, dance, or play a musical instrument? Are you interested in spending 17 days special duty away from your job? The Recreational Services Music and Theater Office will stage auditions for the 14th Annual German-American Volksfest at the All-American Recreation Center, McNair Barracks, on April 20 at 2 p.m. "San Antonio" is the theme chosen for this year's festival of entertainment, excitement, and games. Your talents will be viewed by many. So why not give yourself an opportunity to perform in this big event? Come to the auditions. Technicians who are skilled in operating and repairing electrical, musical and lighting equipment are also urged to come and give their names to the audition judges. Call 3550 for further information.

Sewing and Fashion classes

The American Women's Club of Berlin is waiting to get more members for its beginning sewing class taught by Kathy Skoe. The class is eight weeks long and costs \$12. For information call 813-1857.

In addition, a fashion design class taught by Joseph Le Gerrette is now in progress, but is willing to take on extra members. The class costs \$35, is 10 weeks long and is held every Monday night 7-10 at the Harnack House. For more information call 813-6855.

CPD offering jobs

The Civilian Personnel Division is now recruiting for the following part-time positions; 1 kitchen helper and 1 recreation aid at the AYA, bartenders, cocktail waitresses and food waiters at the Harnack House (for U. S. military dependents), and food waiters (for off-duty military personnel). Working hours for these jobs involve evenings, week ends and holidays. Applicants will receive consideration regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, physical handicap which does not interfere with accomplishment of the job, age, or membership or non-membership in an employee organization. Please submit applications to the Civilian Personnel Office, Headquarters Compound, Building 4, Room 324.

Got any old baby clothes?

Baby clothes (infant to two years) are needed for the Kinder Clothes Closet. The clothes will be put to good use. Bring all donations to the All-American Service Club or to the McNair Chapel office. For further information call 769-1779.

Top Floor to open again

The Recreation Services Music and Theater Program announces that music rehearsal space will be available at the Top Floor Music Center on a limited basis starting May 1. Two rooms will be open, one for amplified groups, the other for acoustical. Many musical instruments and accessories will be available, and more are on the way. Any group interested in utilizing this facility can call military 3550 for reservations or drop in at the Top Floor Music Center, Building 906, Andrews Barracks, right above the Hi-Lite Recreation Center.

Play production now playing

Three To Get Ready, a production of three one-act plays, is now performing at the Crump Hall Theater Center, Building 5, Headquarters Compound. Show time tonight and Saturday night is at 8 p.m. A matinee will be given at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Call military 3550 for free reservations.

Women needed for Volksfest

Girls, come one, come all! Musical comedies will be part of the entertainment for this year's Volksfest, and we urge you to participate in the fun. There is no need for you to be a fantastic dancer or singer, but just be interested and of high school age or above. Give yourself a chance to get away from it all. Call 3550 for information.

Reading classes offered

Evening classes are now being scheduled for those who desire to improve their reading skills. Executive reading classes (emphasizing speed) are being scheduled for the afternoons 1-2 p.m., April 16-May 31; and evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-May 20. The developmental class will be held 3-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 17-May 20. Evening classes require 10 military personnel to begin. The classes are free. For further information call the Reading Training Center at military 6814.

Cubs to hunt Easter eggs

Cub Scout Pack 418 will have an Easter egg hunt Sunday at 2 p.m. at Rose Range in the Weblos area. In the event of rain, the hunt will be held at the TAR gym. Any member of the pack needing a ride should contact Mrs. Haug at 832-8294 or Gary Chitwood at 813-6522.

Community Calendar

- FRIDAY ● Three To Get Ready, Crump Hall Theater Center, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY ● Three To Get Ready, same time
- SUNDAY ● Three To Get Ready matinee at 2 p.m.
- Cub Scout Easter egg hunt, Rose Range at 2 p.m.

Con-men pull dodge of decade & cop deals death to dope dealers

by THE SYNOPSISER

THE STING — Paul Newman and Robert Redford are 1930's con men who team up to pull the dodge of the decade. Their target is a tough Irish hood who killed one of their friends. Their ingeniously involved plan would relieve the gentleman of \$50,000.

UP THE SANDBOX — She's a housewife with two children and another on the way. An occasional dip into the world of fantasy relieves the tension of everyday problems. Barbra Streisand's bizarre dreamworld encounters help her define a woman's role in modern society.

THE BABY — He's actually full-grown, except for his mind. Living with a twisted mother and two mean-

minded sisters doesn't help his handicap. A social worker trying to straighten out the situation barely escapes with her life when she faces down the vengeful females.

HIT — Billy Dee Williams is a Federal agent who's out to avenge his daughter who died of a drug overdose. He heads for France to cut off the supply at its source. His plan is to assassinate the nine international drug czars.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN RIDE — Marshal Lee Van Cleef assembles a gang of cut-throats to do a job on a band of outlaws that are planning on tearing up the town. His deputies are straight from prison, and each is skilled in doing mayhem. They get to strut their stuff in the big showdown.

MOTION PICTURES

Week of April 5 through April 11

OUTPOST

Fri Electra Glide In Blue (PG), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:45 p.m.

Sat Children's Matinee African Safari (G), 2:30 p.m.

Sat Elvis On Tour (G), 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

Sun High Plains Drifter (R), Inc. Adm., 4:30, 6:30, 8:35 p.m.

Mon Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:35 p.m.

Tue Horror Express (R), 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

Wed Steelyard Blues (PG), 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

Thu Gordons War (R), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

ANDREWS

Fri The Don Is Dead (R), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:50 p.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday

Sat Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:50 p.m.

Sun The Soul Of Nigger Charley (R), 6:30, 8:35 p.m. and 1 a.m. Monday

Mon Mary, Queen Of Scots (PG), 6:30, 8:55 p.m.

Tue Electra Glide In Blue (PG), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:45 p.m. and 1 a.m. Wednesday

Wed Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:45 p.m.

Thu Elvis On Tour (G), 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

COLISEUM

Fri The Soul Of Nigger Charley (R), 6:30, 8:35 p.m.

Sat Mary, Queen Of Scots (PG), 6:30, 8:55 p.m.

Sun Electra Glide In Blue (PG), Inc. Adm., 2:30, 7 p.m.

Mon Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 7 p.m.

Tue Elvis On Tour (G), 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

Wed High Plains Drifter (R), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:35 p.m.

Thu Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 7 p.m.

COLUMBIA

Fri High Plains Drifter (R), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:35 p.m.

Sat Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:35 p.m.

Sun Horror Express (R), 6:30, 8:30 p.m.

Mon Steelyard Blues (PG), 7 p.m.

Tue Gordons War (R), Inc. Adm., 7 p.m.

Wed Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 7 p.m.

Thu The Thief Who Came To Dinner (PG), 7 p.m.

JERBOA

Daily performances are at 6 and 8:30 p.m. — unless otherwise stated.

Fri Oklahoma Crude (AA)

Sat Same show as above

Sat Children's Matinee at 10 a.m. Terror Of Tiny Town (U), also Young Eagles, Ep. 4

Sun The Friends Of Eddie Coyle (X)

Mon Same show as above

Tue The Mercenaries (X)

Wed Cat Ballou (A), 6 p.m. only

Thu Same show as above, 6 p.m. only

Wed Where Does It Hurt (X), 8:30 p.m. only

Thu Same show as above, 8:30 p.m. only

ASTRA

Monday-Friday 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 6 and 8:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated

Fri The Winners (A)

Sat Same show as above

Sat Children's Matinee at 2 p.m. My Side Of The Mountain (U), also Young Eagles, Ep. 3

Sun Up The Chastity Belt (A), 6 p.m. only

Sun The Long Goodbye (X), 8:30 p.m. only

Mon Same show as above, 7:30 p.m. only

Tue Fiddler On The Roof (U), 6:30 p.m. only

Wed The Poseidon Adventure (A)

Thu Fear Is The Key (A)

L'Agillon

French Movie Theater Quartier Napoleon on Kurt-Schumacher-Damm

Sat Pleure Pas La Bête, Pleine, 8:30 p.m., starring Annie Cordy, Jean Carmet

Sun Same show as above, 3 p.m.

Sun Johnny Le Flingueur, 8:30 p.m., starring Lee Van Cleef, Tony Lo Bianco

Tue La Planete Sauvage, 8:30 p.m.

Wed Point De Chute, 3 p.m., starring Johnny Hallyday, Pascale Rivault

Thu Les 10 Commandements, 8:30 p.m., starring Charlton Heston, Debra Paget, Vincent Price, Yvonne Brynner

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTE TO OUR VIEWERS

During the next few weeks, there will be numerous last minute changes to the published program schedule. The problem is caused by slowdown in the mail delivery of our television films. AFRTS-Los Angeles is sending us special film packages to insure that we have enough material to remain on the air. However, these packages do not contain all of the same programs that are presently shown on AFN-TV Berlin. We can schedule these special film packages in advance, because we are not sure precisely when they will arrive here. We strive to stick to the published schedule whenever possible and will promote changes during our broadcast day. This undesirable situation should be resolved by late spring. Until then, we appreciate your patience and understanding.



CHANNEL 25 Dahlem/Zehlendorf

CHANNEL 12 Tempelhof

FRIDAY, (April 5)

4:30 Early Report

4:35 Kidsville

5:15 Animal World "Project Rhino"

5:40 Iron Horse "Welcome for the General"

6:30 The Evening Report

7:10 The Ghost and Mrs. Muir "It's a Gift"

7:35 Chronicle

8:00 Town Crier

8:05 Wanted: Dead Or Alive "Baa-Baa"

8:30 Then Came Bronson "Mating Dance for Tender Grass"

9:20 The Outcasts "The Thin Edge"

10:10 The Nightly News

10:30 Dean Martin

11:20 The Tonight Show

12:20 The Late Show "Kill Me Tomorrow"

1:35 Sign Off

SATURDAY

9:30 Captain Kangaroo

10:25 The Flintstones

10:50 Robinson Crusoe

11:45 New Zoo Revue

12:10 Daniel Boone "Doll of Sorrow"

1:00 Weekend Report

1:05 AFN Television Saturday Afternoon Sports

6:05 Jimmy Dean

6:30 Weekend Report

6:40 The Beverly Hillbillies "The Clampetts Play Cupid"

7:05 Rawhide "Incident of the Dust Flower"

7:55 Town Crier

8:00 Sherlock Holmes "The Case of the Belligerent Ghost"

8:25 Wild, Wild West

9:15 Flip Wilson

10:05 Nightwatch Theater "Lady from Louisiana"

11:25 "I Was A Teenage Werewolf"

1:40 Sign Off

SUNDAY

11:15 Christopher Closeup

11:40 Music And The Spoken Word

12:10 Alternatives "Divorce"

12:30 On Campus "The Children Experiment"

1:00 Weekend Report

1:05 Sunday Afternoon Sports

2:45 Directions '74 — Billy Graham

3:10 Nixon's Address to the National Association of Broadcasters

4:15 The Early Movie "An Elephant Called Slowly"

5:40 Daktari "Maneater of Wameru"

6:30 Weekend Report

6:40 Please Don't Eat the Daisies "Look Who's Talking"

7:05 Jackson Five — Special

7:55 Town Crier

8:00 Love On A Rooftop

8:25 Bonanza "War Bonnet"

9:15 Carol Burnett

10:05 Sunday Night at the Movies "The Las Vegas Hillbillies"

11:30 Sign Off

MONDAY

4:30 Early Report

4:35 Kidsville

5:15 The Goalkeeper also lives on our Street — Special

6:05 Range Rider "Indian Sign"

6:30 The Evening Report

7:10 Land of the Small — Special

8:00 Town Crier

8:05 Sanford and Son

8:30 Monday Night at the Movies "Kind Hearts and Coronets"

10:10 The Nightly News

10:30 Just Friends — Special

11:20 Sign Off

TUESDAY

4:30 Early Report

4:35 Kidsville

5:15 Animal World

5:40 CBS News Retrospective "The Silent Spring of Rachel Carson"

6:30 Evening Report

7:10 Here's Lucy "Lucy Cuts Vincent's Price"

7:35 Answer Line

8:00 Town Crier

8:05 Zane Grey Theater "Man of Fear"

8:30 The Fugitive

9:20 Bracken's World "A Perfect Piece of Casting"

10:10 Nightly News

10:30 Burns and Schreiber Comedy Hour

11:20 Feature Theater "Shooting"

12:40 Sign Off

WEDNESDAY

4:30 Early Report

4:35 Kidsville

5:15 New Zoo Revue

5:40 Daniel Boone "Flag of Truce"

6:30 The Evening Report

7:10 I Dream Of Jeannie

7:35 Wednesday Night at the Movies "A Lady Takes a Chance"

8:55 Focal Point

9:20 Sonny and Cher

10:10 The Nightly News

10:30 Midnight Potpourri "Dick Cavett"

11:35 Sign Off

THURSDAY

4:30 Early Report

4:35 Kidsville

5:15 Flintstones

5:40 Bonanza "Little Man Ten Feet Tall"

6:30 The Evening Report

7:10 Doris Day "Doris vs Pollution"

7:35 T. H. E. CAT "Crossing at Destination Bay"

8:00 Town Crier

8:05 All In The Family

8:30 Mod Squad "The Poisoned Mind"

9:20 The Rogues "Hugger-Mugger by the Sea"

10:10 The Nightly News

10:30 NBC Follies

11:20 Thursday Night Sports Special



VIETNAM VETERANS were honored at the Vietnam Veterans' Day parade held last Friday at the 4-Ring. The 2nd and 3rd Platoons of A-2-6 were recognized for achieving the highest scores in the Brigade-administered Army Training Tests which were conducted in January. The lead platoon, PSG Harvey Polk's 3rd Platoon, second highest, and the 2nd platoon (bringing up the rear), led by PSG George C. Cunningham, scored the highest. Both platoons received plaques at the parade. (Photo by Dan Morales)

Do you have some creative ideas? Dial 'Action'

Have you creative ideas for improving morale, esprit de corps and combat readiness in the Berlin Brigade? If so, you should present your complaint, suggestion or request to Dial Action by calling Berlin Military (819) 7777.

Individuals often have suggestions or problems that they don't know how to bring to the attention of the agency best suited to deal with them. If you feel that you are faced with this situation, then why not give the Dial Action Program a chance to assist you.

Your message will be recorded on tape and quickly processed so that it can be dispatched to the agency or person responsible for assisting with your specific problem or question. You will be informed that your call has

been received and of the approximate date that you can expect an answer.

Usually your answer will be on its way to you within five working days of your call. This written reply will inform you of what actions, if any were necessary, have been initiated to bring about the solution to your problem. If the call is a request for information, such information will be provided in the reply.

Dial Action is not a panacea for all of the problems that surface on a daily basis in the Army, but it is hoped that Dial Action can insure that the lines of communication remain open. Dial Action can't guarantee that your problem will be solved or your suggestion adopted, but it does insure that it will be placed before the agency individual best-equipped to deal with it.

Courtesy counts — try it some time

How many times have you tried to get something done, only to have somebody play you off when you needed assistance? Too many times, no doubt. It seems there are a lot of people around with a so-called "short-timer's attitude."

This attitude isn't confined to the short-timer, though. It affects "lifers," dependents and local national employees. Everybody gets this attitude once in a while, but some people seem to make being bad-tempered their life's work. The short-timer attitude is really what we call discourtesy.

You've probably heard a few spot announcements about courtesy on AFN or read something in *The Observer*. There's a very good reason for all this publicity: we have a courtesy problem within this command. Courtesy means having a basic respect for the individual. It doesn't take much to listen to someone. It isn't hard to be nice once in a while. If you've got a hangover or you're just having a bad day, that's no excuse to vent your frustration or anger on someone else.

Obviously, all the commercials and newspaper articles in the world aren't going to change a person's attitude. Only the individual himself can do that.

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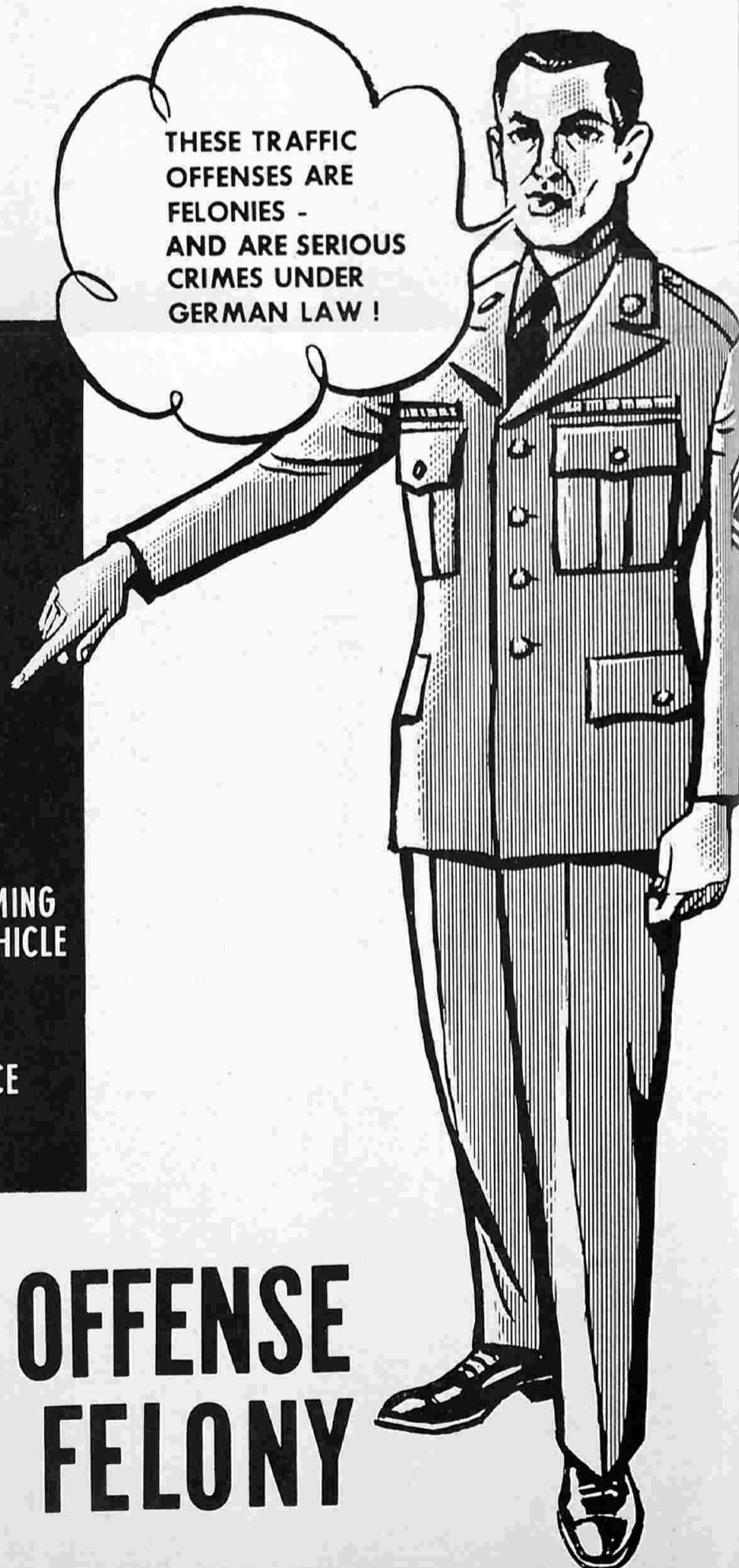
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April Crime Prevention Theme:

- PASSING ILLEGALLY
- FAILING TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY
- FAILING TO KEEP TO THE RIGHT WHEN VISION IS OBSTRUCTED
- HIT AND RUN
- RECKLESS DRIVING
- MAKING U-TURNS ON AUTOBAHNS
- FAILING TO WARN ONCOMING TRAFFIC WHEN YOUR VEHICLE IS STOPPED OR PARKED ON HIGHWAY
- DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

THESE TRAFFIC OFFENSES ARE FELONIES - AND ARE SERIOUS CRIMES UNDER GERMAN LAW !



A TRAFFIC OFFENSE MAY BE A FELONY