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To educate a man in mind and not
in morals is to educate a menace to
society.

— Theodore Roosevelt

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MORTEX II

Brigade mortar platoons train in Baumholder--see page 5



CSC 4-6 wins BBde Christmas tournament

by Norm Ham

Just as Andrews usually dominates in football and softball, McNair tends to reign in basketball. Keeping with this established trend, McNair finished on top in the 1973 Christmas Tournament.

Combat Support Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry had a picnic Monday, Dec. 31, as they crushed Company A, Field Station Berlin, 83-57, to win the 1973 Christmas Tournament. CSC's victory made 4-6 the winners of the treasured trophy for the second time in the last two years and the fourth time since 1960.

Bouncing off to a good start, CSC-4-6 trounced HHC, Special Troops, 82-35, as James "The Bomber" Blassingame led the scoring with 32 points and William "The Hammer" Clark followed with 24.

In their second and most evenly matched game of the tournament, CSC-4-6 slipped past HHC-2-6 in a three point thriller with a final score of 48-45.

Playing the game that set the stage for their championship game with Co. A, FSB, CSC managed to build a 17 point lead against the 42nd Engineers to come out on top 66-49.

Championship game

The deciding game of the tournament found Co. A, FSB with an early six point lead. However, the superlative defensive work of William "The Bullet" Nelson, and the dynamic shooting of Blassingame and Clark extinguished any fire that Co. A, FSB had left. The scoreboard at half-time showed CSC-4-6 leading 35-25.

Capitalizing on FSB's excessive floor mistakes (traveling, fouls, etc.), CSC dominated the entire second half of play with a crowd dazzling performance by "The Hammer", William Clark. Clark's prowess on the court was evidenced by the constant stream of "oohs" and "ahs" that flowed from the spectators as Clark hammered his team to a 83-57 final score for the win and the 1973 Christmas Trophy. Racking up 35 points, Clark was the high scorer of the game. Blassingame trailed with 21.

Full court press, man-to-man defense

The starting five of the trophy winning team of Clark, Blassingame, Nelson, Gregory "Tiny" Smith, and Charles "Big C" Carter, attributed their success to the

value they place on team effort. Utilizing a full court press and a man-to-man defense, they try to play a fast paced game with each man handling the ball to the maximum of his ability.

Clark, the team Captain, said, "Nelson is a floor general. Wherever the ball is, he is. He forces the other team to make mistakes. He leads the fast break, he steals the ball, he just seems to be all over the place at once."

"And he's fast. Nelson has exceptionally quick hands," added Carter, center and A&R NCO for CSC-4-6. Their testimony justifies Nelson's nicknames of "The Bullet" and "Mr. Defense."

The leading scorer for CSC-4-6 was William "The Hammer" Clark. Compiling a total of 86 points during the four-game tourney, Clark finished with a 21.5 average which ranked him third in the brigade for the Christmas tournament. Blassingame was ranked fourth with an average of 21 points per game. Statistics indicate that Blassingame gets the job done, but what statistics can't show us, is that natural flair for the game of basketball possessed by Clark.

Clark an MVP

At 6'2" and 174 lbs., Clark hails from Nashville, Tennessee where he lettered in basketball at Stratford High School. Clark's high school game average of 29.3 points, earned him All State and Honorable Mention All American honors. He also managed to score 50 points in one game, his highest one game score yet.

Turning down 11 offers to various schools, Clark chose to stay in Nashville and win for Belmont College. As a freshman, Clark was the leading scorer with a 24.6 average. Playing guard, he also was number two on rebounds for Belmont. Travelling to North Carolina for a three game conference tournament, he was voted the Most Valuable Player after scoring 29, 30, and 33 points respectively in the three games.

Clark's average dropped slightly to 21 in his sophomore year. It should be noted though, that he was being double teamed throughout the season. Clark then enlisted in the Army for a tour of duty in Europe.

As soon as his Army career terminates, Clark plans to return to school and play some more B-ball. He also foresees a future in the pros if the opportunity provides.



LETTING OFF ANOTHER successful outside shot is William Clark, number 25, of CSC 4-6. Clark had 35 points in CSC 83-57 win over Co. A, FSB in the final game of the Christmas Basketball Tournament and was third among all players in over-all scoring. Guarding Clark here is Robert Kmak of Co. A. (Photo by V. A. Drosdik, III)

Ramsey of Engineers led tourney scoring

The following are the results of the 1973 Berlin Brigade Christmas Basketball Tournament, with top scorer for each team and all players in double figures listed:

- HHC 2-6 85, Lieutenants 25. HHC: L. Johnson 18, P. Smith 16, Downing 11. Lieutenants: Jacobs 7.
- HHC 4-6 42, H&S FSB 39. HHC 4-6: Burdette 12. H&S FSB: Mulica 22.
- HHC, Special Troops 2, B-4-6 0: forfeit.
- 287th MPs 68, B Team FSB 40. MPs: Wilson 24, Williams 12. B-FSB: Frank 12, Runions 11.
- B-3-6 60, Orange Lightning 33. B-3-6: Archuleta 20, B. Smith 14. Lightning: McGuinn 20.
- Service Co. 66, Globetrotting 22. Service: Stout 28, Harris 18, Parks 10. Globetrotting: Kuntz 7, Sciatta 7.
- 40th Armor over A-2-6, forfeit.
- 42nd Engineers 46, Hospital 43. Engineers: Ramsey 21, Iyatunguk 12. Hospital: Edwards 10.
- A-FSB 82, Signal Co. 45. A-FSB: Bogo 19, Hintz 18, Medley 17, Kmak 15. Signal: Hanley 16, Dupden 12.
- USMLM 42, Det. A 25. USMLM: Hansen 14, Thurlow 11. Det. A: Gard 9.

- HHC-2-6 69, Independents (Special Troops) 45. HHC-2-6: L. Johnson 19, Smith 18, Bolden 14. Independents: Peltier 10.
- HHC-4-6 47, B-FSB 44. HHC-4-6: Burdette 17, Daniels 16. B-FSB: Good 10.
- CSC-4-6 82, HHC Special Troops 35. CSC-4-6: Blassingame 32, Clark 24. HHC: Held 10.
- 287th MPs 55, HHC-3-6 28. MPs: Williams 22. HHC 2-6: Verbel 10.
- The Outcasts 61, B-3-6 58. Outcasts: Peagram 15, Smith 12, Scippio 12, Saindin 12, Darrow 10. B-3-6: Smith 20, Archuleta 16, Masingal 10.
- Service Co. over CSC 3-6, forfeit.
- A-FSB 62, 40th Armor 21. A-FSB: Medley 15, Bogo 15, Hintz 12, Cowan 10. 40th Armor: Tollis 12.
- 42nd Engineers 65, USMLM 48. Engineers: Ramsey 31, Gonzales 16, Billups 12. USMLM: Thurlow 22.
- Game number 19 was not played.
- 287th MPs 58, HHC 4-6 38. MPs: Guethle 30, Williams 14. HHC 4-6: Daniels 23.
- A-FSB 66, Outcasts 36. A-FSB: Hintz 19, Kmak 18, Bogo 13. Outcasts: Darrow 11, Smith 10.

- 42nd Engineers 60, Service Co. 51. Engineers: Ramsey 31, Gonzales 10. Service: Stout 19, Harris 10.
- CSC 4-6 48, HHC 2-6 45. CSC 4-6: Clark 14, Blassingame 10. HHC 2-6: Smith 19.
- A-FSB 56, 287th MPs 52. A-FSB: Medley 20, Hintz 12. Bogo 12. MPs: Guethle 30, Williams 15.
- CSC 4-6 66, 42nd Engineers 49. CSC 4-6: Blassingame 13, Clark 13. Engineers: Gonzales 18, Ramsey 12, Billups 11.
- CSC 4-6 83, A-FSB 57. CSC 4-6: Clark 35, Blassingame 21. A-FSB: Bogo 23, Hintz 17, Medley 11.

TOP PLAYERS — four or more games

Player, team	G	Pts	Avg	FG
1. Ramsey, 42nd Eng.	4	99	24.7	42
2. Guethle, 287th MPs	4	87	21.7	34
3. Clark, CSC 4-6	4	86	21.5	38
4. Blassingame, CSC 4-6	4	84	21.0	36
5. Hintz, A-FSB	5	84	16.8	29
6. Bogo, A-FSB	5	82	16.4	38
7. Williams, 287th MPs	4	63	15.7	30
8. Medley, A-FSB	5	71	14.2	30
9. Gonzales, 42nd Eng.	4	49	12.2	24
10. Kmak, A-FSB	5	51	10.2	20

Travel Notes

Chiemsee Package Plan reservations may be made by writing the Berchtesgaden Billeting Office, Attn: Chiemsee, APO 09029 or by calling Berchtesgaden Military (2538) 623 or 823.

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NEW AFRC BILLETING rates per person, effective immediately (for authorized military and civilian personnel and adult dependents, including authorized guests).

	Room w/o bath	Room w/bath
E-5 and below	\$3.00	\$4.50
Children under 12	1.00	1.50
E-6, 7, 8, 9, warrant officers, company grade officers, GS-1 through GS-9	4.00	6.00
Children under 12	1.75	2.25
Majors and LTC, GS-10 and above	4.50	6.50
Children under 12	2.00	2.50
COL and up	5.50	7.50
Children under 12	2.00	2.50

Chiemsee ski vacation

An economical vacation near excellent ski slopes — where? At the Armed Forces Recreation Center's Chiemsee Hotel.

The economical vacation is available with the Chiemsee Package Plan which continues through April 30. Under this plan for only \$10 any visitor to the Lake Hotel gets a room without bath and a full breakfast for three days. The rate for each additional day is \$3.33 per person, including breakfast.

The ski slopes are located in the nearby "snow hole" of Germany. Only 10 miles from the Chiemsee Lake Hotel is the Kampenwand ski area with slopes for the beginner to expert and two chair lifts and three tee bars. The Reit Im Winkl area is 19 miles from the hotel and has five tee bars and three chair lifts for the beginner to advanced skiers. The Winkelmoos is 22 miles from Chiemsee and offers skiing for all skiing skills with a chair lift, tee bar and rope tow.

Other slopes in the Chiemsee area are the Sagberg, six miles away; Hochfelln, 12 miles and Rauschberg, 20 miles.

Extra cots and cribs, \$1.00 each. Minimum price for single occupancy: add one dollar at time of registration to above individual rate. Price for a suite is \$10 per adult and \$5 per dependents under 12, regardless of grade or rank.

In addition to hotel type accommodations, a small number of apartments are available for weekly rental in the Garmisch area, presently on an experimental basis, so that soldiers with larger families can economize on vacation costs by preparing their own meals, etc. Rental rates for these units vary, depending on number of rooms and location of apartment, from \$100 per week, plus clean-up costs.

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LONDON — The Tours Office will sponsor a tour to London by charter jet from Tegel. The rock bottom tour price is \$85 and includes flight, bus transfers, and three hotel overnights with continental breakfasts. The tour departs Berlin Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. and returns the evening of Feb. 3.

For further information and reservations for these tours, call 6523 or stop by the Tours Office, Room 3077, Building 2, Headquarters Compound.

4 tankers set raquetball mark

by Ralph Callaway

Four men of Company F, 40th Armor set a new record in raquetball on Dec. 22, when they slugged it (the ball) for 20 hours in the Andrews Gymn paddleball court, beating the previous record of 12 hours recently set in England. The four 40th Armor heroes include Carl Strobel, Jon ("Doc") Kempton, Greg Staley and Donnie Gilmore. Regulation raquetball raquets and balls were used in the effort which extended unbroken except for five minute breaks every hour to eat and change socks.

AYA basketball season opens

The 1974 AYA basketball season was opened Jan. 5 at the Sports Center gymnasium with a ceremony with Colonel James T. Bradley, Deputy Brigade Commander, as guest speaker.

Bradley spoke on sportsmanship, pointing out to the boys the importance of athletics in helping a person grow strong mentally and physically. He emphasized that athletics itself is more important than winning.

Bradley then threw out the jump ball for the first Bantam game. The Bucks beat the Knicks 36-16, while the Lakers swamped the Hawks 51-7 in the second contest. The last game saw the Royals silence the Sonics 32-10.

Bantam action resumed in the evening as the Suns outshone the Kings 41-10. The Junior Division picked up the action with the Celtics scoring eight straight points but then being conquered by the Warriors 52-30. The final game of the evening was the closest and most exciting as the Pistons drove over the Bullets 34-23.

Sunday, the Senior Division clashed with a strong German team from the Spandau Sports Club. All through the game, the lead changed hands as many times as the ball went down the court.

The game finally went to the wire when Berlin AYA player Ray Sewell went to the foul line with four seconds left in the game. The first shot missed, but the second went in to put the Berlin AYA ahead 58-57 for the final score. This was the Senior team's fourth victory with no defeats.



TOP RAQUETBALL PLAYERS — LTC Gilbert Jones (right) of PMO accepts his certificate for being the winner in the 1973 Christmas Raquetball Tournament. He beat 1LT Leonard Hofland of DCSI (left) 2-1 in the final match Dec. 30. (Photo by V. A. Drosdik, III)

Beats Kontakt II

E&I is unbeaten in Indoor Soccer

by Marty Best

In Indoor Soccer League play, only E&I remains undefeated after beating KONTAKT II Wednesday night by a score of 6-1.

Det. A I is the American team to beat as it has won four straight games recently and stands at 5-2. The Berlin American High School, led by player-coach Pete Milhado, is the big surprise team at 4-2. They defeated Air Force and Det. A II last week. The Air Force has been the hard luck team at 2-4 with three one-goal defeats.

Special Troops at 2-4 should rebound strongly with the acquisition of Vic Kastelanski after the folding of the 6th Infantry team.

In other action Wednesday night, Special Troops downed Labor Service II 8-3, Kontakt I edged BAHS 5-4, and Labor Service I overwhelmed the MPs 10-1.

Standings

Here are the standings through Wednesday's games: E&I, 7-0; Kontakt II, 5-1; Labor Service I, 5-1; Det. A I, 5-2; Kontakt I, 4-1; BAHS, 4-2; Air Force, 2-4; Special Troops, 2-4; Det. A II, 1-4; 287th MPs, 0-4; Labor Service II, 0-6; and Field Station Berlin, 0-6.

Walden lead H&S, FSB to undefeated record

Headquarters and Service Co., FSB, remained in first place in Andrews League with 7-0 record, the only undefeated team left. Here are the standings as of Thursday morning:

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	PF	PA
1. H&S, FSB	7	0	1.000	—	402	288
2. Independents	6	1	.857	1	413	272
3. Service Co.	6	2	.750	1 1/2	393	284
4. Co. A, FSB	6	2	.750	1 1/2	358	332
5. 287th MPs	4	4	.500	3 1/2	376	353
6. 42nd Engineers	3	4	.429	4	308	302
7. Co. B, FSB	3	4	.429	4	313	371
8. HHC, Sp Trps	3	4	.429	4	283	349
9. Det. A	1	5	.167	5 1/2	132	232
10. Hospital	1	6	.143	6	240	354
11. 592nd Signal	0	7	.000	7	277	347

Scores, with all players in double figures

Dec. 20
Co. A, 47, MPs 41. Co. A: Hintz 14, MPs: Guethle 20.
Engineers 58, Hospital 39, Engineers: Ramsey 21, Billups 16.
Hospital: Edwards 10.
Dec. 21
Independents 61, Signal 41. Independents: Pressel 15, Duncan 12, Noble 10, Halstead 10. Signal: Shaw 16.
HHC 46, Service 44. HHC: Patterson 22. Service: Stout 21, Harris 10.

Dec. 22

H&S, 35, Co. A 25. H&S: Sinard 12, Co. A: Medley 10.
MPs 68, Det. A 28, MPs: Wilson 28, Aven 14. Det. A: Gard 6.
Jan. 3
Independents 59, Co. B 32. Independents: Peltier 12, Sistrunk 11. Co. B: Delabarre 6, Abbott 6.
Service 56, Engineers 45. Service: Stout 23, Parks 16, McGee 10. Engineers: Ramsey 14.
Jan. 4
Co. A 70, Signal 40. Co. A: Medley 17, Hintz 14, Kmak 12.
Signal: Peterson 13, Goulage 10.
MPs 68, HHC 42, MPs: Guethle 22, Williams 16, Wilson 12.
HHC: Evina 12, Fries 10.
Jan. 5
H&S 68, Det. A 42. H&S: Walden 25, Det. A: Caricofe 8.
Service 69, Hospital 59. Service: Harris 18, Stout 17, Parks 16. Hospital: Edwards 17, White 16, Schultz 15.
Jan. 7
Co. A 59, Co. B 46. Co. A: Hintz 14, Medley 12, Kmak 11.
Co. B: Delabarre 15, Merkle 11.
MPs 45, Engineers 39. MPs: Spencer 16, Guethle 13, Williams 10. Engineers: Ramsey 19.
Jan. 8
Det. A 2, Signal 0. Forfeit.
H&S 68, HHC 46. H&S: Walden 24, Cooke 10, Mulica 10.
HHC: Conners 10.

sports shorts

French Jumping Show

The Berlin American Youth Activities advanced horseback riding class competed in a French Jumping Show held at Napoleon Barracks on Sunday, December 23, 1973. Two jumping competitions were held. In Class B Debbie Lawton placed first, Trina Ray took second and Denise Pippin was third. Duane Rabourn also competed. In the Class A competition Michelle Shacknow placed fourth and Sheree Shacknow placed fifth. Sixteen riders rode in each class, all from the French stables. Teens from the AYA have been riding with the French stables since October.

Tennis clinic, tourney

The Berlin American Tennis Club, in conjunction with the Sports Center, will provide a free tennis clinic for intermediate players, Mondays and Thursdays 8-9 p.m. Jan. 17-Feb. 4. To sign up see the bulletin board in the Sports Center tennis bubble or call 831-3691 or 813-6550. A single elimination indoor soccer tournament will be held in the tennis bubble at the Sports Center Jan. 18-27. It will be for both singles and doubles, and sponsored by the B-A Tennis Club. Entrance fee is \$1.50 and a can of balls. Prizes will be awarded for first and second places in both categories. To register, call the numbers above.

AYA basketball

The following is the AYA Senior basketball schedule:
Jan. 12 — Giessen at Berlin
Jan. 19 — Darmstadt at Berlin
Jan. 26 — Frankfurt at Berlin
Feb. 2 — Berlin at Giessen
Feb. 9 — Budengen at Berlin
Times and places of games will be announced later.

BAAA members meeting

The Berlin American Automobile Association (BAAA) will have a general membership meeting Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Special Dining Room at the Harnack House. The BAAA semi-annual elections will be held at this time. Anyone interested in sports cars, stock cars or motorcycles is invited to attend. Dinner and drinks will be available.

2-6 bowling tournament

The team of Paul Barnett and Steve Coon, both of Co. B, won the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Bowling Tournament held Dec. 27 with a 984 scratch series. John Burell had the high game of 198, while Marvin Brown had a high single series with a 566.

AYA baseball coaches

The AYA will be taking names for coaches to help with this year's baseball season. There will be 29 teams, so many responsible young men and women are needed to help the program. For further information, call the AYA Athletic Office at 6247.

how they stand

Defender League

Through games of Jan. 7 at 3-6.

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Bravo Co.	6	0	1.000	—
Alpha Co.	5	1	.833	1
HHC	3	3	.500	3
Charlie Co.	2	3	.400	3 1/2
CSC	1	5	.167	5
40th Armor	1	6	.143	5 1/2

Guardian League

Through games of Jan. 7 at 2-6.

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Alpha Co.	5	1	.833	—

Charlie Co.	5	1	.833	—	Charlie Co.	2	3	.400	2 1/2
CSC	3	2	.600	1 1/2	Bravo Co.	0	6	.000	5
HHC	2	3	.400	2 1/2	Scores				
C-94	1	4	.200	3 1/2	Dec. 3 — CSC 72, Co. A 59				
Bravo Co.	0	5	.000	4 1/2	Dec. 11 — Co. C 64, Co. B 53				

Vanguard League

Through games of Jan. 8 at 4-6.

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
CSC	5	1	.833	—
HHC	4	2	.667	1
Alpha Co.	3	2	.600	1 1/2

sport watch

U.S. events

Jan. 22-30 — Company level basketball championships at the Sports Center.
Jan. 22-Feb. 8 — Handball championships, singles and doubles.

AFN Radio

SATURDAY, Jan. 13
8:35 p.m. — Super Bowl, live.
WEDNESDAY
2:30 a.m. — NBA All-Star game, live.

AFN TV

SATURDAY, Jan. 12
1:05 p.m. — College football: Blue-Gray Game
3:20 p.m. — Boxing From the Forum
4:18 p.m. — NFL football: Dallas vs Minnesota
SUNDAY
1:05 p.m. — NFL football: Miami vs Oakland
8:30 p.m. — Super Bowl VIII: Miami vs Minnesota, live.

German events

DEUTSCHLANDHALLE
January 14, 15, 16, 7 p.m. — International Indoor Soccer Tournament
January 24-30 — International Riding and Jumping Tournament, Berlin
February 5, 8:15 p.m. — Professional Boxing
EISSPORTHALLE
(The "Eissporthalle" is located on Jaffestrasse, in the back of Deutschlandhalle.)
January 11-19, daily — Holiday on Ice



HORSE RACES

Mariendorfer Damm 222-298
"Trotting Races" at the Mariendorfer Race Tracks are scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. — International Race, Prize of St. Moritz

SOCCER

SATURDAY, 2 p.m. —
1. FC Neukölln vs SSV, Neukölln, Hertzbergplatz
Rapid Wedding vs BSV 92, Wedding, Ungarnstrasse
SUNDAY, 10:40 a.m. —
BBC Südost vs BFC Preussen, Kreuzberg, Wrangelstrasse
SUNDAY, 2 p.m. —
Wacker 04 vs SC Westend, Reinickendorf, Wackerweg
Hertha Zehlendorf vs Blau-Weiss 90, Zehlendorf, Siebenendenweg
Alemania 90 vs TeBe, Reinickendorf, Freiheitsweg



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS shows in the face of this youngster at a party given by the Supply & Services Division. (Photo by Lucas Hutton)

Holiday parties fete Berliners

The spirit of Christmas has passed. In its stead are a lot of happy people. Due to the efforts of several units and organizations who gave unselfishly of their time and money, many elderly persons and children had an enjoyable holiday season.

On December 1, the American Women's Club hosted a German Welfare Christmas Tea at the Harnack House for 180 elderly Berliners from various homes around Berlin.

Supply and Services Division hosted a party on Dec. 12 for 30 children from the Sancta Maria Kinderheim.

On December 20, the 7350th Security Police Division, Tempelhof Central Airport, hosted a dinner party and tour and gave presents to 12 elderly people from Rudolf-Wessel Altenheim.

The 287th MP Company hosted a dinner and gave presents to 42 children from a Red Cross Kinderheim on Dec. 21. On that same day the 6941st Labor Service donated DM 5,700 out of their own pockets for Oskar-Helene-Heim Kinderheim and used the money to purchase presents and clothing for the children.

rumor control

Berlin personnel lose COLA

Sorry, soldier, but effective January 1, officers and enlisted men in the Berlin Command will no longer receive the Cost of Living Allowance. In addition, Station Housing Allowance has been reduced from Index 165 to Index 155 for both officers and enlisted personnel.

For personnel assigned to the Helmstedt Support Detachment, COLA has been reduced from Index 118 to Index 114 for both officers and EM. SHA for officers has been reduced from Index 145 to Index 135, and from 125 to 115 for EM.

These changes will show up in January paychecks. The reductions in COLA and SHA are the result of the advance in the value of the dollar against the German mark.

But there's good news, too: Basic Allowance for Subsistence (separate rations) has been increased to \$2.28 a day, or \$68.40 a month. This increase applies only to enlisted personnel.

Driving bans postponed

We reported in our last issue that the ban on weekend driving would resume on Saturday, Jan. 19. The latest word we have now, however, is that there will be no further driving bans unless Germany's oil situation gets worse. This newspaper, AFN Radio and AFN-TV will announce any further developments as they affect U. S. Forces personnel.

Units to get 'Infantry' free

Infantry, a magazine published by the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, will be sent free to units throughout the Army beginning with the January/February

KONTAKT begins new year

by Ned Morse

Tomorrow night brings KONTAKT's monthly folksong evening to Berlin once again. This month's offering kicks off in the Amerika Haus at 8 p.m. with orange crates, candlelight, room to sit on the floor and a more than overflowing crowd that is always characteristic of this event.

For those who have never been to the Amerika Haus there is no need to worry about finding it. Take the U-Bahn from Oskar-Helene-Heim (near BB) to Wittenbergplatz at the end of the line. Transfer to a train on line 1 heading in the direction of Ruhleben, and go one stop to Zoologischer Garten. When you come up from the subway station walk away from the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church on Hardenbergstrasse. The Amerika Haus is the first building on the left side of the street after you pass under the S-Bahn overpass.

In the KONTAKT calendar for January are scheduled quite a number of interesting, worthwhile activities that merit your attention. Not only is there the folksong

evening, but there will be an international folk dance evening Saturday the 19th at 8 p.m. in the Amerika Haus. This program will feature a theme of dances from a number of different countries from around the world. Scottish, Greek, Yugoslavian, Israeli and maybe even Spanish and Polynesian dances will be demonstrated and taught to those interested.

Filling out this evening of international entertainment will be native music from many countries, including some live performers, some of whom are professionals. The evening is free and is guaranteed to be very unusual and enjoyable.

January also marks the beginning of three new interest groups: chess on the 16th, bridge on the 22nd, and folk dancing classes on the 24th. For details on any of these groups pick up a newsletter at a service club or call the KONTAKT office at 6809.

That's it for the first couple of weeks for this new year — We hope 1974 finds you giving KONTAKT a try and discovering a whole new scene.



HAPPY NEW YEAR — Berlin's Deputy Mayor Kurt Neubauer (left) paid a New Year's Eve visit to the joint U. S.-German desk at the Provost Marshal's Office at Andrews

Barracks. Here he presents a gift to Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Jones, the Provost Marshal. (Photo by Rich Bahr)

ary issue. Plans call for three copies per issue to go to each company dayroom. The magazine will be sent to all components that are infantry or infantry-related in mission.

New plates required by Feb. 1

Does your car still have non-reflectORIZED license plates? They become invalid February 16, according to a message from USAREUR Headquarters.

If your POV (that's Privately Owned Vehicle, in case you wondered) still has green plates with silver numerals, you should receive forms for re-registration soon. If you do not receive forms from the USAREUR Motor Vehicle Registry by Feb. 1, call Heidelberg Military (2121) 7222 or 7226.

Military Police have been instructed to remind individuals whose vehicles still display the non-reflectORIZED plates of the need for re-registration. Reminders will commence on January 16.

Pet care limited at clinic

The Veterinary Clinic at the U. S. Army Hospital Berlin reminds us that their "primary mission" is to inspect food and facilities for sanitation and to control diseases which are transmitted from animals to man (primarily rabies in Berlin). Any pet care other than the control of diseases transmitted from animal to man depends on the time available once the primary mission has been completed.

Pet care provided by the small animal clinic is by appointment only. The amount of time available for such care is quite limited. Pet owners should seek the services of a civilian veterinarian when necessary.

For the convenience of pet owners, the small animal clinic has a handout sheet which contains a list of a number of civilian veterinarians in the American sector of Berlin. This listing, however, does not constitute an endorsement of these veterinarians nor of their services.

First baby of '74 is a girl

The first baby born in 1974 at the U. S. Army Hospital Berlin is Shawna Leigh Hadfield, daughter of Specialist and Mrs. Terry L. Hadfield. Shawna Leigh was born at 1:10 p.m. on Jan. 1.

The baby's father is a native of Oceanside, California, and her mother comes from Bethesda, Maryland.

JOC to discuss Volksfest

The Junior Officers' Council will meet next Friday at 3 p.m. at the Harnack House to discuss Volksfest funding and operations. Guest speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Gard of the Public Affairs Office.

Skaters tread on thin ice

Have you considered going ice skating on some of the city's many lakes and ponds this winter? Well, don't unless it has been specifically established as an ice skating area by the appropriate German authorities.

German law states: "Whoever sets foot on frozen water surfaces does this at his own risk. Parents and other authorized supervisory persons who do not try by all means to prevent children from stepping on frozen surfaces of lakes are neglecting their supervisory duties."

Mortarmen display their skills

by Ralph Callaway

The final days of December included a week and a day of hard training for the Berlin Brigade's 4.2 inch mortar platoons when they travelled to Baumholder to participate in the 8th Infantry Division's Exercise MORTEX II.

The week involved the loading of all the equipment and vehicles peculiar to a heavy mortar platoon: Gamma goats, camouflage nets, plotting boards, sticks and even C-rations. After the equipment went the men, with the 3rd Battalion leading the departure on the 13th by train for the Baumholder Major Training Area.

That covers the week. Yet as hard as it was, it was only a sample of what would happen on the testing day.

MORTEX II was 22 hours of realistic combat train-

On the cover . . .

Platoon Sergeant Alvin Williams (facing camera) assists a squad of his platoon in properly setting up their mortar during exercise MORTEX II. Williams and his men are assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry.

(Photo by Ralph Callaway)



SNOW & COLD — Members of Staff Sergeant Harry Holloway's squad cluster around their mortar during MORTEX II. Snow and cold made for rough going during the six days of training and testing.

(Photo by Ralph Callaway)

ing and testing covering all problems that a mortarman may be called upon to face: defense, attack and delaying moves.

Starting with a simulation of a platoon in a defensive position, the men of the battalions moved from an assembly area out to a simulated firing position, where they were graded on their response in camouflage, movement discipline and speed of setting up in the field. Before they were really settled, they were told to move again, and then again, simulating a platoon falling back in a delaying action.

Finally they went to a mortarman's favorite activity—live fire simulating an attack. Here the emphasis was on perfection—if you don't fire perfectly in simulated combat, you can't do it in the real thing.

Following the daylight portion of the exercise, the men were given a gunner's examination. This is a test of the basics that a gunner should know to fire accurately every time. Here, too, the brigade showed its fine level of training, with at least one man, Private First Class Ronald Smalls, qualifying as an expert in spite of the late hour of the test.

After the examination, a short break was taken for hot food brought out to them in the field. Then it was into night operations.

In night operations the emphasis is basically the same, but with a few things added to make it interesting. The men must make their moves, both on and off the road, with a minimum of light, often driving at less than five miles an hour. Once in position, they must work in virtual darkness and as quietly as possible and still accomplish their mission as quickly as they can.

All the Berlin platoons were at least close to perfection during the exercise, for they all impressed the members of the MORTEX committee. A frequent comment from committee members was that they didn't expect ground-mounted platoons to be able to compare favorably with the mechanized units that are stationed in western Europe.

Receiving special praise during the final debriefing was Sergeant Stephen Slaughter of the 3rd Battalion. His skill as the senior Forward Observer for his platoon earned him the acclaim of being "the best FO I've seen in USAREUR" from one of the graders.

MORTEX II is over, and the men made it home in time for Christmas. The week was a hard one, the testing day even harder, but the brigade acquitted itself well. Now the heavy mortararmen are waiting for the 1974 contest. Their objective—to take the top three positions, of course.

Frankfurt-bound? Read this before you go!

In our last issue, we ran an article on how to get around Frankfurt, West Germany, once you get there by train or car. (Observer, Dec. 21, page 5, "Frankfurt: what to do once you're there.") The V Corps Information Office tells us that we were given some wrong information by our sources in Frankfurt.

To get to the PX Shopping Center from the Hauptbahnhof (train station), take streetcar A3 or A4, and get off at Miquel-Adickesallee. The same stop is for the transient billets. Tickets are sold by machine: a single ticket costs 80 pfennigs and must be validated automatically before boarding the streetcar. Lines A3 and A4 become subways after leaving the Bahnhof.

We said the taxi fare to the PX would be about DM 5. V Corps says it'll cost you DM 6-8.

Lodgings are plentiful in Frankfurt—and expensive. If you plan to use civilian lodgings, says V Corps, you should check with the USO booth at the Bahnhof or a hotel office. As for military hotels, forget we ever mentioned the Miquel Arms, and don't rely too much on the Ambassador Arms. The latter "normally is full, and getting accommodations there on leave or pass are slim." You will find the Ambassador Arms on Siolistrasse across from Frankfurt American High School. Take U-Bahn A2 from the Bahnhof, but disregard our instructions to get off at the eighth stop.

More on military buses: a military bus departs the 97th General Hospital, stops at the Transient Billets and ends its run at Rhein-Main Airport. It is scheduled to depart the Ambassador Arms at 9:30 a.m. and at 3 p.m. It returns from the airport at 10:30 a.m. and at 4:10 p.m.

V Corps tells us that "even in Frankfurt, the poster which shows train departures is marked Abfahrt," not Ankunft as we reported. Buses and trains run from the Bahnhof to Rhein-Main Airport. We're told that there is probably no supplementary ticket (Zuschlag) required to ride on a D-Zug (or D-train). Supplementary charges may be required on the faster F-trains, but the charge will depend on the distance traveled.

LS guards save people, building from blaze

Thanks to quick thinking on the part of several Labor Service Battalion guards, the safety of many people and a building were insured.

At 1 a.m. on December 11, LS-4 Kurt M. Zimmerman was guarding his post at Andrews Barracks when he noticed the glare of a fire in a third floor apartment across the street. He immediately notified his supervisor, LS-6 Wolfgang L. Grund, who in turn notified the military police and the fire brigade.

Grund and LS-4 Leontin Drowski went to the building and climbed a fence to reach the entrance to the apartment house. Discovering that the door was locked, they went into a bar located in the same building and got the proprietor to unlock the back door for them. They knocked on several doors trying to locate the fire and alerting all the occupants.

They finally discovered the origin of the fire in an elderly woman's apartment. As the woman slept, one of the rooms was ablaze from glowing ashes which had

fallen from a stove onto the carpet. Because of the smoke and the size of the fire they were unable to put out the fire themselves. However, they did close all the windows and doors to prevent a draft from making the fire any worse.

Grund and Drowski then ordered the tenants to vacate the building. In the meantime, the MPs and the fire brigade arrived and extinguished the fire.

The building contained eight apartments and was occupied by 12 persons at the time. About 30 people were in the bar when the fire broke out. According to the marshall of the fire brigade, the quick response and actions of the men resulted in the prevention of serious property damage and the saving of many persons from possible injury or death.

For their action, all three men have been nominated for the Special Act Award and Grund and Drowski have been nominated for the Outstanding Civilian Service Award.

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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 month. For information, call AA at 832-4439 or Military 4129.

Commissary Express Line limit

A reminder: The Commissary Express Line checkout counter is strictly for customers purchasing 12 items or less. Customers with more than 12 items will not be allowed through the Express Line.

School closing announcements on AFN

All parents are advised that at any time adverse weather or other conditions may warrant the closing of the American military dependent schools, an official announcement will be made on the morning news over AFN radio. AFN radio announcements will be the only official source to announce unscheduled closing of either the Berlin American High School or the Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School. Telephone inquiries to the respective schools are discouraged and should not be made.

Kinder Keller advisory meeting

The Kinder Keller Nursery is having an Open Advisory Council meeting at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in the Main Ball Room of the Harnack House. Interested parents are invited to attend and participate in the discussion. The nursery will remain open until 10 p.m. to accommodate parents who wish to leave their children, and for a tour of the nursery if desired.

'It's Your Move' Tuesday

The film *It's Your Move* will be presented Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Steward Theater, Hospital. This film portrays the entitlements and responsibilities of DoD personnel shipping or storing household goods and is highly recommended for all personnel who will be departing in the near future. Much useful information may be obtained from this movie and dependent wives are urged to attend with their sponsors.

U. Md. undergraduate courses

Have you thought about beginning or continuing work toward a college degree? The University of Maryland offers a wide variety of undergraduate courses that can help you achieve your goal. The University offers courses during off-duty hours in such subjects as art, business, German language, government, history, law enforcement, psychology and many others.

Registration for the third term at U. of Md. is now in progress and will continue until Jan. 18. The third term will run from Jan. 21 till March 16. The cost per semester for personnel receiving tuition assistance is \$21; for full-paying students, \$84. Matriculation fee is \$15.

For information, call Berlin Military 6919, or visit any of the following Army Education Centers: McNair Barracks, Building 1001-D, Room 329; Andrews Barracks, Building 912; Berlin Brigade Headquarters, Building 4 Room 403.

On-duty NCO speech classes

Two on-duty speech classes for NCOs will be conducted by the Army Education Center beginning Jan. 21-22. Two hours of college credit will be awarded for successful completion of the final examination. A class will meet at McNair Education Center on Mondays and Wednesdays and at Andrews Education Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes meet 3-5 p.m. To register for the class at McNair, call 3120, and for the class at Andrews, 3162.

Society of 1st Infantry Division

The Berlin Chapter of the Society of the First Infantry Division will hold a general membership meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Special Dining Room at the Harnack House. If you served with the First Infantry Division or First Division (Army) or served in units assigned or attached to the division at any time, you are eligible for membership. Call CSM Wise at 6445 and make your reservations. Combat slides from Vietnam will be shown and cocktails and snacks will be available. Dress is informal.

BANC meets for coin collectors

The next regular meeting of the Berlin American Numismatic Club will be held next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Harnack House. The meeting is open to all persons in the American, British and French communities interested in coin collecting. A coin auction and coin trading session will follow the short business meeting.

NCO Association meeting

The Divided City Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association will hold a general membership meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the audio-visual room at the Thomas A. Roberts School. The chapter will elect two members to the board of trustees and a new chapter chairman. Members' wives are invited to attend to learn about the ladies auxiliary, which will be organized soon.

The new officers will be installed at a trustee's dinner Feb. 1 at the Gator Club, McNair Barracks. Tickets for the dinner at \$4 each will go on sale at Thursday's meeting.

Andrews German courses start

Afternoon and evening German classes start at the Language Lab, Andrews Education Center, Building 903 East Wing next week. The German classes will be: Book I Beginning will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 15-March 21; Book I, Advanced, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Jan. 15-March 21; and Book I, Advanced, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., Jan. 14-March 20. Call 3563 for registration.

AYA teen disco dance tomorrow

A teen disco dance will be held tomorrow 7-11 p.m. at the AYA House on Huetttenweg. Admission is 50 cents plus AYA card.

'Class of '44'

"HEY, GUYS, I just got kicked out of college!" Oskie gloats over the prospects of joining the Army and going to war in *The Class of '44*.

(Warner Bros., Inc. photo)



by The Synopsizer

CLASS OF '44 — rated PG. Adults 75 cents, children 35 cents. The Class of '44 faced a bleak future. The war was on and the mood of the country was low and gray. Three high-spirited youths on the threshold of maturity begin to realize that the care-free life they have known is about to end. Starring Gary Grimes and Jerry Houser.

PRIME CUT — revival rated R. Lee Marvin has a job he can relish: he's a steel-hard enforcer for a rackets syndicate. Marvin is called upon to lean on Gene Hackman's Kansas City operation and quite a few people get damaged before the final bloody confrontation. Short subject: "Northern Venture."

A REFLECTION OF FEAR, rated PG. A teenage girl living with her mother in a secluded spot becomes a participant in a terrifying murder mystery. Her father, his mistress, or a boy named Aaron could be behind the sinister events. The mature theme of the

picture is not suitable for children or young people. Starring Sally Kellermen and Robert Shaw.

THE LEGEND OF BOGGY CREEK, Rated G. The story is based on the actual experience of residents of Fauke, Arkansas, who have encountered a legendary swamp monster. The mysterious creature is said to be seven feet tall, intelligent and 250 pounds in weight. The tense story is complimented by some stunning photography of the area's primitive and beautiful swamplands. True story.

THE TRAIN ROBBERS — revival rated PG. Adults 75 cents, children 35 cents. John Wayne agrees to help an attractive widow into Mexico to recover money stolen by her husband which she wants to return to the railroad. Their party is shadowed by the gang of trainrobbers who have other ideas about the money. There's action, suspense, mystery, humor and even romance in this Wayne adventure. Also starring Margret and Rod Taylor.

MOTION PICTURES

Week of January 11 through January 17

OUTPOST Fri Lady Ice (PG), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Sat Children's Matinee The Big Mouth (G), 2:30 p.m. Sat The Neptune Factor (G) Sun Class Of '44 (PG), Inc. Adm., 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Mon Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Tue Prime Cut (R), 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Wed A Reflection Of Fear (PG), 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Thu The Train Robbers (PG), Adv. Adm.	COLISEUM Fri Carnal Knowledge (R), 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Sat Buck And The Preacher (PG), 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Sun Lady Ice (PG), Inc. Adm., 2:30, 7 p.m. Mon Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 7 p.m. Tue The Neptune Factor (G), 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Wed Class Of '44 (PG), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Thu Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 7 p.m.	COLUMBIA Fri Class Of '44 (PG), Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Sat Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 6:30, 8:30 p.m.	JERBOA Jerboa Cinema will be closed until about January 28. ASTRA Monday-Friday 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 6 and 8:30 p.m., unless otherwise stated Fri Tom Sawyer (U) Sat Same show as above Sat Children's Matinee at 2 p.m. Raising A Riot (U), also Master Of Venus, Ep. 7 Sun Steptoe And Son Ride Again (A) Mon Same show as above Tue The French Connection (X)	Sun Prime Cut (R), 6:30, 8:30 p.m. Mon A Reflection Of Fear (PG), 7 p.m. Tue The Train Robbers (PG), Inc. Adm., 7 p.m. Wed Same show as above, Inc. Adm., 7 p.m. Thu The Legend Of Boggy Creek (G), 7 p.m.	Wed Buck And The Preacher (AA) Thu Mutiny On The Bounty (A) <i>L'Airglon</i> French Movie Theater Quartier Napoleon on Kurt-Schumacher-Damm Sat La Derniere Bourree Paris, 8:30 p.m., starring Patricia Lesaux, Tony Kendal Sun Same show as above 3 p.m. Sun Un homme A Respector, 8:30 p.m. starring Kirk Douglas, Florida Bolkan Tue L'He Au Tresor, 8:30 p.m., starring Orson Welles, Kim Burfield Wed Mission Impossible, 3 p.m., starring Lee Remick, Martin Landau Thu La Canonniere Du Soul, 8:30 p.m., starring Steve McQueen, Richard Attenborough
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CHANNEL 12
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FRIDAY (January 11) 4:30 Early Report 4:35 Kidsville 5:15 Animal World "The Great Red Apes" 5:40 Iron Horse "Town Full Of Fear" 6:30 The Evening Report 7:10 The Ghost And Mrs. Muir "Love Is A Toothache" 7:35 Chronicle 8:00 Town Crier 8:05 The Lloyd Bridges Show "The Miracle Of Mesa Verde" 8:30 Here Come The Brides "Log Jam" 9:20 The Outcasts "Alligator King" 10:10 The Nightly News 10:30 Dean Martin Presents Music Country 11:20 The Tonight Show 12:20 Sherlock Holmes Film Festival "Terror By Night"	SATURDAY 9:30 Captain Kangaroo 10:25 Flintstones 10:50 Sesame Street 11:45 Roy Rogers 12:10 Daniel Boone "The Hostage" 1:00 Weekend Report 1:05 The AFN Television Saturday Afternoon Sports — see sports page for details 6:05 The Bill Anderson Show 6:30 Weekend Report Beverly Hillbillies "The South Will Rise Again"	7:05 Rawhide "The Golden House" 7:55 Town Crier 8:00 The Bill Cosby Show "The Poet" 8:25 Wild, Wild West 9:15 The Johnny Cash Show 10:05 Double Feature Theater "Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid" and "The Uninhibited" 11:30 "The Uninhibited" SUNDAY 11:15 Christopher Closeup "Nanette Fabray For Deaf People" 11:25 Sacred Heart "1000th Broadcast Anniversary Show" 11:40 Lamp Unto My Feet — Special "China Perspective Part I" 12:10 Great Decisions '73 "The Common Market" 12:35 On Campus "Year For Action" 1:00 Weekend Report 1:05 Sunday Sports 3:00 Three Passports To Adventure "Zamboanga Adventure" 3:25 Information Special — to be announced 3:50 Cities: Our Next Frontier 4:15 The Early Movie "Topper Takes A Trip" 5:40 Wackiest Ship In The Army "Brother Love"	6:30 Weekend Report 6:40 The Law And Mr. Jones "The Storyville Gang" 7:05 The Ed Sullivan Show 7:55 Town Crier 8:00 Love On A Rooftop 8:25 Bonanza "Shadow Of A Hero" 9:15 The New Bill Cosby Comedy Hour 10:05 Sunday Night At The Movies "Gunfight At Red Sands" MONDAY 4:30 Early Report 4:35 Kidsville 5:15 Sesame Street 6:05 Range Rider 6:30 Evening Report 7:10 Making Good In America — Special 8:00 Town Crier 8:05 Sanford And Son 8:30 Monday Night At The Movies "Captain Fury" 9:45 Johnny Mann 10:10 Nightly News 10:30 Ann-Margret Special 11:20 One Step Beyond 11:45 Jazz Scene TUESDAY 4:30 Early Report 4:35 Kidsville 5:15 Animal World 5:40 The Undersea Of Jacques Cousteau — Special — "The Unexpected Voyage of Pepto and Cristobal" 6:30 Evening Report	7:10 Here's Lucy 7:35 Answer Line 8:00 Town Crier 8:05 Zane Grey Theatre 8:30 Defenders 9:20 Bracken's World 10:10 Nightly News 10:30 Soul 11:20 TBA WEDNESDAY 4:30 Early Report 4:35 Kidsville 5:15 New Zoo Revue 5:40 Daniel Boone 6:30 Evening Report 7:10 I dream Of Jeannie 7:35 Wednesday Night At The Movies "Topper Returns" 9:05 Focal Point 9:20 Naked City 10:10 Nightly News 10:30 Ice Palace 11:20 Mid-Night Potpourri "Frankenstein" (Acts I and II) THURSDAY 4:30 Early Report 4:35 Kidsville 5:15 Dusty's Treehouse 5:40 Bonanza 6:30 Evening Report 7:10 Room 222 7:35 Doris Day Show 8:00 Town Crier 8:05 All In The Family 8:30 Mod Squad 9:20 The Rogues 10:10 Nightly News 10:30 Glen Campbell Good Time Hour 11:20 Thursday Night Sports Special
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Holiday on Ice starts tonight

Greetings and salutations! How has the new year been treating you so far? Congratulations to all those who've not yet broken their New Year's resolutions and a big welcome-to-the-club to those that have made all the same mistakes again already. I sure hope, however that the one mistake of not taking advantage of the many things Berlin has to offer won't be made too often in 1974.

It might surprise you, but beginning today it's holiday time again. Don't worry, your calendar isn't wrong. What I mean is that the super ice show "Holiday on Ice" has its premiere in the new Ice Sport Hall on Jaffestrasse in the immediate vicinity of the Deutschlandhalle tonight. This Ice Hall opened at the end of last year and is to take the place of the Sportpalast, which was regrettably closed last year.

Anyway, the talented American Ted Shuffle has put a show together which is designed to have something for everyone. Skating stars from the USA, England, Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia are lined up. The well-shaped International Hol' Iceers, as the chorus is called, are great eye-pleasers in the many imaginative costumes they'll wear throughout the evening.

Two favorite comedians from the States, Sam Houston and Bill Wall, will do their best to keep the ranks in stitches. And then there will be a couple of characters out of the world of comics that have come to life — Asterix and Obelix.

Secret stars

But the secret stars of the newest Holiday produc-

tion is the Mueller Family — Judy, nine years old, Congo six and Candy four. Those three are quite hairy types that can quickly loose their temper and bite, but for chimpanzees that isn't so abnormal. Werner and Denise Mueller started this monkey business 10 years ago when an adorable little chimpanzee was out for adoption. Their number in this show is full of tricks and includes a bull fight on the ice (I wonder how they taught the bull to skate...).

Why not go on this holiday and let yourself be dazzled for a couple of hours? The first show tonight is at 8 p.m. Tomorrow and next Saturday it begins at 3 and 8 p.m. On Sunday performances are at 2 and 6 p.m. and all through the week at 8 p.m. An additional afternoon show is at 3 p.m. on the 16th of January. "Holiday on Ice" is in Berlin only until the 19th of this month. Ticket prices begin at DM 6. Youngsters up to 14 years of age pay only half at the matinees. You can get your tickets through the PX ticket agency or directly at the box office of the Deutschlandhalle (open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Flamenco

The sound of castanets, clapping hands, stomping feet and guitars will dominate in the Hochschule für Musik on Hardenbergstrasse tonight and tomorrow night when the "Fiesta Gitana '74" brings hot Spanish rhythm to cold and damp Berlin. The Spanish gypsy Flamenco festival features top singers, dancers and musicians who have been gathered together just for this show. There are still some tickets available for the 8 p.m. performances. Olé!



FIESTA GITANA

... hot Spanish rhythms tonight at the Hochschule für Musik.

Cultural Events Around Town...



DEUTSCHE OPER BERLIN

Bismarckstrasse
Tel: 3 43 81

January 11, 7:30 p.m. — Cavalleria Rusticana/Il Bajazzo (in Italian)
January 12, 7 p.m. — Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)
January 13, 8 p.m. — Das Rheingold
January 14, 7 p.m. — Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)
January 15, 8 p.m. — Die Dorfsängerinnen
January 16, 7:30 p.m. — Der Türke in Italien
January 17, 7:30 p.m. — Cavalleria rusticana/Il Bajazzo (in Italian)
January 18, 7:30 p.m. — Hänsel und Gretel
January 19, 7:30 p.m. — Tosca (in Italian)
January 20, 8 p.m. — Ballet Premiere: Pelleas und Melisande/Der Holzgeschnitzte Prinz
January 21, 6 p.m. — Siegfried
January 22, 7:30 p.m. — Lulu
January 23, 7 p.m. — Aida (in Italian)
January 24, 7:30 p.m. — Der Türke in Italien
January 25, 8 p.m. — Ballet Night: Pelleas und Melisande/Der Holzgeschnitzte Prinz
January 26, 6:30 p.m. — Die Frau ohne Schatten
January 27, 3:30 p.m. — Cavalleria rusticana/Il Bajazzo PRIVATE PERFORMANCE
January 28, 7:30 p.m. — Der Türke in Italien
January 29, 7 p.m. — Aida (in Italian)
January 30, 7 p.m. — Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)
January 31 — Ballet Night
Program is subject to change.

THEATER DES WESTENS

Kantstrasse 12
Tel: 313 72 50/93 20

Until February 2, daily at 8 p.m. — Irma La Douce. No performance on Mondays. Sunday performances begin at 7 p.m.



PHILHARMONIE
Tiergarten, Kemperplatz
Tel: 261 43 83

January 11, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Carlo Maria Giulini. Schumann — Mahler
January 12, 8 p.m. — Radio Symphony Orchestra Berlin. Conductor: Aram Chachaturian. Chachaturian Program
January 14, 15, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Carlo Maria Giulini. Shostakovich — Tchaikovsky
January 16, 8 p.m. — Ivan Rebhoff
January 19, 20, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and Singing Academy Berlin. Conductor: Hans Hilsdorf. Brahms: German Requiem
January 23, 9 p.m. — Demis Roussos
January 25, 8 p.m. — DAS Symphony Orchestra Berlin. Conductor: George Singer. Tchaikovsky Program
January 27, 11 a.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Schönberg — Bartok
January 30, 31, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Zubin Mehta. Nordheim — Chopin — Tchaikovsky
February 2, 8 p.m. — DAS Symphony Orchestra Berlin. Conductor: George Singer. Mozart — Kempter — Liszt — Bizet — Rossini
February 3, 4, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Zubin Mehta. Stravinsky — Tchaikovsky — Elgar
February 9, 8 p.m. — DAS Symphony Orchestra Berlin. Conductor: George Singer. Beethoven Program
February 10, 8 p.m. — DAS Symphony Orchestra Berlin. Conductor: George Singer. Strauss Program

SCHLOSSPARK THEATER

Steglitz, Schloss Strasse 48
Tel: 791 12 13

January 11, 17, 7:30 p.m. — Sonny-Boys
January 12, 7:30 p.m. — Wecken Sie Madame nicht auf
January 13, 7:30 p.m. — Die Zofen
January 14, 7:30 p.m. — Die Letzten
January 15, 16, 7:30 p.m. — Die neuen Leiden des jungen W.

ON THE HOMEFRONT (cont...)

JAZZ & ROCK CONCERT
On January 15 Steglitz will be playing host to the Bucknell University Jazz and Rock ensemble. The group will offer a free concert in the Albert Schweizer Haus, Am Eichgarten 14 (near bus lines 4, 17, 83, 81, 2, 32). Concert begins at 8 p.m. and reservations are not needed.
CHESS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
In response to your interest expressed through our questionnaire we're forming a chess club. The organizational meeting for the club will be held Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the KONTAKT Keller. Pass the word to those chess enthusiasts you know

to help launch the club and tell them to bring a chess set with them.
BARBER SHOP QUARTET SOCIETY
Did you know Berlin has what is the only European chapter of the SPEBSQSA? Great huh? Well it does and it is looking for new members. German as well as American. So if you want to come and see about joining the Berlin SPEBSQSA drop by the Harnack House any Wednesday at 8 p.m. By the way SPEBSQSA stands for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (and seems "in Europe" now). We recommend it to anyone interested in singing and good times.

RADIO

Saturday

(January 12)
0:00 World News and Markets
0:05 Night Beat
1:05 Night Time Experience
3:05 Bill Stewart
4:00 Fire Report
4:05 Bill Stewart
5:00 Jimmy Wakely Show
5:55 This is AFN
6:05 C & W Hit Parade
6:55 Road Conditions Report
7:00 News, Sports and Markets
7:15 Notes from Nashville
7:30 Service Scene
8:05 Morning Request Show
9:05 Jim Pewter Show
10:00 World News
10:05 Jeannie McWells
11:00 World News
11:05 #1 Country

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12:00 News and Sports
12:15 Jim Hawthorne's Comedy Theater
12:45 Any Questions?
1:05 American Top 40
2:00 Weekend World
6:00 World News and Comments
6:10 Sports Journal
6:30 New Breed (TASCOM)
6:45 This is Germany
7:00 World News
7:05 Continental Country
7:05 Carmen Dragon Classical Music (FM)
8:00 World News
8:05 Continental Country
8:05 Music From Hollywood (FM)
9:00 News, Comment, Special Announcement Summary
9:15 Stateside Sports Standby Schedule
9:15 Bill Stewart Show
11:05 The Young Sound

Sunday

0:05 Night Beat
1:05 Johnnie Darin Show
2:00 It's Your Life
2:05 American Top 40
3:05 Bobby Troup Show
4:00 The American Hall of Fame
4:05 Young Sound
5:55 This is AFN
6:05 Just Music
6:55 Road Condition Report
7:05 East of Eden
7:30 Viva
8:05 AFN Tree House
9:00 World News
9:05 Protestant Hour
9:30 Crossroads
10:00 News and Sports Scoreboard
10:10 Music for the Soul
10:35 Salt Lake Choir
11:05 Carmen Dragon Show
12:05 Finch Bandwagon
1:00 World News

1:10 Sports Scoreboard
1:30 From Broadway to Hollywood
2:00 Weekend World
6:00 World News and Comments
6:10 Sports Journal
6:30 Golden Days of Radio
6:55 Fire Report
7:00 World News
7:05 Jazz Poetry and the Girl
8:00 World News
8:05 Dionne-Lady Great
8:05 Philadelphia Orchestra (FM)
8:50 This is Living
9:00 World News / Special Announcement Summary
9:05 Sunday Showcase (FM)
9:05 Stateside Sports Standby Schedule
9:05 The Young Sound
11:05 Just Music

Golden Sound of stereo with news at 1:00; 3:00; 6:00; 7:00-7:15; 8:00; 9:00; 10:00; 11:00; 12:00-12:15; 1:00; 2:00; 3:00; 4:00; 5:00; 6:00-6:30 News & Sports; 6:30-6:45 Berlin In Review; 7:00 News; 7:05 Carmen Dragon; 8:00 News; 8:05 From Broadway to Hollywood; 9:00 News; 9:05 Golden Sound; 10:00 News; 11:00 News; 12:00 News.

Golden Sound of stereo with hourly news and at 7:05 Light Classics; 8:05 Philadelphia Symphony; 9:00 News; 9:05 Showcase. News every hour on the hour and the Golden Sound in stereo filling out the hours.

Weekdays

0:05 Wolfman Jack
1:00 News followed by the Golden Sound (FM)
1:05 Nightbeat
1:05 Bob Kingsley Show
1:30 News followed by the Golden Sound (FM)
1:30 Roland Bynum
1:30 Soul Show
1:30 Town and Country
1:35 This is AFN
1:35 News, Sports and Special Announcements
1:35 Good Morning, with Jim Towner
1:35 Golden Sound (FM)
1:35 Road Conditions Report
1:35 Berlin News, with John Proffitt
1:35 Berlin "A. M." — regional news (Monday — Berlin In Review) FM

7:00 The Seven O'Clock Report
7:30 Good Morning, with Jim Towner, continued
7:30 Berlin Bulletin Board (FM)
7:35 Golden Sound (FM)
8:00 News (FM)
8:05 Golden Sound (FM)
8:45 Listen, Ladies
9:00 News (FM)
9:05 Golden Sound (FM)
9:05 Charlie Tuna
10:00 News (FM)
10:05 Oldies but Goodies
10:05 Karl Haas, Adventures in Good Music (Mon-Fri on AFN-FM)

11:00 News (FM)
11:05 Latin-American Music
11:30 Golden Sound (FM)
11:30 Ed Tooma Show
12:00 News, Sports and Special Announcements
12:15 Ed Tooma Show, continued
12:15 Golden Sound with news on the hour (FM)
12:20 Road Conditions Report
1:05 Don Tracy Soul Show
2:05 Gene Price's Country World
3:05 Right On!

4:05 John Proffitt Show
5:40 Sports Journal
6:00 The Six O'Clock Report, with Today in Europe
6:30 Nightside
6:30 Golden Sound with news on the hour (FM)
8:25 Paul Harvey News
8:35 Viewpoint
9:05 Drama
9:05 Concert Hall with John Proffitt (Mon-Fri on AFN-FM)
9:30 American Music Hall
10:00 Ten O'Clock Report
10:00 World News and Sports with Special Announcements (FM)
10:30 Old Gold — Retold
10:30 Golden Sound with news on the hour (FM)
11:05 The Pete Smith Show

ON THE HOME FRONT...

ALL AMERICAN SERVICE CLUB
Fri (January 11) — 8 p.m. — Couples and Singles Games
Sat 2 p.m. — AASC vs Hi-Lite in Pinochle Tournament at Hi-Lite
8 p.m. — Wonderful Women
8 p.m. — Coffee Call
Sun 10 a.m. — Pinochle Tournament
1:15 p.m. — Tour to Charlottenburg Castle
5 p.m. — Sunday Supper
7 p.m. — Sunday Night at Home
8 p.m. — Learn to Play Pinochle
Tue — closed
Wed 7:30 p.m. — NFL Film
8 p.m. — Fussball Tournament
Thu 7 p.m. — Practice for 14.1 Pocket Billiards Tournament
8 p.m. — Kitchen Kraze

CLUB 50
Fri (January 11) — 9 p.m.-1 a.m. — The Prophets
Sat 8 p.m.-1 a.m. — Country Squires
Sun 7-11 p.m. — Pacific Stones
STARLIGHT GROVE
Fri (January 11) — 8 p.m.-midnight — Western Union
Sat 8 p.m.-midnight — Sun Explosion
HARNACK HOUSE
Fri (January 11) — 8:30 p.m.-0:30 a.m. — Pacific Stones
Sat 8:30 p.m.-0:30 a.m. — Fred Nopper Trio
Wed 5:30-8:30 p.m. — Nashville Express

ATTENTION NUMISMATISTS
The next regular meeting of the Berlin American Numismatic Club will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Harnack House. The meeting is open to all persons in the American, British and French communities interested in coin collecting. A coin auction and coin trading session will follow the short business meeting.
MONTHLY HI-BYE
Start the New Year off right with some of the Berlin Brigade's finest: Join the Provost Marshal Division for the January Brigade Staff Hi-Bye at the Harnack House on January 31 at 5:15 p.m.
KONTAKT
Fri (January 11) — Dining at "Alter Krug"
3-6 p.m. — Cooking. Gaswerke Tauentzienstrasse
Sat 8 p.m. — Folk Song Evening, Amerika Haus

HI-LITE SERVICE CLUB
Fri (January 11) — 8 p.m. — Newly Wed Game
Sat 2 p.m. — Pinochle Tourney Hi-Lite vs All American Service Club
Sun 9:30 a.m. — Coffee Call
10 a.m. — Eggs and Sausages
11 a.m. — Pinochle Tourney
1 p.m. — Charlottenburg Schloss and Egyptian Museum
8 p.m. — Films
Tue — closed
Wed 7:30 p.m. — Discussion of Rules and Regulations for USAREUR 14.1 Billiards Tourney
Thu 7:30 p.m. — Stamp Club Meeting
8 p.m. — You Call It Games
Thu 7 p.m. NFL Films
7:30 p.m. — USAREUR 14.1 Billiards — Service Club Elimination

5:30 p.m. — Beginners' Saddle Club Onkel Toms Hütte
Tue 8 p.m. — Bucknell Rock and Jazz Concert, Albert Schweizer Haus Am Eichgarten 14
Wed 7:30 p.m. — Chess Organizational Meeting, KONTAKT Keller SPEBSQSA Advanced Saddle Club and Opera "Der Türke in Italien"
Thu 7 p.m. — KONTAKT Keller is open for anyone who may wish to come down and have a few beers, play some monopoly or chess or cards or just sit around and talk.
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE PARTY
The evening of January 19 brings to Berlin and KONTAKT something new and very interesting — a night of international entertainment and native dancing. The emphasis of the evening will be folk dances from a variety of countries as demonstrated by experienced dancers. To provide dance music and general entertainment will be music from many countries, some performed live by professional entertainers who are donating their talents to this particular evening. The evening begins at 8 p.m. in the Amerika Haus and you should come prepared for an international evening of unprecedented nature. You should also come prepared to step out and try a folk dance from Greece or perhaps Scotland or maybe Israel or possibly Yugoslavia or Spain or the Orient or perhaps Polynesia. It's all possible and it's all enjoyable at the KONTAKT International Folk Dance Party on the 19th.

JAZZ & ROCK CONCERT
On January 15 Steglitz will be playing host to the Bucknell University Jazz and Rock ensemble. The group will offer a free concert in the Albert Schweizer Haus, Am Eichgarten 14 (near bus lines 4, 17, 83, 81, 2, 32). Concert begins at 8 p.m. and reservations are not needed.
CHESS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
In response to your interest expressed through our questionnaire we're forming a chess club. The organizational meeting for the club will be held Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the KONTAKT Keller. Pass the word to those chess enthusiasts you know

commander's corner

Brigade has proven professionalism

I am pleased to begin the New Year by commending all personnel in the Berlin Brigade for both the personal and professional standards attained during 1973. Demonstrated performance in all the myriad facets of the Berlin Soldier's duty requirements, from guard to tactical training; from athletic competition to military ceremonies, has reached the truly professional level.

Command involvement at all levels and soldier response to the holiday activity program combined to bring the year to a fitting, successful conclusion. The very few incidents experienced by the brigade during the holiday

period pays tribute to the maturity and team spirit of the Berlin Soldier as well as to each link in the chain of command.

Having already attained commendable standards of professionalism, I hereby charge each member of the Berlin Brigade to achieve the unparalleled standards of which you are capable in each field of endeavor during 1974.

ROBERT D. STEVENSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

U.S. buses will visit British, French PXs

Beginning tomorrow, the Berlin Brigade Transportation Division will provide bus service to the French Economat (PX) and the British NAAFI. Service will be three times weekly, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, according to the following schedule:

Dep Andrews Bks Swimming Pool	9:00
Dep McNair Bks Bakery	9:10
Dep Shopping Center Bus Terminal	9:30
Arr French Economat	10:00
Dep French Economat	11:00
Arr British NAAFI	11:15
Dep British NAAFI	12:15
Arr Shopping Center Bus Terminal	12:30
Arr McNair Bks Bakery	12:50
Arr Andrews Bks Swimming Pool	1:00

Services to honor King's birthday Jan. 15

To commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., there will be a special service at Andrews Barracks Chapel Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The 40-minute service will be open to all U. S. military and civilian personnel. A special bus will provide transportation from the Shopping Center parking lot at 12:50 and from McNair Barracks Chapel at 1 p.m.

There will also be a service at the American Community Chapel on Hüttenweg at 9 a.m. for dependents, students and others who may not be able to attend the afternoon service. McNair Barracks Chapel will hold a service at 11 a.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta on Jan. 15, 1929, into a family of middle-class black Americans. His father, Martin Luther King Sr., was a Baptist minister; his mother, Alberta Williams King, a schoolteacher.

King graduated from Morehouse College in 1948 at the age of 19. Three years later he took the Bachelor of Divinity degree at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., graduating at the head of his class, winning the Pearl Plafkner Award for scholarship and the J. Lewis Crozer Fellowship as well.

He entered the Graduate School of Theology at Boston University in 1951 where he studied briefly with Edgar Sheffield Brightman (until his death) and L. Harold DeWolf. He was awarded the Ph. D. degree in systematic theology in 1955.

While studying at Boston University King met Loretta Scott of Marion, Ala., who had graduated from Antioch College and was then studying at the New England Conservatory of Music. They were married in 1953 and became the parents of four children — Yolanda Denise, Martin Luther III, Dexter and Bernice Albertine.

Dr. King was pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., from 1954 until he left Montgomery in 1960. While pastor at Dexter Avenue, King was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which organized a year-long boycott against segregated public transportation in Montgomery.

The boycott was successful, and King was catapulted to prominence in the civil rights struggle of black Americans. In a very short time he became world famous for his nonviolent philosophy in seeking social change.

In 1957 King organized what later became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was elected its president. SCLC, with offices in Atlanta, was the organ-

izational base for Dr. King's civil rights activities after 1960, when he moved to Atlanta to become co-pastor (with his father) of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

King was a principal leader of the historic March on Washington in 1963, and was designated Man of the Year for 1963 by Time Magazine. In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize — the youngest Peace Laureate in history.

For a decade Martin Luther King was world famous as a leader of black Americans in their struggle against discrimination and race prejudice. His campaigns were principally in the South, and he was arrested and jailed on numerous occasions. His life was threatened frequently. His home was bombed.

His confrontations with the raw violence of the police in Birmingham and Selma, Ala., directed world-wide attention to the racism that characterizes much social behavior in America and contributed to the developing image of America as an extraordinarily violent society.

In the spring of 1967, in speeches at the Chicago Coliseum and at Riverside Church in New York, King associated himself with the Vietnam peace movement. His public statements on Vietnam alienated him from other black leaders and resulted in a considerable erosion of his black constituency, who felt that their leadership was being co-opted and that attention was being deflected from the civil rights fight by the peace movement. King was praised and damned in the nation's press for his venture outside the racial struggle.

In the midst of plans for a "Poor People's March on Washington," Martin Luther King made the second of two trips to Memphis to rally support for the garbage collectors there who were on strike for better wages and improved working conditions. While in Memphis, he was murdered by an assassin firing from ambush as he stood on a balcony of the Lorraine Hotel talking with friends and members of his staff. It was the fourth of April, 1968.



CONGRATULATIONS — Brigadier General Robert D. Stevenson (right), commander of the Berlin Brigade, congratulates Mrs. Coville on the selection of her husband (center) to participate in the Army's "Bootstrap" program. (Photo by John Gaines)

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Sarge will hassle professors, not the troops

Platoon Sergeant Arnold A. Coville becomes the first non-commissioned officer from Berlin Brigade to turn in his rifle for a briefcase as he prepares to depart for the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he will complete work on a bachelor of arts degree in history.

While stationed in Berlin, Coville was a participant in Berlin Brigade's on-duty college program for NCOs, which permits career soldiers to earn college credits by attending classes two afternoons a week at the Army Education Center. Coville took nine courses and earned a total of 27 semester hours.

In addition, Coville completed a three-semester-hour

course at the University of Maryland for a total of 30 semester hours, equivalent to one year of full-time study.

Coville will attend the University of Nebraska under the Army's "Bootstrap" program, which allows an individual up to one year to complete his degree at the college of his choice while drawing full pay and allowances.

Wonder what the professor's going to think when Sarge, the only guy in the class with spit-shined sneakers, raises his hand and announces that the answer to question five on the math test is, "Foxtrot divided by X-ray equals 12"!?!