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The Volksfest revue show is one of the highlights from "California — Land of Contrasts"

photo by Ian Graham

'California' Volksfest '84 opens

By Paul White

Anyone who's ever been to California will probably find that the 24th annual German-American Volksfest looks very familiar.

That's because the theme of this year's Volksfest is "California-Land of Contrasts." And from Aug. 2 through Aug. 19 the excitement and diversity of California will be on display. And it's open to anyone in the market for a good time.

Several historical and popular California structures have been reproduced here to set the atmosphere for this year's event. These include the Old Lighthouse, where explorer Juan Cabrillo landed his ship in 1542 and was credited with the discovery of the state, and the Mission San Diego. There will also be a replica of one of San Francisco's famous cable cars.

There will be plenty of rides available, including a giant slide, a ferris wheel, and even a mini roller coaster. And several new foods have been added to the Volksfest menu, such as nacho salad, hot dog with sauerkraut and a "California Burger," jumbo hamburger prepared in a special sauce.

The entertainment schedule will be

highlighted by a Hollywood-style revue show and a country-western act, "Tracy Lee Walker and the Bändeleros." In addition, three local rock bands and a team of breakdancers will also perform for the Volksfest audience.

Admission is 1 DM and the Volksfest will be open daily from 2 p.m. to midnight.

The German-American Volksfest is the largest of its kind in Berlin. According to Chief Warrant Officer 4 L. D. Ott, the Volksfest project officer, last year's 400,000 Volksfest patrons consumed nearly 3,000 cases of American beer, 7,000 liters of German beer and 3,500 cases of soda.

Immediately after last year's Volksfest, hailed as the "Mighty Mississippi," Ott and his crew began preparations for this year's event. The first step was choosing an appropriate theme. The Volksfest committee decided on the California theme and sent it to the commanding general for his approval. Ott explained that the reason they decided to use the California theme was that the 1984 Olympic games are being held in Los Angeles.

This is not the first year that California has served as the theme for a

Volksfest. In 1965, the theme was "Sacramento," in 1969 the Volksfest centered around Los Angeles, and in 1978 the theme was "Old San Francisco."

Once the theme is established and the preliminary preparations have been taken care of, the scenery must be built to the specifications of the Volksfest committee. This chore is handled by Hans Purwin and Co., Hans Purwin KG. This firm is also responsible for the scenery used at the French and British Volksfests. Construction of this year's structures began June 4.

The origin of the Volksfest dates back to 1961. The U.S. Command wanted to put on an event to raise money for the local American youth activities organizations and to provide Germans and Americans in Berlin with a source of entertainment. The first Volksfest had no specific theme, but it offered basically the same type of diverse entertainment today's Volksfest customers enjoy.

On August 13, 1961, however, the Volksfest was suddenly closed, when units of the Soviet Zone "People's Army" assumed position along the Soviet sector boundary dividing it from West Berlin. A few days later the Berlin Wall

was constructed. About 4,000 East Berliners were at the first Volksfest, but the Wall has prevented the majority of East Berliners from attending another one.

The U.S. Command, Berlin has chosen various themes for the Volksfest in order to give Berliners a taste of Americana, both past and present. In 1964, the theme was "The Mayflower" and the highlight of the event was a 3/4 scale replica of the Pilgrim's ship. The Apollo 8 Command Module used in a 1968 moon orbit was displayed in the 1969 Volksfest. And in 1976, Berliners here had a chance to celebrate the American Bicentennial.

Special days have long been a part of Volksfest tradition, and this year is no exception. Each of the six districts in the American sector will enjoy a "District Day," when the commander of the Berlin Brigade and the commanders of the partnership battalions of the six districts entertain couples from each of the districts. Zehlendorf's day is Monday followed by Tempelhof on Tuesday, Schöneberg Thursday, Kreuzberg August 13, Neukölln August 14, and Steglitz August 16.

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Inconsiderate soldiers create noisy barracks

Most soldiers agree the barracks are a noisy place, and that's one thing they don't enjoy about living there.

If individuals would consider the rights of others, and NCOs would stop tolerating those who don't, noise levels would become much more tolerable.

One of the problems is lack of clearly defined policy. A suggested standard might be, if you can hear someone else's music clearly in your room, it's too loud. Common sense should tell the person playing the music how loud to turn the volume.

But in case it doesn't, if someone is asked to turn down their stereo, they shouldn't give the other person a hassle about it. Having a stereo doesn't give anyone a right to offend on someone else's privacy of having the right not to hear someone else's music.

If loud music is what you enjoy, headphones are available at the PX.

No one should have to turn up the volume of their own stereo to drown out the noise from someone else's music in another room, or wear earplugs so they can go to sleep at night.

Suddath commends NCOs

To the NCO's of the Berlin Brigade: On the occasion of my departure from Berlin, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you — the NCO's of the Berlin Brigade.

You have earned — each and every one of you — my highest respect for your military expertise and professionalism, as well as my sincere gratitude for the support you have given this command throughout my term as Brigade Commander. Without your efforts, this Brigade would not have been able to achieve the tough standards that we set

for ourselves over the past two and a half years.

The farewell you gave Carolé and myself will remain a special memory. We both felt honored and proud, and we were truly touched by the thoughtfulness of your gesture. We especially thank you for the lovely gifts which will have a place of honor in our home.

Sincerely,
Leroy N. Suddath, Jr.
Major General, USA
Commanding

Sports Stumper

1. Who was the last non-quarterback and non-running back to win the Heisman Trophy?
2. Who won the NBA Championship in the 1976-77 season?
3. Who were the last two pitchers to hurl complete-game perfect games?
4. What team holds the record for the longest college football winning streak, and how many games in a row did they win?

Last week's answers

1. Elroy Hirsch; 2. Wilbur Wood;
3. Frank Robinson and Carl Yastrzemski; 4. Jim Thorpe.

88 FM Hot Hits List:

- 1) When Doves Cry/Prince
- 2) Ghostbusters/Ray Parker Jr.
- 3) State of Shock/Mick Jagger & Michael Jackson
- 4) What's Love Got To Do With It/Tina Turner
- 5) Sad Songs/Eltón John
- 6) Stuck On You/Lionel Richie
- 7) Panama/Van Halen
- 8) Round And Round/Ratt
- 9) I'm Free/Kenny Loggins
- 10) The First Day Of Summer/Tony Carey

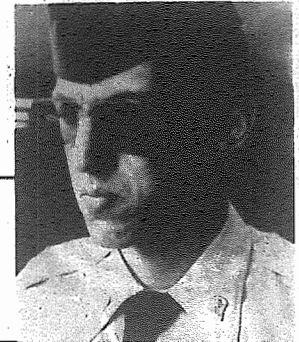
Observations

Now that the weather is getting warmer, what kind of activities do you plan?



Debra Thornton, family member

"I plan to get out a little more and see some of the sights of Berlin. I also want to check out the Volksfest and go to the Wannsee."



Sp4 Jene Behrends, Company A 4/502

"I'll be able to fix up my balcony now, and maybe I'll take a few trips to the Wannsee. I also enjoy walking through the Grunewald and riding my bike."



Sp4 Ronald English, CSC 4/502

"I'm mainly going to go to the Volksfest. You can enjoy yourself there a lot more when the weather is warm."



Helen Bruce, civilian
"Plenty of swimming and plenty of shopping."

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Leader of the band leaves Berlin



BANDMASTER-Chief Warrant Officer 3 David A. Ratliff left Berlin Saturday. He stayed here a few extra days to play for the departure of Maj. Gen. Leroy N. Suddath Jr.

By Mike Warren

Chief Warrant Officer 3 David A. Ratliff, who commanded the Berlin Brigade Band since June 1980, left Berlin Saturday for his next assignment in Fort Dix, N.J. Chief Warrant Officer 2 David M. Smith is the 298th Band's new commander.

Ratliff, a 33-year-old Muncie, Ind., native has been a key person in furthering friendship with the Berlin community. "Chief Ratliff's rapport with the Berlin German community is a high contributing factor to the ongoing German-American friendship," said band member Sp5 Michael P. Herrmann.

SFC John F. Gerding, field first sergeant, amplified that, saying, "He's a good orchestrator as far as the feel of the crowd goes. He knows just which songs to play."

This was Ratliff's second tour in Berlin, and he said "it's been quite an assignment."

He said his two biggest challenges in Berlin were playing for the annual police concert at Deutschland Halle, and managing the band's rigorous schedule.

At the police concerts, he said he had to conduct the Berlin Police Orchestra, the British and French police bands, and several other police bands on several songs.

Ratliff used different themes for the show each year. He's used a "Star Wars" theme, complete with Darth Vader chasing Princess Leia, a big band medley (which the Germans love, he said), and a "Hooked on America" medley which used a "cannon" salute — a shotgun fired into a barrel of sand.

Concerts, of course, are not the only function of the band. It is kept busy preparing for parades and ceremonies, and touring West Germany and several other countries. In addition, the band still must conduct military training. "It got to be a real art to juggle everything," Ratliff said.

Ratliff said the key to running the band is "picking the right people for the right job. Some people are more in tune with a certain job than I am. I try to give them the time to grow professionally and build their confidence."

As the commander of the band, he said there were a few unpleasant duties, such as disciplinary authority, but he said "95 percent of the time it's (commanding the band) not a job. I came into the Army to be involved with music."

He enlisted in the Army in 1972, after graduating from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in music education. In January 1977 he attended the Warrant Officer Bandmaster course at Norfolk, Va.

Ratliff said he has been interested in music since he was in the first grade. "In the fifth grade I had my first chance to pick an instrument and I chose the trumpet. I always took private lessons and practiced two hours a day. I tried to be the best I could be."

Ratliff still dusts off the old trumpet and steps in to help out the brass quartet in a pinch, but he said his future interests are in teaching music in college. "I've also considered opening a music store," he said.

Ratliff said his wife Kay, who also has a musical background and taught music at a pre-school in Berlin, has been "a lot of help."

Co. B soldier grabs 5-502 commo award

by Thomas Powell

When it comes to combat communications, PFC Richard Sattgast is on the right frequency.

Sattgast, a radio specialist assigned to Company B, 5-502 Infantry, recently walked off with the Brigade Commo Shop of the Quarter award, the first time it has gone to the 5th Battalion in more than two years.

What's more, he did it all by himself. "We've competed for this award before," says 5th Battalion communications officer Capt. Earl Peterson, "but each time there was a commo chief present."

This time, however, Sattgast's company commo chief, and E-6, was attending school in West Germany. Selected to represent the battalion on the basis of a post-Wildflecken recovery inspection, Sattgast prepared on his own.

"We worked for a week until nine or ten at night," Sattgast recalls. He and the company wireman, PFC Carl A. Miller, spent their evenings preparing equipment for inspection and putting the company's commo files in order. "Sometimes I couldn't sleep, so I just got out of bed and went back downstairs for more work," he says.

Sattgast faced a three-hour inspection spread across two days. "The first day they looked at the commo shop itself. The main thing was how well we knew our equipment and how prepared the shop looked. The next day they looked at the commo equipment in our tracks and jeeps."

Despite his best efforts, Sattgast, a 19-year-old South Dakotan, didn't think he would win.

"I was surprised. Usually it's a commo chief who wins, someone who's been to school. But it meant a lot to me, and I wanted to see if I could do it."

Peterson claims that Sattgast's "extraordinary" efforts leading up to the competition aren't particularly unusual. "His day-to-day work is equally impressive. This just confirms what type of soldier he really is."

Sattgast, who plans to go to college after returning to South Dakota, received a massive wooden plaque from the Brigade commander for winning the competition. He also earned an Army Achievement Medal.

For now, however, it's back to work with an annual general inspection at the end of the month. Afterwards, Sattgast says, "I expect to compete again."

Fast pitch tourney to be played in Berlin

Nine teams will take part in the Fastpitch Softball Invitational Tournament this weekend at Andrews and McNair Barracks Softball fields. The tournament starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Taking part will be teams from Darmstadt; Hanau; Eschborn; Giessen; Würzburg; Karlsruhe; Grafenwöhr; and

Göppingen, with Berlin's own top team hosting the event.

The championship game is scheduled to take place on Sunday, at Andrews Softball field beginning at 2 p.m. The second game if necessary will follow at 4 p.m.

1984 Volksfest schedule

Friday, Aug. 3

4:00 — Bavarian Folk Music
6:00 — Quiz Show with Guenter Keil
7:00 — Karrisma (Soul)
9:00 — Revue Show

Saturday, Aug. 4

4:00 — Bavarian Folk Music
6:00 — Quiz Show with Guenter Keil
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Sunday, Aug. 5

4:00 — David Well (Folk)
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Monday, Aug. 6

4:00 — Burch & Kyte (Folk)
6:00 — Break Dancing
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Tuesday, Aug. 7

4:00 — Karrisma (Soul)
6:00 — Break Dancing
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Wednesday, Aug. 8

4:00 — Burch & Kyte
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Laura Powers (Folk)
9:00 — Sultan's Treasures (Belly Dance)

Thursday, Aug. 9

4:00 — Berlin Brigade Band
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Friday, Aug. 10

4:00 — Berlin Brigade Band
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — First National Band (Rock)
9:00 — Revue Show

Saturday, Aug. 11

4:00 — Bandoleros
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — First National Band (Rock)
9:00 — Revue Show

Sunday, Aug. 12

4:00 — Karrisma (Soul)
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Monday, Aug. 13

4:00 — First National Band
6:00 — Break Dancers
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Tuesday, Aug. 14

4:00 — Burch & Kyte
6:00 — Break Dancers
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Wednesday, Aug. 15

4:00 — David Wells (Folk)
5:00 — Break Dancers
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Sultan's Treasures (Belly Dance)

Thursday, Aug. 16

4:00 — Berlin Brigade Band
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — Revue Show

Friday, Aug. 17

4:00 — Berlin Brigade Band
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Karrisma
9:00 — Revue Show

Saturday, Aug. 18

4:00 — Laura Powers
6:00 — Quiz Show
7:00 — Bandoleros
9:00 — David Wells (Folk)

'Indiana Jones' packs thrills, excitement

By David Porreca

When "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" makes its English-language Berlin debut today at the Kuli Theater on Kurfürstendamm 206-209, moviegoers will be treated to the most thrilling action film of 1984.

Directed by Steven Spielberg, the guiding genius behind "Jaws" and "E.T.," and based on a story by George Lucas, the mastermind of "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones" is a sequel to 1981's rousing Spielberg-Lucas production, "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

Set in 1935, the film traces the trials and triumphs of archaeologist-adventurer Indiana Jones, played by Harrison Ford, as he attempts to wrest control of a magical stone from a bizarre sect residing in the Temple of Doom. Joining him on his quest is cabaret singer Willie Scott, played by Kate Capshaw, and a precocious adolescent sidekick, Short Round, portrayed by 12-year-old Ke Huy Quan.

The film begins in a Shanghai nightclub where Jones is doublecrossed in a deal with Chinese gangsters. After being poisoned by the villains, Jones makes a daredevil escape as he leaves with Scott, the club's singer, who gives him an antidote to the poison. They are assisted in their getaway by Short Round, who drives them to an airport for a quick flight from danger. Unfortunately for the trio, the plane they board is piloted by members of the gang. The plane takes them to India where they find themselves lost and abandoned.

Soon Jones and company come upon a devastated In-



Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) and Willie Scott (Kate Capshaw) share a rare quiet moment in the stirring action-adventure film, "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."

dian village whose citizens' tranquil and contented lives were destroyed when a band of marauders stole their holy stone and abducted their children. Following his instincts as an archaeologist and an adventurer, Jones takes on the task of finding the stones and the children, much to the chagrin of Scott and Short Round.

The trio eventually wind up at a forbidding temple which, unknown to them, is the secret headquarters of the Thugs, a vicious group which terrorized India during

the 19th century. The Thugs, driven underground, now seek to control the entire country through the magical powers of sacred stones stolen from villages and the slave labor of kidnapped children. What follows upon the trio's discovery of the Thugs makes up the heart of the movie: an electrifying series of perils and last-second escapes unequaled by any other film this year or perhaps any year.

Spielberg and Lucas have succeeded grandly in topping the achievement of "Raiders." Indeed, "Raiders" appears positively slow-paced when compared with the lightning-fast action of "Indiana Jones." But like "Raiders," "Indiana Jones" is still a sly, tongue-in-cheek tribute to the old Saturday afternoon movie serials of the forties.

steppin' out

by Helga Haftendorn

As of today, Steven Spielberg's "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" is running at the Kuli movie theater. The movie, starring Harrison Ford, will be presented in the original English version with three performances daily, at 3, 5:30 and 8:15 p.m. An additional late show will be given at 11 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Kuli movie theater is located on 206-209 Kurfürstendamm. Tickets are DM9 on all seats, and can be purchased at the door. Take the underground to Uhlandstrasse.

While at the Kurfürstendamm, you might care to do some late shopping. Shops in the area of Tauentzien and Kurfürstendamm, as well as adjacent side-streets remain open until 9 p.m., tonight. These extended shopping hours are only in effect during the Berliner Sommer-nachtsraum Program, and the last late shopping night is on Aug. 10.

Guess there is no need to remind you that it is Volksfest time. Yesterday was opening day at the 24th German-American Volksfest. This year's theme is "California — Land of Contrasts." The Volksfest site is open daily from 2 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free for children under 14 years of age. Anyone 14 and above will have to pay DM1 to be admitted to the Volksfest grounds. Right at the entrance on Marshallstrasse, is a new attraction of the Volksfest, a giant slide, promising lots of fun for its users. Enjoy Volksfest until Aug. 19, inclusive.

More "Berliner Sommernachtsraum" is offered daily until Aug. 12, when the Berlin city area will be converted into a grand music and dance stage, with square dance and breakdance being some of the high points of this program. Oriental scents will attract visitors to Los-Angeles-Platz where Harry Owens has set up his exotic annual fair. Here you will find belly dancers, snake-charmers, fire-eaters and fakirs, also jugglers and fortune-tellers. You can also listen to story-tellers who know the latest fairy-tales from the orient. This exotic fair is open daily, from 3 to 10 p.m., and admission is DM5.

Also offered in the city are theater presentations and farcical comedies, beginning daily from 3 p.m. This folk art, known as Commedia dell'arte in Italy, or as

Moliere's traveling theater, lately has experienced a pleasant renaissance. The Kurfürstendamm will now be the stage for actors coming from all over the world, to entertain the public with their theater presentations.

"Cirque de Barbarie" is also part of the Sommer-nachtsraum Program here. The cirque is the only ladies circus of the world, and comes to us from Paris. The 11 ladies will present their daily program at the Tempodrom, with curtain time at 9 p.m. Cirque de Barbarie will be in town until Sept. 2. There will be no performances on Mondays.

Weekend happenings

Sommernachtsmusik auf dem Wannsee is summer night music on Wannsee Lake, offered on Saturday and Sunday by the North Carolina School of Arts Orchestra. The School of Arts Orchestra and its chamber ensemble present works by Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms and Barber aboard the "Havelstern," a cruiser of the Stern- und Kreisschiffahrt. The cruiser leaves from Anlegestelle Wannsee, located opposite Wannsee Bahnhof, at 8:30 p.m. on both days. This will give you the opportunity to enjoy a concert while cruising on Wannsee Lake. The cruiser returns to the place of departure at 11 p.m. Tickets are DM23 on all seats and can be purchased on the boat, before 8 p.m. on both days.

An organ vespers will be presented on Saturday at the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche. James Kibbie from Michigan plays works by J.S. Bach at 6 p.m. Memorial church is located on Breitscheidplatz.

A Sommerkonzert will be given on Saturday and Sunday at Charlottenburg Castle's Eosander Chapel. Works by Buxtehude, Tunder, Bach, and Händel will be presented on both days, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets to these two summer concerts can be purchased at any downtown ticket agency.

Another Sommerkonzert is offered on Sunday. Works by Pissendel, Le Duc, J.S. Bach and others, will be presented at the Church at Lietzensee, located on 4-6 Herbartstrasse. The concert begins at 5 p.m., and DM8 tickets can be purchased at the door.

Sonntagsmusik is the title of an organ concert that will be presented at the Kaiser-Friedrich-Gedächtnis-Kirche on Sunday. On the program are works by Johann Sebastian Bach, and the Sunday music begins at 5 p.m. The

church is located on 20-22 Händelallee and you can get there by underground to Hansaplatz. Tickets cost DM8, and can be purchased at the door.

Jazz on Airport is the title of a jazz program, offered in the main lounge of Tegel Airport on Sunday. Jazz begins at 11 a.m. with a "Frühschoppen," which is a morning pint. You can enjoy jazz every Sunday morning here. Take Bus 8, or City-Bus 9 to the airport.

During the week

Il Concertino is a concert with works by Castello, Buonamente, J.S. Bach, Loeillet, Scarlatti, Couperin and C. Ph. E. Bach which will be presented on Wednesday at Bellevue Castle. Curtain time is 7 p.m., and tickets can be purchased at any ticket agency. You can also call 3905-235 for ticket reservation. Schloss Bellevue is located in Tiergarten, and buses 16, 24 or 69 will get you there.

Also on Wednesday, an organ concert presented by a former Berlin organist is on the program at St. Matthäus-Kirche, the church located near the Philharmonic Concert Hall. Georges Aubert presents works by Tander, J.S. Bach, Paul Hindemith, J. A. Guilain and Cesar Frank at 8 p.m. Take buses 24, 29, 48, 75 or 83.

Here are three highlights for this month you might want to mark on your calendar:

The Berliner Klaviersommer is coming to the Sommergarten at the Funkturm Exhibition Grounds on Aug. 17 and 18 with Chick Corea, Friedrich Gulda and the Berliner Kammermusikensemble. Tickets to this event cost DM20, and curtain time is 8 p.m. on the 17th, and 4 p.m. on the 18th.

"Ein WannseeTraum" is a laser design and sound spectacle that will be presented at Wannsee Beach, the Strandbad Wannsee. This so-called "Dream at Wannsee Lake" will be held on Aug. 18, 19, 22; 23, 25 and 26, beginning at 10 p.m. on all days of presentation, offering lots of color and sound. Tickets to this spectacle are DM8.

And finally ISTAF is coming to Berlin. ISTAF is a sports event which will be held on Aug. 17 at the Olympic Stadium. Tickets to this International Stadium Fest range from DM10 to DM60 in the advance sale, and DM15 to DM80 at the door.

USAB libraries have more than just books

By David Porreca

The old stereotype of libraries as vast depositories of books and nothing more has been demolished thanks to the U.S. Army Berlin Library System; from finely-crafted art prints to microfiche-stored phone books of major American cities, the Berlin system offers a diverse range of useful services and materials at no cost to authorized borrowers.

"Many people aren't aware of the things we have," says Joseph T. Chicarella, director of the system, which includes a main library at Taylorstrasse 2, and branch libraries at Andrews and McNair Barracks and the USA Hospital. "They equate libraries with books alone, but that's not all we have."

Among the library system's various offerings is an extensive collection of phonograph records and audio and video cassettes. The record collection covers the spectrum of musical tastes, featuring some of the best recordings in pop, rock, jazz, and the classics. According to Chicarella, these holdings are updated regularly through a subscription service, which provides bestsellers every month from the U.S. All four libraries carry this service, and the records are available for loans of one week.

The audio cassette collection includes tapes on literature, languages, history, drama, and other subjects. But this collection remains something of a hidden treasure, since, as Chicarella puts it, few people are aware of it and consequently don't use it much. Like the records, the audio cassettes may be borrowed from the four libraries for one week.

More popular, however, are the video cassettes. The three-quarter inch U-MATIC cassettes are widely used by students hunting down information for school assignments as well as adults seeking self-improvement, Chicarella notes. "The cassettes run the gamut from lessons on how to play tennis to the complete plays of Shakespeare," Chicarella says. "We also have 'Guten Tag,' a 26-episode German language series." Video cassettes may be borrowed from the four libraries for three days.

One of the more valuable services for prospective college students which the main library carries is a microfiche collection of several thousand college catalogs. The advent of microfiche has enabled the library to build up a first-rate holding.

"Before microfiche, we used to get catalogs from only the major U.S. colleges," Chicarella says. "But even then storage space was a problem, and annual updating was difficult. Now we belong to a microfiche service which has thousands of catalogs and which automatically updates them each year. This is an excellent service because students can come in, look up the college they're interested in, and find out what courses the school offers, how much it costs, and what the campus atmosphere is like."



RESEARCH—Library patrons get the facts at the main library.

Another service which operates on the same principle is a microfiche collection of phone books from major American cities. If a person needs to find an address and phone number of someone back in the states, this is the place to look. "Without microfiche, this would be prohibitively expensive," Chicarella says. "Now, with all the phone books in fiche, we can offer an exceptional service." Like the catalogs, the phone books are available only in the main library.

Other handy materials available in the main library are the informaton and map files. The informaton file is particularly popular among students, Chicarella says, and includes pamphlets, brochures, newspaper clippings, and documents on a multitude of subjects. The map file contains detailed maps of every region of the world.

A less practical but more visually pleasing service offered by the main library is an assortment of 150 art prints which can be borrowed for one month with a limit of two per family.

"These are international prints," Chicarella notes. "They include American and European artists. They are produced locally on the German economy, and are the work of solid craftsmanship. They are extremely popular — one of our most popular items as a matter of fact. People like to borrow them to put on their walls so their children can be exposed to fine art. It's the best collection in USAREUR."

The library system also has cassettes of "talking books" intended for blind and handicapped persons. Both the cassettes and cassette players may be borrowed for one month. The available cassettes cover a broad realm of subjects, according to Chicarella, but literature is the most popular. He also pointed out that the talking books are not the same as the audio cassettes. The former are provided by the Library of Congress specifically for the blind and handicapped. Berlin was the first USAREUR library to obtain these, he notes.

For the younger audience, the library system has a service called "Phone a Fairy Tale," a favorite among the children, according to Chicarella. There is also a summer reading program designed for children entitled "Go for the Gold." The program encourages children to devote more of their recreational time to reading. A well-stocked selection of children's and young adult books supplement the program.

With all of the services and material available from the Berlin system, one might forget that the bedrock of the system is still books. And of books the system has no shortage. More than 100,000 volumes are housed within the total system, with 60,000 in the main library and the remainder spread among the branches. For books not contained in the system, an interlibrary loan service connecting the 104 USAREUR libraries can fill in the gaps. In fact, when the interlibrary service is taken into account, the Berlin libraries can draw on a stock of more than a million volumes.

Among the volumes carried in the system are special collections covering Berlin and military history. The Berlin collection contains fiction and nonfiction about the history, culture, geography, economy, and various other facets of the city. The military history collection focuses on American wars, and includes everything from treatises on strategy to war novels to official histories put out by the U.S. Army Center of Military History.

In addition to books, the system features an exhaustive holding of 350 magazine and periodical titles. For those who like to keep up on local news from the states, the system also has newspapers from major U.S. cities. Thanks to airlift service, the timelag for papers is usually a week, much improved from the timelag of three or four weeks which used to be the norm when ships were used, Chicarella says.

But despite the Berlin system's enviable status, Chicarella plans more improvements. Within the next two to three years, he intends to computerize the system. "This will allow us to get away from the manual way of doing things so we can better provide the information needed today and tomorrow." Chicarella would also like to install a new ventilation system in the main library, making the second floor more inviting to readers during the spring and summer.

Soviet soldiers get tough training, \$10 a month

The shrill sound of the junior sergeant's whistle pierces the early morning quiet, rousing 18-year-old Private Ivan Grechko out of a deep sleep. It's exactly 0650 as the sergeant marches through the crowded barracks shouting obscenities. Ivan scrambles out of his sack and into his uniform. It's not wise to be late for early morning muster.

So begins a day in the life of a Soviet army conscript serving a two-year hitch and one of about five million people under arms in the Soviet Union.

In 1967, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) passed the Law of Universal Military Service. It requires all Soviet men to take pre-induction military training and to serve in the armed forces. The Soviet military is not exactly a champion

of women's liberation; Soviet generals have been quoted in the press saying women are not needed in the military. That may explain why there are only about 10,000 of them serving on active duty; mostly in clerical and health fields.

Even with the 1967 law, only 90 percent of Soviet men ever serve in their armed forces. Those who don't serve have an educational exemption, family hardship or "know someone."

But just what is a Soviet military conscript really like? Chances are he is a lot more militarized than his American counterpart. And, in some ways, a lot more disciplined. After all, he's been programmed for a long time.

Soviet military patriotic education begins early — at six or seven years of age. Communist party organiza-

tions such as the Young Pioneers and Komsomol (Young Communist League) conduct training and summer exercises with a strong emphasis on developing military skills.

But the primary way pre-induction training requirements are met is through 140 hours of mandatory training for 16 to 18-year-olds. This includes basic military skills, such as drill and marksmanship, which takes place over a two-year period, usually in school. School dropouts take their training where they work. Wherever they get it, this training could be likened to what you went through in basic or boot camp; but the Soviets use the term "basic training" to cover the early phases of training when a person reports to his first operational unit.

At 17, the Soviet man reports to his local draft office. He is given a physical examination and later appears before a board which determines what military training he has had, what his political activity has been and what skills he possesses. Still later, another board meets to decide who gets in and who stays out.

Those who are accepted are assigned to one of the five branches of the armed forces: Strategic Rocket Forces, Soviet Army, Air Defense Forces, Soviet Air Force and the Navy. The naval infantry is similar to the U.S. Marine Corps but only number about 13,000 people. The Soviets also have a Coast Guard which is part of the border patrol. Their Coast Guard is much the same as

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ours; guarding the borders on land, sea and air. The big difference is that the Soviet Coast Guard is run by the state security agency, the KGB.

Those who have the best skills are usually assigned to the elite units, and personal preferences usually don't count for much. But their skill level does. And one way for a young man to improve his skills, either through his own choice or at the direction of his draft board, is to take more training on his own time through DOSAAF (The Voluntary Society for Assistance to the Army, Air Force and Navy). DOSAAF training includes everything from military drill to electronics, communications, parachuting and even flying.

At age 18, the recruit goes on active duty.

There isn't a centralized basic training program in the Soviet Union. Most inductees are shipped directly to the unit they will serve in during their entire tour. But there are exceptions. Some Navy and Air Force people attend a technical training school before being assigned to a unit. There they will receive the initial "basic training" other recruits get at their unit.

Army, Coast Guard, the air arm of the Navy, border and security troops serve two years. Those assigned to Navy ships, Coast Guard

combat units and maritime units of the border troops serve three years; that's because their training period is longer.

Before inductees report to their unit, they're pretty sure of what they're getting into: A very structured lifestyle with little or no free time.

The first week is especially intense. Physical conditioning and field training are the order of the day. And like everybody from generals on down, they spend about five hours a week listening to the political officer preach the party line.

The initial training usually lasts about three months. One of the highlights for a recruit comes during the fourth week. That's when he is sworn into the armed forces. Each soldier reads the oath of enlistment aloud in front of his comrades.

"If I should break this my solemn oath, then let me suffer the severe penalties of Soviet law and the general detestation and contempt of all workers" is the last line in the oath.

Even after the initial basic training, a recruit's life still doesn't change much. The average Soviet G.I. starts his day early and ends it late. It's filled with organized drill, sports, physical conditioning, political lectures and, depending on the time of year, planting or har-

vesting local crops. Several times a week the unit participates in very realistic combat exercises.

The Soviets place a lot of emphasis on physical conditioning. Before the end of the first year of training, all military people must pass tests consisting of pulling up and crossing the parallel bars, the 100-meter run, the 1- or 3-kilometer cross-country run, the 100-meter freestyle swim and 10-kilometer ski race or 6-kilometer forced march.

The Soviet soldier spends a lot of time cleaning his weapon. Soviets are known to keep their weapons very clean. But you can't say the same for the soldiers themselves.

Soviet society doesn't place as much importance on personal hygiene as Americans do. Soviet soldiers bathe once every two days, if that often. And wherever the conscript is assigned, there's probably a shortage of hot water.

Most of the barracks are open bay and sleep as many as 100 men. Bunks are stacked two, and sometimes three high, with as little as eight inches between stacks. That's about the same space as in your average coffin. There are common areas for personal hygiene.

A Soviet base usually has a library filled with officially approved books and a movie theatre (open only on weekends), where you can be sure Western films aren't shown. Bases sometimes have a gymnasium and service club.

There isn't much free time. Nearly every minute of a serviceman's time is "organized." The Soviets have repeatedly said that leisure time is often frittered away, and that it needs to be directed into activities useful

to the state and Communist Party. It may include sports competitions or contests to see how fast a weapon can be disassembled. Even when the conscripts go out to see the sights, they go in groups and are accompanied by a political officer.

If a few servicemen are musically inclined, they might be allowed to sing; but the songs are strictly censored by the political officer. Most of a recruit's free time is spent listening to the political officer.

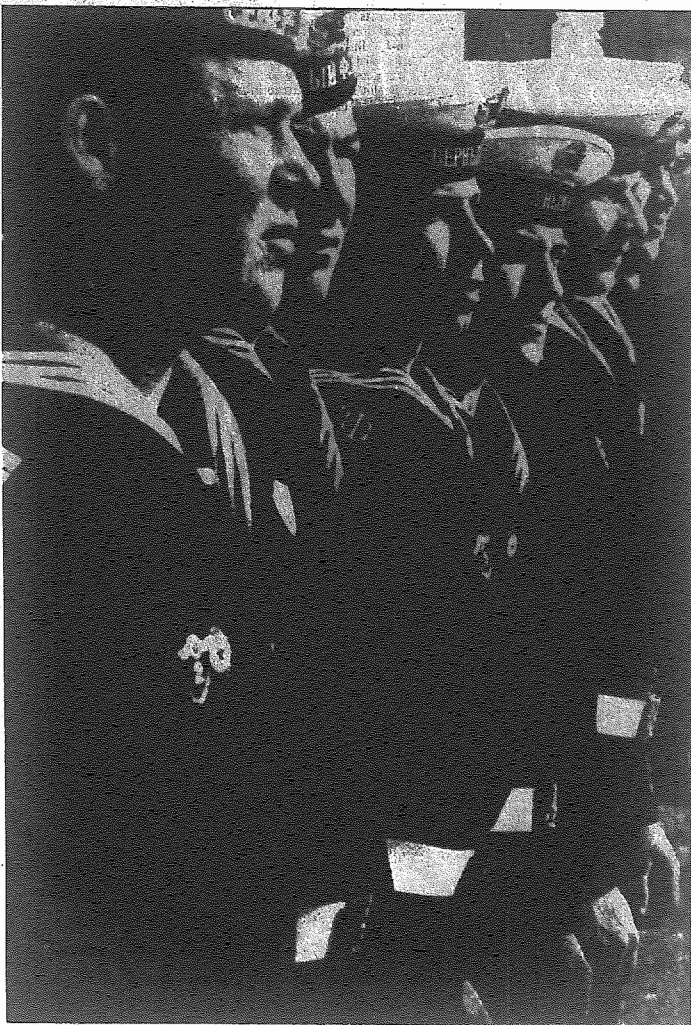
Most soldiers don't leave their duty assignment during their entire tour. A very small percentage of them are granted 10 days leave as a reward for exceptional performance during a 2-year tour; up to 20 days while on a 3-year hitch.

When it comes to chowing down, Soviet GIs are allowed about 4,100 calories a day. Breakfast consists of something like cream of wheat, tea, and bread. They usually eat soup for lunch and probably have potatoes and dried fish for dinner. There is very little meat.

They have messing facilities, but no civilian cooks. The soldiers do the cooking. Many of the messes rely on wood-burning stoves. It's not unusual for the troops to grow their own vegetables or raise chickens and livestock to supplement their diets.

While U.S. sailors spend months at sea without port calls, their Soviet counterpart doesn't. But that's because the U.S. Navy is the best in the world at replenishing its ships at sea and keeping them on the move. The Soviets have historically operated out of ports, and still do for the most part. But that's changing. Their cruises are getting longer.

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Soviet conscripts assigned to Navy ships must serve three years.

A Day in the Life of a Soviet Army Conscript

0700-0705	<i>Reveille formation</i>
0705-0735	<i>Barracks clean up</i>
0735-0810	<i>Inspection</i>
0810-0840	<i>Breakfast</i>
0840-1520	<i>Training classes (seven classes with 5-10 min. breaks)</i>
1520-1530	<i>Clean up of clothing and personal wash up</i>
1530-1610	<i>Lunch</i>
1610-1640	<i>Free time</i>
1640-1810	<i>Studying for political and military classes</i>
1810-1910	<i>Servicing of equipment, military technology</i>
1910-1920	<i>Clean up of boots, personal gear, and wash up</i>
1920-2050	<i>Mass political and team sport activities</i>
2050-2120	<i>Dinner</i>
2120-2220	<i>Personal time</i>
2220-2235	<i>Evening walk</i>
2235-2250	<i>Evening head count</i>
2250-2300	<i>Equipment clean up and boot wash up</i>
2300	<i>Lights out</i>

Source: "Understanding Soviet Military Developments," Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army

events

DJ Marshall at Starlight Grove

DJ Marshall will entertain every Saturday in August at the Starlight Groves Club. Music starts at 9 p.m., and continues until 2 a.m. DJ Marshall plays the finest country music ever made.

Central Texas College Overseas

CTC offers automotive courses: Ignition, Starting and Charging Systems and Steering and Suspension Systems, beginning on Aug. 20 through Sept. 28.

These are command-sponsored classes, and class size is limited. For more information call CTC at 819-3649 or 819-3651.

Kontakt activities

From now until Aug. 19, Kontakt is operating the Beer Garden at the Volksfest. This is our biggest money-making event for the year. All proceeds go into the club fund to sponsor our special events. We sponsor weekly events such as: Tuesday — Scottish Country Dance; Wednesday — Stammtisch, Barbershop Quartet; Thursday — Raquetball; Saturday — Bowling, starting Sept. 15.

Upcoming special events in August and September are: Volksfest from Aug. 2-19. Campout/Bikeride on Aug. 24-26. Disco Tour on Sept. 8, and Country Night Square Dance on Sept. 22. The Council Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

These special events are for our members. There are no dues. To join, call the Kontakt Office at 819-6809. POC is Sp4 Youakum or Mrs. Kane, or stop by the office, located in Building 2 at Clay Headquarters, Rooms 1114 and 1116.

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For sale

Window sheers — custom-fitted for Puckler duplex (living, dining, stairwell and all bedrooms) \$125; 12" black/white, 110-volt portable TV, modified to receive German stations, \$45; Hondo bass electric guitar and carrying case, \$95; eight-track stereo with turntable, speakers and record cabinet, \$50; small round table with two cloths, \$15; two wicker/rod iron patio chairs, \$12. Call weekdays after 6 p.m., anytime weekends 826-2344.

Garage Sale — at 9 Pritchard Strasse from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Items include albums, reel-to-reel tapes, men and women's clothes, household goods, books, furniture and an assortment of other items.

PCS Sale — at 19 Flanagan Strasse, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Everything must go. Some junk left from previous sales. Also includes record albums, walk-man, baby items, ceramics, (bisque) ladies clothing (various sizes). On many items make us an offer. This is our final sale. If weather is bad, sale will be in the basement. Call 831-3650 or 813-8750.

Basement Sale — at 41 L.G. Wells Strasse on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. four-sided spindle crib with mattress, black/white TV set, round coffee table, two backpacks, electric race set, TV stands, child's record player, stroller, sassy seat, Strawberry shortcake, breads and curtains, clothing, books, and miscellaneous kitchen items.

ETS Sale — from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Everything must go. Uniforms, records, stereo, scuba gear, plants, books, 1984 Harley Davidson FXRT 1300 cc, 10x13 ft. sculptured Persian rug, assorted pictures and more. Sale will be held at 3A Flanagan Strasse, Apr. 49. Call 813-6483.

'74 VW Camper — in good condition, recently rebuilt engine. Guaranteed to pass inspection, \$2,500 or best offer. Call 831-3603.

'77 Plymouth Valarie — V-8 fully equipped, US specifications. Car is in excellent condition, with 24,500 actual miles. Price: \$2,100. Call 817-7570 after 4:30 p.m. daily.

Honda Moped — 49.5cc, runs great for \$200. Call 802-6345 or 802-5240.

Schrank made of oakwood — for \$750. Call 813-6829 after 7 p.m.

T1 99/4A computer — with speech synthesizer, program recorder, two joysticks and over 25 cartridges/cassettes, plus manuals and accessories. More than \$1,000 invested. Asking \$800 or DM equivalent. Call 801-3343.

Peugeot boy's bicycle — 24" in very good condition, \$75. Call 801-3343.

T1 99/4A speech synthesizer — new, still in box, \$75. Call 801-3343.

Hohner Clavinet D6 — in top condition. Asking DM900 or best offer. Call 6266-723.

Plant/Yard Sale — toys, baby walker, high chair, stereo, TV and much more. Sale will be at 21 Lloyd G. Wells from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Three-Family Yard Sale — at 10 Charles H. King Strasse from 9 a.m. on Saturday. For sale are boys clothes, plants and the usual stuff.

'84 Harley Davidson — FXST softtail. Call 892-4218.

'79 Subaru DL beige — front wheel drive, has 59,000 miles. New AM/FM radio with tape deck. New exhaust and battery. Recent brake work and front end alignment. Excellent condition, asking \$2,500. Call Susan at 819-7405.

Wanted

Small second-hand, 220-volt refrigerator — preferably under \$50 in price. Call 309-2331 (duty hours) or 365-6305.

A mature adult to watch six-month-old baby — full time during the day, beginning in September. Call 831-3769.

Miscellaneous

Atari computer owners — looking for people with programs I do not have. I have 500 programs. Call if you want to trade 833-8992 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or 819-6848 after 4 p.m.

Need a cake for birthdays — anniversaries, weddings, or any special occasion? Call 813-6763. We will deliver.

Leaving Berlin for a Stateside assignment — within the next few months? An experienced, licensed real estate agent is here in Berlin, ready to help you get information on housing in your new area. There is no charge to you for this service. Call for an appointment Anna Cashwell at 813-6230 after 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or Saturday and Sunday, anytime.

Big Bend Community College

Big Bend Community College is starting an evening program two nights a week at Clay Compound, beginning on Aug. 13. Courses offered include English-As-A-Second-Language, High School Completion, and Basic Skill Refresher classes. Family members, 18 years and older are eligible to attend without being charged. Come to Building 4, Room 403B to register, now through Aug. 13.

Baby Super-Sitter Course

The American Red Cross will be offering a Baby Super-Sitter Course on Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Child Care Center. Applicants are advised to bring sack lunches. Interested persons should be in the age group from 11 to 18 years. Super-Sitters learn how to change diapers, how to handle an infant, first aid, plus important do's and don't's. Super-Sitters have a reputation for being professional, confident, reliable and responsible. This class is limited. For additional information, call 819-6437 or 819-6459.

A new Sewing Class

The All American Community Center at McNair Barracks is offering a new Sewing Class, beginning on Tuesday, continuing through Sept. 13. The meeting is on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., and the class fee is \$15, plus materials needed to complete a garment. The class is for beginning and intermediate sewers. Cash only and no checks will be accepted for class fees. For additional information, call 819-3254 after 1 p.m.

Extended bus service during Volksfest

Beginning today through Aug. 18, extended bus service will be provided on the East-West Loop from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in support of the Volksfest.

University of Oklahoma

If a demanding duty schedule has prevented you from pursuing a Master's degree, the University of Oklahoma has a program designed for you. Once a month, faculty members from the OU campus present regular on-campus courses within a one-week intensive seminar format. All class sessions are held during off-duty hours at the Tempelhof Central Airport Education Center. Syllabi and books are issued six weeks prior to class. For details on the University of Oklahoma graduate program in Berlin, call 819-5237 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Please watch requirements and deadline!

Community Events and Classified Ads for each week's issue will be printed on a space available basis only, and are due by close of business Tuesday. The events and ads will be run for one week and must be resubmitted for each issue. Only double-spaced, typewritten announcements will be accepted for printing. All ads must be signed to be accepted.

Job opportunities

The Civilian Personnel Division, Training and Development Branch is seeking a Gregg Shorthand teacher to teach the Gregg Shorthand system to civilian employees of the US Forces. Pay will be negotiated on a non-personal services contract for hours worked only. Applicants should have teaching experience, however, teaching experience is not a requirement. Interested persons should contact the CPD, Training and Development Branch at 819-6165 or 819-6978.

The University of Oklahoma is accepting applications for the positions of a part-time and full time field representative. Interested applicants may call 819-5237 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interviews will be conducted on Aug. 10.

University of Southern California

Are you interested in earning a Master's degree while in Berlin? The USC has a better way. It's called Systems Management and is a proven success. You will learn the innovative management method of the future. There is a strong and growing demand for graduates. Don't put it off any longer. Call 819-6794 today for more information on USC's Master of Science in Systems Management.

Bike Tour of Undiscovered Berlin

On Aug. 11, at 11 a.m., the Hi-Lite Community Center will lead a Bike Tour of some of the undiscovered sites of Berlin. Call the Hi-Lite at 819-3554 after 1 p.m. for more information.

Alfred Hitchcock Film Memorial

The Hi-Lite Community Center presents an Alfred Hitchcock Film Memorial on Aug. 12, beginning at 2 p.m. If you are a Hitchcock fan, come to the Hi-Lite to view some of his most popular films. Call 819-3554 after 1 p.m. for further information.

Girl Scouts concerned parents

The Berlin Girl Scouts need your support. Volunteers are needed to help run our Ice Cream Booth at the Volksfest until Aug. 19. If you are a parent of Girl Scout, or prospective Girl Scout, or are a Girl Scout 14 years of age or older, we encourage you to call. (We can assist you with baby-sitting, if necessary.) Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Call 813-8540 after 2 p.m. for further information. Girl Scouts registration will continue in front of the PX, Sundays 5 and 26 Aug. during opening hours. (Brownies are Girl Scouts, too).

Be crafty

Printing color prints is not the hardest thing to do, if you have a good background in black and white darkroom photography. If you are curious about the color process, come to the color orientation at the McNair Photo Center on Sunday at 1 p.m. For details call 819-3484.

If you are new to Berlin and would like to learn how to do ceramics, let the Andrews Ceramics instructors get you started. Orientation classes begin on Monday, and continue on Aug. 13, and 20 at 6:30 p.m., also every Friday at noon.

Want to do something important with your old green fatigues? Don't just throw them away — donate them to a good cause. The Creative and Performing Arts Branch of MSAD will accept any size and quantity of old army fatigues for use in future dramatic productions. Call 819-3526 to make arrangements.

No Rod and Gun Club meeting tonight

The monthly Rod and Gun Membership Meeting, scheduled for tonight has been cancelled because of the Volksfest. Next membership night will be on Sept. 7.

University of Maryland

The University of Maryland is offering three command-sponsored classes at Andrews Education Center from Aug. 27 through Oct. 19. These classes are fully funded, and are an excellent way for family members to attain college credit without cost. Call the Andrews Education Center at 819-3162, or the University of Maryland at 819-6949 for information about these courses. (Trans. Math, Elem. of English and Reading and Testing.) Registration for Term 1 begins on Monday, and will be held until Aug. 17. Classes range from Math 101, Art History to German and Computers. Enroll with the university which has been in Europe since 1949. Call 819-6949 or 819-6979.

The University of Maryland is currently accepting applications through Wednesday for a part-time registrar position. All interested applicants must come by the Maryland office, located in Building 4, Room 403J. For more information, call 819-6949.

Russian Oriental Carpets at Marine Bar

The Marine Bar Antique Shoppe in the Harnack House is pleased to announce the arrival of a large selection of beautiful hand-made Russian Oriental Carpets. There is a wide variety of sizes and colors, and the prices are truly affordable. Come and visit the Harnack House and enjoy our classic collection of over 140 fine English antiques and give yourself the opportunity to take home an heirloom that your family will take pleasure in owning for generations to come. During the month of August, the Harnack House will be remodeling, and our hours will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, closed Sunday to Tuesday.

TOWC Aerobics Class

The Tempelhof Officer's Wives Club (TOWC) is sponsoring an aerobics exercise class for all interested members of the Berlin community. Class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the TAR School gym. Cost per class is \$2. Sign-up is 15 minutes before class begins. For more information, call 801-4802.

Tour with ITT

For information on any of these tours, call 819-6523 or 819-7189, or sign up at the Information, Tour and Travel Office (ITT) at the Sports Center on Hüttenweg.

Visit two lovely castles of King Ludwig on ITT's Bavarian Castle Tour, Aug. 9-13. Linderhof and New Swanstein are two unique, charming castles. Also visit Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play and famous for its wood carvings.

Relax and enjoy a trip with ITT to Holiday Amusement Park, on Aug. 16-18. Breakfast and entrance fee is included in the price of \$19 for adults, and \$17 for children. Book early on this popular tour.

ITT's extensive East/West Sightseeing Tour is a must. In one day you will see Berlin's major attractions and learn a little bit about the history of this divided city. The East/West Tour operates every Saturday in August.

ITT's new windows of the East Tour is a real hit. We take you to East Berlin's outlying areas. You will see the lovely fairy-tale fountain, the old Jewish Synagogue destroyed on the infamous Chrystal Night of the Third Reich, and much more. This tour operates every Sunday in August.

Sunday is a day to relax and spend some time with the family. Why not do it on Peacock Island. You can picnic, stroll along the beautiful paths and visit the Schloss, with ITT on Aug. 12.

Wannsee with ITT — what could be more pleasant on a summer day than a relaxing boat trip on a scenic lake? Come along and enjoy it. ITT offers Wannsee boat trips every Monday in August. Don't forget to bring the kids.

So, you have been here for a while and think that you know this town. Perhaps you do, but what about the back roads, the forests and lakes? ITT's marvelous Country Roads Tour shows you even more of Berlin. This tour will be conducted every Tuesday in August.

ITT's popular West Site Tour is being offered every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday in August. If you have only seen bits and pieces of Berlin, let ITT show you all the major sights.

Spend a morning exploring Berlin's other side. ITT offers East Site Tours every Thursday in August. East paperwork is required.

A winetasting, three-course meal, bonfire on the Rhine and a visit to Rüdesheim are all yours for the price of \$26.95, Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Back by popular demand is another one-day wonder to Rüdesheim offered by ITT. Book early on this popular tour.

Youth Activities

For more information, call the YA at 819-6249.

All interested teens are invited to camp overnight at Rose Range and take part in a Compass Contest on Saturday, starting at 5 p.m. For more information, call or stop in the YA.

YA will be hosting a Teen Pie-Eating Contest from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday at the YA. Registration is required.

All pretens celebrating a birthday in the month of August are invited to a Beach Birthday Party, sponsored by the YA on Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is required no later than Wednesday.

YA will host another Pie-Eating Contest for all interested pretens from 5 to 6 p.m. on Aug. 15 at the YA. Registration is required no later than Aug. 10.

YA is sponsoring a Teen Trip to Holiday Amusement Park to depart Berlin on Aug. 17 and return on Aug. 19. Registration is required by Aug. 10, and a fee of DM60 will cover the entrance fee and bus transportation from the train station to the park grounds. Passports must also be turned in by Aug. 10.

Youth Activities is sponsoring a Field Day Cookout for all YA teens on Aug. 21, starting at noon.

Teens, come join the YA for dinner on Aug. 24, from 5 to 11 a.m. Registration will be required.

YA will hold a Las Vegas Casino Night/Back to School Dance at the Wannsee for all teens with valid YA cards. The dance will be held on Aug. 31, and begins at 8 p.m.

YA is sponsoring a trip on the British duty train for pretens to Braunschweig on Wednesday. We will be leaving the YA at 7:30 a.m. for Charlottenburg, in order to depart on the 8:37 a.m. British duty train, and will return to Berlin at 7:45 p.m. The children will be transported to the YA from the Charlottenburg area, arriving at 8:30 p.m. YA cards are required at registration along with flag orders and passports. A fee of DM10 will be required also, which pays for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. You can pick up an information sheet at the YA, or call 819-6952 for more information.

calendar

Deutsche Oper Berlin

— 34-37 Bismarckstrasse —

— The Deutsche Oper Berlin will be closed for the summer holidays until Sept. 1, inclusive. The new opera season begins on Sept. 2 with the presentation of "Aida" —

Deutsche Staatsoper

— 7 Unter den Linden —

— The Deutsche Staatsoper will be closed for the summer holidays until Sept. 14, inclusive —

Berlin Club happenings

Tonight — Checkpoint NCO Club — Country and Western Band Bandolero from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and Country and Western DJ The Gambler from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Gator Club — Country and Western DJ The Marshal from 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.
 Starlight Grove — R'n'r Band Godzilla from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., also DJ R'n'r Kid from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Friendship Pub — Disco with DJ Florida Player and R'n'r DJ "3D" from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
 Tomorrow — Checkpoint NCO Club — Disco with DJ Master Blaster from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
 Gator Club — Country and Western DJ The Gambler from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Starlight Grove — Country and Western Band Bandolero from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Country and Western DJ The Marshal from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Friendship Pub — DJ R'n'r Kid from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
 Sun. — Starlight Grove Club — Disco with DJ Florida Player from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Mon. — Friendship Pub — Country and Western DJ The Gambler from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Tue. — Starlight Grove — Disco with DJ Secret Weapon from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Friendship Pub — R'n'r DJ 3D from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Wed. — Checkpoint NCO Club — Disco with DJ Spiderman from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Starlight Grove — DJ R'n'r Kid from 8 p.m. to midnight

Friendship Pub — Disco with DJ Secret Weapon from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Thu. — Starlight Grove — Disco with DJ Florida Player from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Friendship Pub — R'n'r DJ 3D from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Fri. — Checkpoint NCO Club — Country and Western DJ The Marshal from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and Country and Western Band Bandolero from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Gator NCO Club — Country and Western DJ The Farmer from 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.
 Starlight Grove — DJ R'n'r Kid from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Friendship Pub — Variety DJ Lighthouse and DJ Rock Control from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
 Sat. — Checkpoint NCO Club — Disco with DJ Spiderman from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and Exotic Dancer "Susie Ceasar" — the Teaser" from 10 to 10:30 p.m.
 Gator NCO Club — Country and Western Band Bandolero 1 to 5 p.m., and Country and Western DJ The Gambler and The Farmer from 1 to 8 p.m.
 Starlight Grove — Country and Western DJ The Marshal from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Friendship Pub — DJ R'n'r DJ 3D from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.
 Sun. — Starlight Grove Club — Disco with DJ Master Blaster from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Aug. 3 — Aug. 9

Outpost — Clayallee (6524)

Fri. The Last American Virgin (R) at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Unfaithfully Yours (PG) at 2, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
 Sun. Same show as above, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue. They Call Me Bruce? (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. Metalstorm (PG) at 7:30 p.m.

Columbia — Tempelhof (5522)

Fri. Porky's/Porky's II (R), Double Feature, at 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. The Last American Virgin (R) at 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue. Unfaithfully Yours (PG) at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.

Coliseum — McNair Brks. (3131)

Fri. Amityville 3D (PG) at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Romancing The Stone (PG) at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. Same show as above, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue. Porky's/Porky's II (R), Double Feature, at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. The Last American Virgin (R) at 7:30 p.m.

Andrews — Barracks (3538)

Fri. Easy Money (R) at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m.
 Sun. Amityville 3D (PG) at 6:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m.
 Tue. Romancing The Stone (PG) at 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m.
 Thu. Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m.

Jerboa — located on Theodor-Heuss-Platz

— No program was available at press time

Astra — RAF Gatow compound

— No program was available at press time

— German movies downtown, playing movies in the original English version —

Thalia 2 — 71 Kaiser-Wilhelm-Strasse

Fri. Blue Hawaii at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45 p.m., and Easy Rider at 9:45 p.m.
 Sat. Elvis On Tour at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45 p.m., and Silent Running at 9:45 p.m.
 Sun. Follow That Dream at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45, and Fahrenheit 451 at 9:45 p.m.
 Mon. Kid Galahad at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45 p.m., and Manhattan at 9:45 p.m.
 Tue. Harold and Maude at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45 p.m., and The Third Man at 9:45 p.m.
 Wed. Rebel Without Cause at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45 p.m., and Casablanca at 9:45 p.m.
 Thu. Papillon at 5:45 p.m., The Harder They Come at 7:45 p.m., and Stardust Memories at 9:45 p.m.

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Aug. 3 — Aug. 10

Friday
 6:00 ABC World News Tonight
 6:30 Olympic Hilies
 7:00 NBC Nightly News
 7:30 Jason of Star Command/Caroons
 8:15 Gimme A Break
 8:40 Facts of Life
 9:10 Hill Street Blues
 10:00 Coffee Break Theater: "Brass Bottle"
 11:30 Family Feud
 11:55 Travel Log
 12:00 CBS Evening News
 12:30 Donahue
 1:20 General Hospital
 2:05 Ryan's Hope
 2:30 Fight Back
 2:55 Just for Kids: Sesame Street/Caroons
 4:00 Mary Tyler Moore
 4:30 Olympic Hilies
 6:00 Day Break
 6:30 Berlin Tonight
 6:50 Sports
 7:05 Father Murphy
 8:00 Berlin PM
 8:05 Hart to Hart
 9:00 After MASH
 9:30 Berlin Briefs
 9:35 Dallas
 10:30 CNN Headline News
 11:00 Friday Late Show: "Duel Of the Iron Fists"
 12:45 Tonight Show
 1:40 Only Kid On The Block
 2:00 Olympic Coverage (Live)
Saturday
 6:00 ABC World News Tonight
 6:30 Olympic Hilies
 7:00 NBC Nightly News
 7:30 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea
 8:20 Just for Kids: Ricketty Rocket/Caroons

9:00 Starvengers
 9:25 Roadrunner
 9:50 Children's Stories
 10:10 Pro Bowlers Tour
 11:50 Berlin PM
 12:00 CBS Evening News
 12:30 Miss Black America Pageant
 1:35 Solid Gold
 2:25 Rock World
 3:30 Eucom Report
 4:00 Washington Week in Review
 4:30 Olympic Hilies
 6:00 CNN Headline News
 6:30 Three's Company
 6:55 Magnum PI
 7:50 Travel Log
 8:20 Hour of Power
 8:55 Tales of the Gold Monkey
 8:50 News Travel Network: San Juan Islands
 9:00 Olympic Coverage (Live)
 12:30 CNN Headline News
 1:00 Olympic Coverage (Live)
Sunday
 6:00 CNN Headline News
 6:30 Firing Line
 7:30 Olympic Summary
 7:55 Nashville Gospel
 8:20 Hour of Power
 9:10 Sacred Heart
 9:25 This is the Life
 9:55 Flintstones/Caroons
 10:35 Against the Odds
 11:00 Cosmos
 12:00 CNN Headline News
 12:30 Face the Nation
 12:55 Sunday Matinee: "Courage of the Black Beauty"
 2:10 NFL Highlights
 2:40 Entertainment This Week
 3:40 Salute
 4:30 Olympic Summary
 5:00 CNN News
 6:30 Diff'rent Strokes
 6:55 Movie View
 7:00 Sixty Minutes
 7:55 AFN Spotlight
 8:00 Trapper John MD

9:00 Live Olympic Events
 12:00 Midnight Sunday Late Show: "Desperate Voyage"
 1:40 America's Music
Monday
 6:00 ABC World News Tonight
 6:30 Olympic Hilies
 7:00 NBC Nightly News
 7:30 Just for Kids/Sesame Street/Caroons
 8:35 After MASH
 9:00 Magnum PI
 9:50 Coffee Break Theater: "Dial M For Murder"
 11:30 Family Feud
 12:00 CNN Headline News
 12:30 Donahue
 1:20 General Hospital (A)
 2:05 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:30 Richard Simmons
 2:50 Just For Kids: Plastic Man/Caroons/Mr. Roger's Neighborhood
 4:00 Mary Tyler Moore
 4:30 Olympic Hilies
 6:00 Daybreak
 6:30 Berlin Tonight
 6:50 Sports
 7:05 Gimme A Break
 7:30 The A-Team
 8:15 Berlin PM
 8:35 Jennifer Slept Here
 9:00 Jeffersons
 9:30 Berlin Briefs
 9:35 Emerald Point N.A.S.
 10:30 CNN Headline News
 11:00 Monday Late Show: "The Killer Whale"
 12:30 David Letterman
 1:10 An Evening with (Dave Brubeck)
Tuesday
 6:00 ABC World News Tonight
 6:30 Olympic Hilies
 7:00 NBC Nightly News
 7:30 Just for Kids/Sesame Street/Caroons
 8:35 Jennifer Slept Here

9:00 Jeffersons
 9:25 Dallas
 10:15 Bravissimo
 11:00 Battle Line
 11:25 Family Feud
 11:50 Berlin PM
 12:00 CBS Evening News
 12:30 Donahue
 1:20 General Hospital (A)
 2:05 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:25 Animals, Animals
 2:55 Just for Kids/Kids Writers/Caroons
 3:40 Road Runner
 4:00 Mary Tyler Moore
 4:30 Olympic Hilies
 6:00 Daybreak
 6:30 Berlin Tonight
 6:50 Sports
 7:05 Knight Rider
 8:00 Ripley's Believe It Or Not
 8:50 Gasthaus
 9:00 One Day At A Time
 9:25 Berlin Briefs
 9:30 Simon and Simon
 10:30 CNN Headline News
 11:00 Sports
 After: Tonight Show
Wednesday
 6:00 ABC World News Tonight
 6:30 Olympic Hilies
 7:00 NBC Nightly News
 7:30 Just for Kids/3-2-1 Contact/Caroons
 8:20 Knight Rider
 9:10 Emerald Point N.A.S.
 10:00 Coffee Break Theater: "Namu, The Killer Whale"
 11:30 Family Feud
 11:55 Travel Log
 12:00 CBS Evening News
 12:30 Donahue
 1:20 General Hospital (A)
 2:05 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:25 AKA Pablo
 2:55 Just for Kids: Sesame Street/Caroons/Carnival
 4:00 Mary Tyler Moore
 4:30 Olympic Hilies

6:00 Daybreak
 6:30 Berlin Tonight
 6:50 Sports
 7:05 Bob Newhart
 7:30 Hi Taka Two
 7:55 Movie of the Week: "Orders to Kill"
 9:30 Berlin Briefs
 9:35 Quincy (pt 2 of 2)
 10:30 CNN Headline News
 11:00 Wednesday Late Show: "The Secret of Santa Victoria"
 1:20 Tonight Show
Thursday
 6:00 ABC World News Tonight
 6:30 Olympic Hilies
 7:00 NBC Nightly News
 7:30 Sesame Street/Caroons
 8:40 Hi Taka Two
 9:05 One Day At A Time
 9:30 The A Team
 10:20 Regis Philbin's Health Styles
 11:05 People's Court
 11:30 Family Feud
 11:55 AFN Spotlight
 12:00 CBS Evening News
 12:30 Donahue
 1:20 General Hospital (A)
 2:05 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:25 Wild Kingdom
 2:50 Just for Kids: Vegetable Soup/Caroons
 3:35 Nuts and Bolts
 4:00 Mary Tyler Moore
 4:30 Olympic Hilies
 6:00 Daybreak
 6:30 Berlin Tonight
 6:50 Sports
 7:05 Remington Steele
 8:20 Facts of Life
 8:25 Gasthaus
 8:30 Paper Chase
 9:30 Berlin Briefs
 9:35 Hill Street Blues
 10:30 CNN Headline News
 11:00 Thursday Late Show: "Side Show"

Please note: All live and taped Olympic coverage is subject to change, both in content and time aired.

Scoreboard

Meddác 8, HHC 7

HHC	ab	r	h	bi	Meddác	ab	r	h	bi
Breit'd 1b	3	0	1	0	Refici 2b	4	0	0	0
Davis 2b	4	1	1	0	Davis cf	3	1	1	0
Caldwell cf	3	1	1	0	Butters ss	4	0	1	0
Gevern. 3b	4	1	1	1	Put-Perez lb	4	1	1	2
Garten sf	4	2	2	3	Woods lf	3	1	1	0
Proctor c	4	1	1	0	Shannon sf	3	1	2	2
Majdanski ss	3	0	1	1	Yurick c	3	1	0	0
Benson p	3	0	0	0	Kerr rf	3	2	1	0
Taylor rf	2	0	0	0	Burch 3b	3	0	3	2
Little lf	3	1	1	0	Head p	3	1	2	1

TOTALS	35	7	9	5	TOTALS	34	8	12	7
HHC	020 041 0-7								
Meddác	030 500 X-8								

E-Refeci 2, Butters, Kerr, Davis, Little. 2B-Proctor, Little, Shannon, Burchm Putney-Perez. 3B-Kerr. HR-Garten.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Benson (L)	6	12	8	7	4	3
Head (W)	7	9	7	5	3	1

Avengers 16, Meddác 9

Meddác	ab	r	h	bi	Avengers	ab	r	h	bi
Retici 2b	3	2	0	0	Palmer c	4	3	1	2
Davis	4	2	2	2	Rainer 3b	3	2	0	0
Butters ss	3	1	2	1	Goodman lf	3	3	2	1
Put-Perez lb	3	1	2	1	Newman sf	2	2	1	4
Woods lf	4	1	2	1	Crume 2b	2	1	0	1
Shannon sf	3	0	0	0	Hamestea. ss	4	0	2	2
Yurick c	4	0	1	0	Mitchell p	2	1	1	1
Ingram rf	4	0	0	0	Spratley lb	0	1	0	1
Burch 3b	4	1	1	0	Smith rf	2	0	0	0
Head p	3	1	0	0	Tucker cf	3	3	1	0

TOTALS	35	9	10	5	TOTALS	26	16	8	12
Meddác	013 500 0-9								
Avengers	421 162 X-16								

E-Mitchell, Spratley 3, Crume, Smith, Goodman, Yurick, Putney-Perez, Retici 3, Burch 2. LOB-Meddác 9, Avengers 13. 2B-Davis. SF-Butters, Hamestead.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Head (L)	6	8	16	9	16	1
Mitchell (W)	7	10	9	3	1	

Berlin team trying to revive fastpitch

Interest in fastpitch softball is slowly reviving throughout USAREUR, and this weekend the Berlin Brigade will contribute to the revival with a two-day tournament at Andrews and McNair playing fields.

Nine teams will be coming in for the Berlin tournament, making it the biggest tournament of the fastpitch season. Competitors include teams from Darmstadt, Giessen, Goppingen, Hanau, Würzburg, Karlsruhe, and Grafenwöhr. All nine teams will play Saturday, while playoffs will be held Sunday.

The Berlin team, under the direction of coach Steve Mahlstedt, has participated in five tournaments this season, winning two and placing second in another.

"We have more support now than ever before, especially from MSAD," according to Mahlstedt. "If we could prevent emergency leave, we would be great. But as it is, we have good depth. We're strong all around. All we need is to add another pitcher or so."

Two more tournaments are scheduled for the season. August 24-26 will see the positional tournament at SETAF, Vincenza, Italy. Berlin, SETAF, Heidelberg, and Grafenwöhr will play. The USAREUR tournament will be held the first weekend in September. The winner of the SETAF positionals will host the USAREUR tourney.

'Super Bowl' comes early in Nijmegen March

By Paul White

It's not football season yet, but a few members of the Berlin Brigade recently took part in a "Super Bowl," and they accomplished exactly what they set out to do. They finished.

The event was the annual International four-day March in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. On July 17, 50 teams representing the United States Army Europe, along with teams from several other countries, set out to cover the 160 kilometer course. Each soldier must march the distance while wearing a ruck sack that weighs at least 22 pounds. SFC Bruce W. Marvin and a team of 16 brigade soldiers managed to successfully complete this Nijmegen march, which Marvin calls "the Super Bowl of marches."

The march is not intended to be a competitive endeavor. The Royal Netherlands League for Physical Culture, sponsors of the event since 1909, stated that the objective is to encourage participants to be in condition to cover long distances without impairing their health. It doesn't matter how long it takes. All entrants can claim victory by merely completing the course. But evidently no one told this to Marvin.

"We covered the first day's march, about 26 1/2 miles, in just 5:20," said Marvin, a platoon sergeant for Company C 4-502. "We weren't competing against anyone.

It's just that we prided ourselves on being able to move quickly."

However, in order to stay in the spirit of the competition, Marvin had the brigade team slow things down for the remaining three days. "When we marched slower, we were able to really enjoy the countryside," Marvin said. "I felt it was a good experience for the troops."

Marvin felt that the training program his team went through was a key factor in being able to negotiate the roads of Nijmegen.

"We started working out in March," the 35-year-old Union, S.C. native said. "At the beginning we had 40 soldiers, and we got down to 16 by a process of elimination. No one was cut, but some of the guys realized that they weren't really ready. Common sense dictated who made the final team."

Training for Nijmegen requires many hours of marching, and the brigade team certainly did its share, and then some. "Some of our guys didn't really know how to get around in Berlin when we started, but they're all very familiar with the city now," Marvin said.

"In fact, one time we set as a goal the task of marching completely around the Berlin Wall," Marvin said. "We did it, and it only took us 23:40 of actual marching time. We also did some weight training for the back and leg muscles."

Marvin himself is no stranger to covering long distances, as earlier in the year he competed in a 25 kilometer French marathon. But Marvin feels he gets the majority of his physical endurance training "on the job." "In this battalion we do an awful lot of running," the former Fort Jackson S.C. drill sergeant said with a smile.

Properly trained, the brigade team was able to put its best foot forward at Nijmegen, and Marvin was very pleased with the results.

"It was a great feeling of accomplishment for myself, but I was really proud of the troops," Marvin said. "They represented the brigade well and they were outstanding in their personal conduct and military bearing. I feel they left the people there with a really good feeling about the Berlin Brigade and the American soldier in general."

"The people helped motivate us during the march," Marvin continued, "and they were fantastic at the final parade. Their reaction when the American units passed by was unbelievable."

Marvin hopes to take part in next year's Nijmegen march, and it's not hard to figure out why. After all, there aren't many people who get two consecutive chances to perform in the "Super Bowl."

The Soviet Conscript

continued

Pay in the Soviet armed forces is nothing to write home about. Food, housing and other needs are provided, but conscripts only get about \$10 a month, most of which goes for cigarettes. Pay and privileges increase for careerists.

What about the wife and kids? Forget them for the whole tour. Soviet G.I.s who reenlist do get some consideration for their families though, even housing assistance.

But less than five percent of conscripts make the military a career. In the Army, for example, nearly 77 percent of the soldiers are first-timers. Conscripts also get a lot of

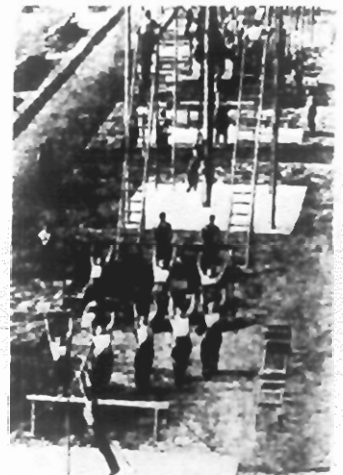
hazing from career NCOs. Since uniforms are at a premium, it's not unusual for an NCO to demand a new conscript turn over the uniform he was issued. If he resists, he is taken out "behind the barn" and taught the rules of the game.

And no recruit is going to report the incident. The officers turn their heads to that kind of abuse. They think it's necessary for good order and discipline.

Military life doesn't end after a conscript's tour of active duty is over. Everyone serves in the reserves until age 50. Occasionally

they are called up for refresher training.

So, how does Private Grechko stack up as a fighting man? Notwithstanding the stories about highly centralized control, inability to make decisions at lower levels and rampant alcoholism, those who keep a close eye on the Soviet military agree that Ivan is no pushover. He is said to believe he's better than his American counterpart and would come out ahead in battle. As one observer put it, "Ivan isn't 10 feet tall, but he's not a drunken midget either."



Physical training is reportedly on the daily schedule of the Soviet conscript.

Berlin Marathon

The next big event on your calendar should be the Berlin Marathon 1984. The run is scheduled to get underway on Sept. 30, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Platz der Republik in front of the Reichstag and the 24 kilometer course stretches throughout seven Berlin districts ending at the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church on the Kurfürstendamm.

Last year more than 6,000 people took part, and this year may top that record. So far more than 3,000 runners are signed up, and the deadline is tentatively set for Aug. 31.

All USAB military members, and family members over the age of 17 are eligible to take part.

If you want to get in on the Marathon ground floor here's what you do. Stop by the Sports Office on the 3rd floor of Bldg. 2, Clay Headquarters, and pick up an application. When you have completed the application, you take it personally to the sources listed on the form, and pay DM 30. This money will be refunded to you on two conditions, 1) that you prove payment by presenting the small blue slip you will receive as a receipt, and 2) present proof (the meda.) that you completed the course. Having done this, MSAD Sports Branch will refund your entry fee.

For Information call 819 6768, or stop by Bldg. 2, room 3032, at the MSAD Sports Office.

Shape-up classes

MSAD is offering the following physical fitness classes:

Lunchtime aerobics — taught by Carrie Ekins in the All American Conference Room from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost for six lessons is \$12. Classes are currently in session.

Aerobics in Dueppel — Also taught by Carrie Ekins, every Tuesday and Thursday, in the basement of building 1820 on Charles H. King Strasse. The cost is \$12 for six classes. Classes start Aug. 7.

Women's body sculpture class — Every Tuesday and Thursday at the Women's Fitness Center at the Berlin Brigade Sports Center. Classes will run from 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for eight lessons.

Payment must be made in advance for all three classes, and may be made at the All American Community Center at McNair Barracks, after 1 p.m.

For more information call extension 3254, after 1 p.m.

Golf tourney

A unique Golf Tournament is being sponsored by Dunhill, to be played between uniformed members of the British Forces North-West Europe and United States Forces North-West Europe, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 7 and 8.

The format of the competition is based on the successful Ryder Cup played between America and Europe, consisting of foursome, fourball and singles matchplay.



They're No. 1

Avenger's center fielder Renae Tucker raps a hit (left); catcher Jackie Palmer crosses home plate with the first



photo by Mike Warren

run of game after being forced in by a bases-loaded walk.

Avengers take USAB women's title

By Mike Warren

The Avengers, aided by 16 walks, toppled Meddac 16-9 Sunday in the USAB women's champion softball game at Andrews field.

The Avengers became the first all family member team to capture the USAB women's softball title.

Meddac pitcher Lynn Head's wildness led to four Avenger runs in the first inning. Head walked the first four batters before finally getting Callie Crume to bounce into a force out. Elaine Hamsted then singled for the second run of the inning and Vicki Mitchell walked to bring home the third run. Eunice Sprately lofted a sacrifice fly to make it 4-0.

Meddac pushed across a run in the top of the second when Lynn Woods singled, went to second on a walk, and scored on an error by Avenger's first baseman Bonnie Breitenfeld.

In the bottom of the third, Head issued her sixth walk of the game to Renae Tucker to start the inning. A single, two walks, and two errors produced a pair of runs.

Meddac came back with three runs in the top of the third with the help of four Avenger errors. Singles by Mary Davis, Denise Putney-Perez and Woods aided the Meddac rally.

After the Avengers scored a single run in the bottom of the third, Meddac came up with five in the top of the

fourth, to take a 9-7 lead. Brenda Burch reached on an error and Head and Sherry Refici walked to load the bases. Davis then unloaded a drive to left field that fell for a two-run double. Two more errors and a sacrifice fly produced the other three runs in the inning.

The Avengers took the lead to stay in the bottom of the fifth. Eleven batters came to the plate in the inning, as the Avengers chalked up six runs. Jackie Palmer and Venus Newman keyed another walk and error-filled inning by lashing two-run singles.

Meddac failed to score in the last two innings.

Meddac had advanced to the play-off game by edging Headquarters Company, Berlin Brigade, 8-7 in the first game played Sunday.

Meddac jumped off to an 8-2 lead after four innings. Putney-Perez and Lana Shannon ripped two-run doubles to highlight a five-run fourth for Meddac.

HHC came back with four runs in the top of the fifth, three of them coming on a three-run, inside-the-park homer by Pam Garten. HHC added another run in the sixth, but fell short of Meddac in the seventh inning. Ann Caldwell drew a lead-off walk, but the next three batters could not advance her.

Earlier results in the tourney were: HHC 7, All Stars 5; FSB 8, Road Runners 2; Meddac 14, ACS 4; Avengers 3, HHC 2; Meddac 12, FSB 8; Avengers 8, Meddac 4; Road Runners 14, ACS 6; HHC 5, Road Runners 4; All Stars 6, FSB 5; HHC 7, All Stars 4.

USAREUR track results

Here are the results of the Berlin Brigade participants in this year's USAREUR Track and Field meet, held July 28 and 29 at Würzburg.

Discus — Joan Fagerness, 287th MP Co., 2nd, 35.32 m.

Shotput — Fagerness, 1st, 13.49 m. (All-time USAREUR Record)

Men's 4 x 100 m relay — Berlin (Edward Washington, Co. C, 4-502, Nathaniel Neal, HHC, 6-502, Lee Jackson, H & S, CSB and Frankie Toney, H & S, CSB), 3rd, 42.51 seconds

Men's 4 x 400 m relay — Berlin (Neal, Harry Brooks, Co. C, 95th, Brian Cushenberry, Co. C, 4-502 and Frederick Robinson, 287th MP Co.) 3rd, 3.23 min.

Javelin — William Hoy, Co. A, 6-502, 2nd place, 60.54 m.

Men's 800 m — Robinson, 1.57.

100 m dash — Toney, 5th, 11.02.

Hammer throw — James Reed, Co. C, 40th Armor, 4th, 38.64 and Marcus Lewis, Co. C, 4-502, 5th, 37.10 m.