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## Wickham clears air with personnel program details

Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. issued a "Wickham sends" message last week to "clear the air" on congressionally imposed officer strength reduction and Army structure changes.

Wickham issued the message because he considered it "good stewardship" to "keep our soldiers and their families informed about both the actions discussed . . ."

In the message, Wickham explained that: "Congress directed DoD (the Department of Defense) to make a six percent reduction by Sept. 30 from the number of officers (in the grades of chief warrant officer 2 through general) actually on active duty on Sept. 30, 1986. Unless Congress amends the law or OSD (the Office of the Secretary of Defense) changes its method of apportioning the reductions among the services, the Army will have about 6,500 fewer officers as a result of this cut. The terms 'inventory' and 'faces,' when used in conversation about this problem, mean people.

"Discussion within the Army of the mandated reduction in people may be confused with a current Army initiative to reduce 'authorizations' or 'spaces' in our MTOE (Modified Table of Organization and Equipment) and TDA (Table of Distribution and Allowances) documents.

"Simply put, for a long time we have had a significant difference between our Army-developed 'spaces' and the 'faces' to fill them. Decreasing the number of people will further increase the number of unfilled positions in our authorization documents, unless 'authorizations' are also reduced. Our 'worst case' estimates a potential future difference of 6,000 commissioned officers and 4,000 warrant officers positions unless structure changes are made," Wickham said.

"ODCSOPS (Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations), ODCSPER (Officer of the

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Ken Jones

## Thorny problem

SSgt. Carl Gregory, C Company, 4th Battalion, ties off some barbed wire holding barrels in place as an obstacle in preparation for the upcoming battle. Each company from the fourth was scheduled for a few days of defending the

city during the platoon level Army Training and Evaluation Program, which is a building block for the battalion level ARTEP to be held in the fall. The soldiers work their way through months of training to prepare for the ARTEP.

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# Commentary

## Getting back in control of a life awry

From social drinking to a shattered life—and back

by Lynne P.  
Guest commentator

I am a sister, a daughter, a mother and the girl next door. I am also alcoholic. My goal in life wasn't to hurt my family, lose my friends, spend our money, lose my self-respect or my self-esteem. But as the alcoholism progressed, I did all that.

The disease of alcoholism didn't hit me all at once. It was a gradual process, chipping away at the person I was, killing the person I could have become.

My weekend drinking left me feeling guilty as a mother and a wife. I began to overcompensate at home.

I cleaned, sewed, cooked, went to ceramics classes, taught Sunday school, made appearances with my husband to promote his political career and on and on. Had someone handed me a superwoman outfit I would have put it on and scrubbed the toilet.

The "occasions" for drinking grew numerous. Dinner parties, banquets and everyday celebrations: weddings, birthdays and anniversaries.

I found it easier to talk after a drink. I became witty, charming and found myself heading for the bar when I entered the room. After one or two drinks, the butterflies quit fluttering and I knew that I would soon be engulfed by the warm glow that had become my safety net.

The progression of the alcoholism escalated at this point and I slipped into the habit of drinking before a party.

Everyone around me saw the danger signals, saw me physically and mentally deteriorating, but couldn't convince me to cut back on my alcohol intake. My one track mind, my mental obsession, shut out



those concerned with my welfare.

My husband left me, the situation at home grew worse. His political career had long since been ruined by a wife who got sloppy drunk.

Without someone to monitor my intake of alcohol, I began drinking in the morning. I had lost the ability to choose, lost control. I had crossed the line and entered the fuzzy-edged world of the chronic alcoholic.

I was fortunate that it only took me three months to hit bottom. My drinking career had lasted 13 years before I gained the courage to call for help.

In June 1982 I called a hotline run by volunteers from Alcoholics Anonymous. I went to an A.A. meeting the next day.

I am glad to say that help really is just a phone call away, my life was saved by the people at those tables. I listened to what they said, and did the impossible. I quit drinking.

I have pieced my life back together, slowly. It took many years to get to my broken state and it required a lot of hard work on my part and the belief in some-

thing much greater than I.

My husband returned and my children have gotten used to a functioning mother. They no longer worry about my condition at 2:45 in the afternoon or if I'm coming home at night.

I have my self-esteem, self-respect and morals back. I have gained so much from my friends at A.A. and I continue to grow. I have learned how not to take a drink, to say no and rely on my newly found instincts. The old fears are gone and there is a freedom in letting go.

If you think you drink too much, you probably do. Go for help now, before you go as far as I did.

There are people who care and they're just a phone call away. Call the Community Counseling Center or attend A.A. meetings on the following nights: Monday and Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m., open meeting, anyone welcome; Thursdays, 8-9 p.m., closed meetings, alcoholics only; Fridays, 7:30-9 p.m. closed meeting, alcoholics only.

All meetings are at Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School in the library.

## Observations

### What do you think of Truman Plaza's new three-hour parking limit?



**Sgt. David Imshweiler, A Company, Field Station Berlin:** "I think it's a good idea if it can be enforced. I don't think they should commit troops, however, just to enforce a three-hour parking regulation. I can see how it can pose a problem for people working at Clay Compound and with the Volksfest activity this summer."



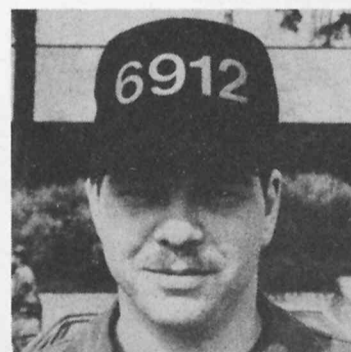
**Nancy Hartzell, family member:** "I think it's a good idea because it will cut down on people parking here all day and night. Also, people who don't belong here won't park here."



**SSgt. Glenda Walcot, Dental Activity:** "I don't think it's such a good idea because it's hard to find a parking space now. If you allow costumer three hours per costumer then you're going to wind up with chaos. I think you should do what you have to do and move on. Right now people are riding around in circles, and once spring comes more people will be coming here."



**Lance Cpl. Glenn Sanders, 62nd Squadron, Royal Training Corps:** "It's all right. Three hours is enough time. I don't know anyone who's stayed here for more than three hours."



**Sgt. Robin Cohee, 6912th Electronic Security Group:** "It's not that bad, but I don't think it's going to give people enough time to wander around here on the weekends and do what they want. I know that on the weekends I can spend four or five hours here."

# AFN tops 20 years of service

AFN Berlin TV will celebrate its 20th birthday tomorrow, one-fifth of a century after it originally began transmissions.

From its humble beginnings, today's AFN Berlin is very different than it was years ago. Though they are still on the same compound, and even partially in the same building, the building was added on to, and new studios and control boards were constructed.

"Overall, programming has improved 100 percent since we started 20 years ago," said Mark White, Chief of Programming at AFN Berlin TV. "In 1978 we started to have studio color, and in 1979 we went to full color when we moved to the new studios."

AFN television Berlin has become much more advanced. We're comparable to any commercial station in the states," said Rudy Kintzel, chief cameraman.

In 1983 Berlin received its first direct satellite link-up with the United States. "The biggest step was the step toward high tech.

"We had been using 60 mm film which we had to develop at the station, and it took 45 minutes to develop it. Now we can have the entire tape ready to roll in the same amount of time," said Kintzle.

In 1979, the AFN TV station moved into larger studios with AFN radio. In 1983 it began daily use of live stateside programs via SATNET, and in 1985 expanded the broadcast day to all but 20 hours a week year round.

"AFN Berlin's inventory of TV programs has grown, too, in quantity and quality over the years. Thanks to the cooperation of the American TV industries, AFN is carrying more of the top-rated shows today than ever before in history," White said.



An early version of AFN's mobile TV crews.

## Wickham sends

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Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel) and TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command) have jointly analyzed our force structure to determine where prudent reductions can be made in our 'authorizations' and still maintain combat as well as solid support capabilities.

"The focus of the study was to identify to commanders candidate 'authorizations' for consideration for elimination, or conversion, either to enlisted or civilian. We are still in the midst of this effort. Final decisions have not been made and will not

be made without MACOM (Major Command) views (being considered).

"However, we are aware that we cannot eliminate a substantial number of positions without significantly changing the way the Army does business. We are putting forth our very best effort to convince the Congress that the full six percent officer reduction should be withdrawn, or at least deffered," Wickham reported.

"In the interim, the Army is executing, in a sound manner, the first stage of the cut (1575 fewer officers by Sept. 30). We have already put in motion, or have in queue,

several common sense initiatives. The thrust of any future reductions will be, as it has been in FY87 (Fiscal Year 1987) to focus first on voluntary losses and to resort to involuntary release from active duty, mandatory retirement, etc., only when we must. Details concerning the Army's FY 87 reduction in people will be publicly announced by the DCSPER."

"This is a difficult time, demanding the best in leadership and mentorship. We are, and will continue, to 'fine tune' our officer corps strength," he noted.

## French ease visa rules

Heidelberg—French consular officials are issuing three-year visas to U.S. civilian citizens whenever possible, according to U.S. European Command officials.

The cost of the visas is approximately DM 31, the same as for a one year visa.

The passport of the person applying for a three-year visa must be valid for two months beyond the expiration of the visa. For those whose passports expire in less than three years, the consul issues a visa good for two months less than the expiration date of the passport.

In addition to the new three-year visas, three-day, 90-day and one-year visas are available.

Interested persons should call their local consular office for more information before making a trip there, USEUCOM officials advise.

## Catch-up to hit civ pay

Heidelberg—An estimated 13,000 U.S. Army Europe employees covered under the new Federal Employees Retirement System will see a smaller paycheck next week because of a lump sum deduction of 1.3 percent of their base pay from January to the present.

According to USAREUR civilian personnel officials, a mandatory deduction of 1.3 percent from UASE salary employees under the new retirement system went into effect Jan. 1. However, it was not until March that it was known in USAREUR that family members and overseas limited appointees here included in the new retirement system and were subject to the deduction. The deductions should have begun with the first pay period of the calendar year, Jan. 11.

As a result, the 266th Theater Finance Center will make the deduction for the entire period the new retirement system has been in effect.

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## Steppin' out

# Bach, Havel music spice Easter weekend

Easter weekend in Berlin offers several opportunities to celebrate the season in an appropriate manner at organ concerts of traditional Easter music. There will be an organ concert featuring the works of Johann Sebastian Bach 6 p.m. Saturday at the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church on Breitscheid Platz.

Later that evening at 11 p.m. "Easter Night Liturgical Concert" will include diverse pieces performed by choirs and stringed instrument ensembles at the Linden Church in Wilmersdorf. Entrance to both is free.

### Hugenot Easter band

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first contingent of Bohemian refugees in Berlin. Forced to flee their native Czechoslovakia because of their religious beliefs, the Hugenots came to Berlin to make a new life on land granted to them by Friedrich Wilhem I.

Their original settlement was known as Bohemian Rixdorf and many of the buildings have been restored for this year's anniversary. The residents have maintained many of their old Czech traditions and one of these is the "Bläserchor" or Brass Band. The Bläserchor has been waking up Rixdorfers on Easter Morning for over 250 years and this year will be no exception. The streets of the old district will resound with the notes of ancient melodies beginning at sunrise (about 6 a.m.) Sunday. Buslines 4, 29 or 41 and U-Bahn Line 7 will transport you to Karl Marx Strasse from whence it is only a two minute walk to the center of Rixdorf along Richardstrasse.

### Flea market

Those of you who still haven't gotten ready for the Easter Parade may want to visit the flea market on the 17 Juni Strasse to hunt for a new outfit or any one of the 1001 items that are on display there between 8 a.m. and about 3:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

### The inner workings

Ever wonder where that water that comes out of the tap in your quarters comes from and how it's treated here in the divided city? Until Sept. 26 this year you can become well informed on the subject courtesy of an exhibit at one of Berlin's old pump stations at No. 208 Hohenzollern-damm in Wilmersdorf. Open noon-7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays and Sundays.

### Action on and off the Havel

On Easter Sunday the action in Spandau will be on the Havel at Scharfe Lanke near Heerstrasse (take bus 94). Sailboats will cruise the waters throughout the day while picnickers dot the shore. When darkness falls the night will come alive with the glow of lanterns and the glare of fireworks. On the grounds of the Gothia Sailing Club there will be entertainment by the Tower Jazz Band. Food and liquid refreshments will be available along the river bank, as well. Various bands and dancing groups will perform on the outdoor stage from 2 p.m. until dark.

### Korean music, dance

Next weekend in the Main Exhibition Salon of the Dahlem "Völkerkunde Museum" the Korean-German Cultural Circle will present Nore, two evenings of avant garde and classical Korean music and dancing. The concerts, presented in cooperation with the International Institute for Comparative Music Studies will include selections on April 25 of avant garde and traditional music for native Korean instruments. On Sunday evening a Korean folk dance troupe will appear in addition to the musical program. The entertainment on both nights begins at 7 p.m. A display of woodcuts and Korean handicrafts and



Korean drum dancers perform in Dahlem April 25 and 26.



Huguenot descendants make a musical march Easter mornings.

an opportunity to sample local delicacies will help complete the oriental mood. The museum is located not far from Dahlem Dorf U-bahn stop on the Line 2, and Bus Lines A-1, 10 or 17 will also drop you in the neighborhood. Admission is DM 20 for both nights, DM 15 for one night.

### Lunapark carnival

Don't forget the Lunapark. Until May 10 the extra-special spring edition of the rides and carnival attractions will be open every day from 2 p.m. until midnight at the

Lütowplatz (U-Bahn stop Wittenberg Platz, bus lines 9, 16, 29 and 69). Ride the incredible three-loop roller coaster, spin to the top of the whirling, twirling Ikarus, watch the motor cowboys roar around the track on their two and four-wheeled contraptions or just bring the kids and have a quiet day roaming the carnival grounds. Wednesday is family day and most rides and attractions offer 50 percent reductions. Hugh fireworks display on Saturday evenings. So step right up ladies and gentlemen admission is only DM 1.50 for adults, children under 14 admitted free.



# Bulletin board

## Berlin birthday

During his trip to Berlin scheduled for June 12, President Ronald Reagan will host a "typical American birthday party" for the city. The party, to be held in the B Halle of Tempelhof Central Airport, is to honor the city's 750th birthday.

As for any party, entertainment is needed.

"We need people with talent who would like to perform to set up a time and date for an audition. Any person or groups who auditions and is picked to perform will be expected to rehearse in preparation for the party," said Lt. Col. John Tartella.

"Groups of such typical American forms as country and western and Dixieland bands, choirs, singers, dancers and other such entertainers are encouraged to audition," Tartella said.

To set up an appointment for an audition, entertainers should contact Lt. Col. Donald Lamb at the Office of the Deputy Community Commander, BM 6905, no later than April 24.

## Easter services

Easter services for the chapels are as follows, according to the Chaplain's Division:

### Catholic masses for the remainder of "holy week":

- "Good Friday Liturgy" 6 p.m. today at American Community Chapel;
- "Holy Saturday Easter Vigil," 5 p.m. Saturday at Tempelhof Central Airport;
- "Holy Saturday Liturgy," 7 p.m. Saturday at ACC;
- 9 a.m. mass at the ACC and TCA chapels;
- 9:30 a.m. at Andrews Chapel;
- 11 a.m. at the U.S. Army, Hospital;
- noon Sunday at ACC and Andrews; and
- 4:30 p.m. Sunday at McNair Chapel.

### Protestant Easter weekend activities are:

- an "Ecumenical service" noon today at TCA;
- a 6 p.m. potluck supper and 7:30 p.m. one-act play pre-

sentation today at the McNair Chapel;

- a 7 a.m. Sunday "sunrise service" at the Harnack House;
- a 9 a.m. Sunday "brunch and devotions" activity at the Columbia House, TCA;
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Easter service at ACC and Andrews;
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday at McNair;
- 11 a.m. Sunday at the TCA and hospital chapels;
- 1:30 p.m. Sunday at ACC and Andrews;
- a 5 p.m. Sunday Korean service at ACC; and
- a 7 p.m. Sunday Berean service at ACC.

## Credit union

The Service Federal Credit Union office here is accepting applications for the position of branch office assistant manager. Applications will be accepted through May 6 and are available in the branch office in Truman Plaza.

Applications will be judged based on experience and education suitable for working in the management of a financial institution. Resumes, references, and photocopies of other documents providing insight into the background of an applicant may be submitted.

No telephone inquiries please. Applicants will be contacted for interviews.

Service Federal Credit Union will close at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. Tuesday.

## No school Monday

Thomas A. Roberts Elementary and Berlin American High School will be closed Monday for teacher inservice workshops. School resumes Tuesday.

## Volunteers honored

A reception honoring the Berlin American volunteers will be held 2 p.m. April 27 at the Harnack House. For reservations for the reception call BM 6233/6556 by Wednesday.

There will also be a luncheon for volunteers April 30 at the Harnack House. There are 240 tickets for the luncheon and are available from Installation Volunteer Coordinator Mary Savely at the Information Center in Truman Plaza.

## Commissary closed

The Commissary will be closed Easter Sunday.

## Appointment wait times

Officials at the U.S. Army Hospital, Berlin have released the next available appointment dates for the following clinics as of April 10:

- Gynecology: for active duty, April 28; for family members, May 5.
- Obstetrics: Monday.
- Pap Smear: May 5.
- Optometry: for active duty and family members, May 11.
- Pediatrics: routine appointments, May 4; the Well Baby Clinic, May 5.
- Surgical: Monday.

Appointments can be made through the Central Appointment System, BM 4211.

## Youth activities council

The Youth Activities Center is looking for people to form an advisory council. The council, made up of parents, volunteers, military and civilians, will be to provide a forum for ideas regarding YA, and to assist in programming a complete recreation program for all ages in the community. Those interested in taking part may notify YA Director Joseph Moscone, BM 6952, no later than April 27. An initial meeting will be scheduled at a later date after the council is officially formed.

## Requirements for printing ads and events

All submissions for this page must be:

1. Typed double spaced.
2. On an 8x10 sheet of paper.
3. Typed in complete sentences (except for want ads).
4. Signed.

Deadline each week is close-of-business Monday. Entries must be resubmitted for each issue. Ads for firearms or weapons will not be taken. Submit at room 2061, building 2, Clay Headquarters.

## Want ads

### For sale

**1979 Trans Am.** Four-speed transmission, bucket seats, blue, new tires, positive traction rear, T-Top, 400 c.i. engine, great condition. Call 792-3173 or 819-6581, ask for Greg.

**1973 Mercedes.** Needs Work; \$250 or will trade for stereo equipment. Call 802-9198 after 5 p.m.

**1985 Toyota Corolla.** Four door, in excellent condition, first owner, 9,000 miles, electric sunroof, cloth interior. Head and shoulder sun lamp, many 220 appliances, clothes schrank, couches, throw rugs, baby furniture, and many more items. All prices negotiable. Call 792-0971 Mon.-Thur. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7 p.m.-11 p.m., weekends anytime, 831-1365, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**1984 Sentra Station Wagon.** Automatic, catalytic converter, shipping papers, air conditioning, AM/FM, one owner; \$5,000. Call 813-6476 or BM 8883.

**Typewriter, Royal Cavalier/1200.** Electric, portable, hardly used; \$100. Call 813-6476.

**Dark Blue VW Polo GLS.** 9/79, 60 PS, L.H.D., 79,000 km, regularly serviced, good condition, new BFG; asking DM 3,900. Call 309-5288 (office) or 852-3716 (home).

**1976 Honda Civic.** Three door, runs excellently, body in good condition, brakes need work; best offer. Call 792-6700.

**1978 Volvo DL.** In very good condition, U.S. specs., AM/FM cassette stereo, automatic, power steering; \$3,500. Dog kennel extra large, airline approved; \$50. Call 813-6711.

**Men's Air Force service dress.** Size 38R, \$15. Call 813-8569.

**PCS sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at 1 Brettbacherstr. in Sundgauer. In lobby if rain. Technics cassette deck, 220 V. desk fan, 220 V TV antenna, plants & potting soil, women's clothes (size 7), women's formals, men's clothes (size X long), children's clothes, play pen, lots of toys.

**Moving sale.** All items will be available after May 1. Whirlpool portable dishwasher w/cutting board top, 110v 50/60 cyc; \$150. Zenith portable color TV 110V 50/60 CYC, adapted for German sound; \$50. German storage shrank (one unit) 3m x 1 1/2 m w/ three storage section (one hangers, one with shelves, one for display); \$100. 125 pound weight set consisting of one bar, two dumbbells and bench; \$70. German AEG freezer, 220/240V 50 cyc; \$200. 4'x6' train board, four tracks, cities, scenery; \$175. Fish tank, hexagonal shape with lights, heater, stand and accessories; \$50. Four-person tent, need tent pegs; \$50. Transformers, 1600W; \$35, 500W; \$20, 350W; \$15, two 75W; \$7.50. Weber bar-b-que kettle grill with ash catcher; \$20. Call 826-3743 after April 25 to see. All items in excellent to good condition, moving assistance given.

**Multi-family basement sale:** summer maternity clothes, boy's clothes newborn to 24mos, 1000 watt transformer, ladies shoes 7 & 8, brass lamps, assorted household items, and adult clothing. 73 Clauerstrasse (Düppel), 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Two-family yard sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Transformers, small appliances, clothes, plants, more. In case of rain, will be held in the basement at 7B Am Hegewinkel, BB Housing Area.

**Two seat couch,** two easy chairs, coffee table (marble), end table (marble), small book case (light in back ground), antique telephone & table, brass bed with mattress, two sheep wool rugs (large), small dining table, small night table w/ lamp (marble), bathroom rugs very plush, TV table w/pull out for video, lamps. Call Mr. Meredith, 8153254 after 4 p.m. Address is Nieritzweg 10-12 Zehlendorf.

**Two parakeets,** with cage and accessories; \$30. Children's battery-operated Singer sewing machine—sews real stitches; \$15. Call 802-8432.

**Sofa & two chairs.** Good condition; \$75. Skis, new, atomic 210 cm with Solomon 727 bindings; \$75. Stereo cabinet with shelves, nice; \$25. Book shelves—two meters x one meters; \$20 each. Call 801-3976 evenings.

**Digital Devices U-Print Printer Interface for Atari Computers.** Brand new, never used, will sell for \$45 or trade for Atari 520 ST software. Call 811-7215 after 5:30 p.m.

**220V large deep freeze;** \$100. 220V toaster; \$10. Playpen, excellent condition; \$30. Child's swimming pool, like new; \$10. Rocking infant seat with cloth cover; \$10. Infant seat, attaches to chair for feeding; \$7. Wagon for small child; \$10. Call 811-8139.

**Class A, field grade officers' service cap.** Size 7 1/8, brand new, never worn. \$54. Call BM 6006 ask for Lt. Owens.

**Portable typewriter.** Olympia, non-electric, American standard keyboard, w/ carrying case, excellent condition; \$60 or best offer. Call 811-6986 after 6 p.m.

**PCS sale.** DP Bodytone 300 rowing machine, Schwinn men's bike, space heater (220V), shelving for TV/stereo, child's dresser (white w/ yellow trim), "oldie" audio cassettes and storage racks, assorted baby and toddler stuff. Call 826-4578 after 5:30 p.m.

**Sewing machine.** In working condition with sewing machine table. 100V, needs needle; DM 60. 110V toaster; DM 10. Jade pendant, approx. 1'' x 2'', light green with darker, apple green streaks. Carved with bird-and-squash motif, purchased in Hawaii for \$340, will sell for DM 150. Call 813-6515. Also, wooden commode chair for elderly person. Seat removes to reveal commode; DM 30.

**PCS sale.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 18 and 25 at 2 E.C. Diltz (Düppel). Books, baby stroller, baby buggy, baby hand-carrier, baby's car seat, plants, big girls' clothes, boys and girls' clothes (newborn to 3 yrs.), men and women's clothing, shoes, toys, household appliances, rocking horse, more. If it rains, check the basement.

**Yard Sale Basement.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 4 E.C. Diltz (Düppel). 110-220 appliances, games, books, uniforms, kitchen wear, tires, clothes.

### Wanted

**Dog kennel for large dog.** Approximately 30'' high by 45'' long. Call 813-8569.

**35 mm camera outfit** in excellent condition. Call 813-6320 after 6 p.m.

## School lunches

—TAR and BAH schools have the following menu for the week beginning April 20:

- Monday—closed—
- Tuesday—Lettuce, tomato salad, chicken nuggets w/ honey, buttered corn, peaches bread and butter, white or choco milk.
- Wednesday—Lettuce, pickles, hamburger on bun, French fried potatoes, ice cream, white or choco milk.
- Thursday—Cucumber salad, barbeque prok on bun, buttered peas, mixed fruit, white or choco milk.
- Friday—Cole slaw, tuna salad sandwich, vegetarian beans, choco pudding, white or choco milk.

—JFK School has the following menu for the week beginning March 30:

- Monday—closed
- Tuesday—closed
- Wednesday—Pork with sauce, rice, cabbage salad, cookies.
- Thursday—Chicken leg, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, canned pineapple.
- Friday—Two meatballs, tomato sauce, noodles, hazel-nut pdding.





## Nazi forces pull apart scientific society

### Hitler subverts study, attacks its scientists

by Tom Blake  
Historical columnist

*(Editor's note: this is the second part of a two-part series on the Max Planck Society.)*

When the German invasion of Poland touched off World War II in September 1939, the Institutes of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society were engaged in research projects of one sort or another in almost 50 locations scattered throughout the Reich. Since Hitler's ascension to power in 1933, however, an atmosphere made up of equal parts patriotism and paranoia had hindered cooperation among the institutes and the various government departments which increasingly attempted to "oversee" their work. Members of the scientific community were caught up in the web of intrigue that entangled Europe after the führer launched his campaign to create a thousand year empire.

Racial purity laws and pressure from the National Socialist regime had purged the society of many of its most brilliant members and its board of directors had begun to reflect the extent to which war-related industry was involved in the process that decided which projects were to be given priority. Albert Voegler, president of the Krupp Steel Works, was also the president of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society, while his colleague, Professor Dr. Carl Krauch, head of I.G. Farben Chemical Corporation, occupied the executive secretarial chair. Krupp, of course, was interested in filling the government's wartime steel quotas and I.G. Farben specialized in chemical-biological warfare. Farben was responsible for ultimately producing the deadly "Cyclon-B" gas that was used to exterminate so many thousands of prisoners in the Nazi system of concentration camps during the latter half of the war. Voegler was also a highly vocal proponent of atomic weapons research and he used his position to remind Albert Speer, Nazi minister of armaments, of the need for stepped-up development in that field. As a result of one of these reminders, the Reichs research council, under Hermann Goering, summoned members of the Physics Institute to deliver a situation report to members of the military establishment in the summer of 1942.

### June conference

It was for that purpose that a conference was convened at the Harnack House during the first week of June at which Speer, Professor Porsche, Dr. Heisenberg, Dr. Diebner, Otto Hahn, Dr. Hartack and Voegler appeared to brief Gen. Leeb, head of Army Ordnance, his superior, Gen. Fromm, Field Marshall Milch and Adm. Witzel. After a confused and highly political meeting it was decided that ma-

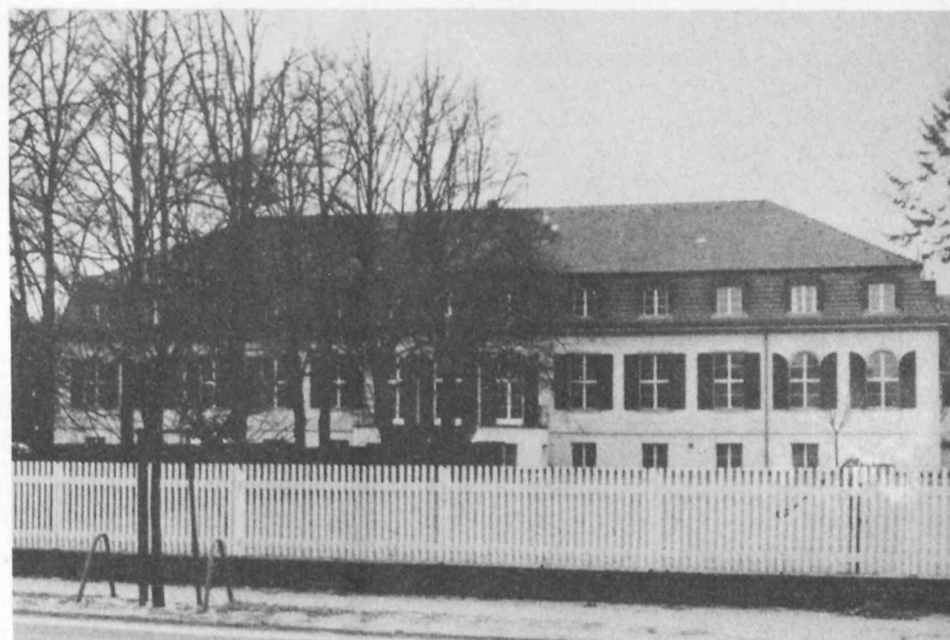
terial requirements in other areas of war economy would render the "pineapple-sized" device that had been discussed as the ideal bomb impractical. Some budget allocations were made for continued nuclear weapons research and the Krupp Works actually began to turn out parts for a cyclotron while a fission laboratory was readied in Berlin on Hardenbergstrasse. Overall goals were shifted more toward the perfection of a nuclear powered engine for possible use in submarines, but except for a few fanatical SS units, no one really considered that the A-bomb would be used during the conflict. In fact, almost 1,200 metric tons of uranium were subsequently released for use as solid cores in artillery rounds that had previously been filled with wolframite, a substance normally imported from Portugal, but increasingly hard to obtain as lines of supply became more and more extended.

### Exhausted economy

Meanwhile, the exhaustive demands of carrying on a war on two fronts continued to bleed the economy dry, and by the beginning of 1943 it was clear that even so-called miracle weapons (rockets, jet powered fighters or nuclear submarines) could not possibly win the war for the führer. In an attempt to stop Hitler before the Fatherland was totally destroyed, various resistance groups in both the scientific and military communities became bolder in their efforts to bring about an end to the war. The boldest of these plans was known as "Operation Valkyrie."

Valkyrie was put into effect after several false starts and aborted attempts when Col. Klaus von Stauffenberg planted a bomb in Hitler's East Prussian bunker on July 20, 1944. The bomb exploded only inches from the führer, but he somehow miraculously escaped with his life and the overall plan rapidly fell apart. Stauffenberg had meanwhile returned to the headquarters of the Army High Command on Bendlerstrasse in Berlin where he and his immediate co-conspirators were executed by firing squad that same night. In the months that followed though, Hitler's henchmen reached out into the population and hundreds of men and women ended their lives on the gallows or the guillotine. Among those victims were the sons of two of the most renowned members of the original staff of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society.

Wolf Alexander Oskar Ernst von Harnack was the son of the society's first president, and he was among the first people to speak out against Hitler in the 1930s. His opposition was duly noted and by 1934 he had been relieved of all public positions of authority or influence. When his involvement with the July plotters was uncovered, Harnack was arrested, tried before the notorious Peoples' Court and sentenced



Tom Blake

**Built with Rockefeller Foundation funds in 1929, the Institute for Cell Physiology served as U.S. Forces offices after WWII until the property was returned to Max Planck Society in May 1950.**

to death. He was hanged only six weeks before the war ended.

The other family to be visited by the executioner was that of Max Planck, the Kaiser Wilhelm Society's conscience and guiding light for more than 30 years. The elderly Planck had lost both of his daughters and a son during World War I and now the grim reality of war was once more forcefully impressed upon the old man. His son Erwin was also arrested, subjected to the mockery of justice at the Peoples' Court and later executed for his participation in the unsuccessful attempt to rid the world of Hitler's tyranny.

While the pain of these sacrifices was still fresh in the minds of all, the war came to an end in May 1945 and the Kaiser Wilhelm Society embarked on the long, slow road to a new life in the ruins of what was once the German nation. The Soviets had reached Berlin first and had taken control of the properties in the former capital until American and British troops arrived in July that year. Max Planck continued to act as the unifying spirit of the society while different fates befell the physical properties of the individual institutes.

### American control

When American troops initially set up headquarters in Dahlem in the Zehlendorf District at what is now Clay Compound, they also occupied other buildings in the neighborhood to accommodate branches of the military government. At least three of them had belonged to the Kaiser Wilhelm Society. The Harnack House on Ihnesstrasse had been competed in 1929 to serve as lecture hall and temporary lodgings for visiting scientists: it became the American Officers Club and visitors quarters. The Physics Institute on Boltzmannstrasse was used to house military intelligence and G-3

sections, and the former Institute for Cell Physiology served as executive offices for the U.S. High Command.

It wasn't long before the indefatigable Max Planck got the best of Germany's scientific minds back together, and in April 1946, with the clear understanding that a new name must be chosen, the British agreed to allow the society to be reborn. Otto Hahn took over as president and on September 11, 1946 the "Max Planck Gesellschaft für die Förderung der Wissenschaft in der Britischen Zone" officially came into being. Planck himself was worn out from a long and troubled life and died in October 1947 at the age of 89. Then on May 8, 1950 the fifth anniversary of the end of the war in Europe, Gen. Maxwell Taylor took part in ceremonies in Gary Strasse that marked the return of properties and birth of the Max Planck Society in the U.S. sector.

### Modern-day role

Today, the Max Planck Society is once more in the forefront of international research institutions. According to a recently issued brochure it "... operates research institutes for the benefit of the public ... in new areas which, because of their scope or administrative structure, are less suitable for university research departments."

The modern society is composed of 52 institutes, three clinical research units, two independent research units and nearly 20 independent affiliated groups located throughout the Federal Republic of Germany and in two foreign countries. Max Planck would be proud to know that the areas of inquiry now range from the international legal rights of individuals to esoteric sciences like psycholinguistics to the traditional disciplines in organic chemistry, radio astronomy and nuclear medicine.



# Community events

## Law Day focuses on U.S. freedoms

Participation in government is the key to good government, according to this year's organizer of Law Day activities.

"We celebrate Law Day every year, but it happens to mean a little bit more because it is the 200th year of the Constitution. It should have a particular poignancy here because we're surrounded by people who don't have the right to exercise their right to vote for their representatives, and who don't have the right to exercise freedom of speech, religion, assembly and perhaps most graphically for us in light of the Wall surrounding us is their freedom to travel," Chairman of Law Day U.S.A. for Berlin Judicature Society, Capt. A.L. Faustino said.

Law Day was established in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Since 1961 it has been May 1 of each year.

"Law Day is not a day for lawyers. Rather, it is a day set aside for Americans to think about the principles of American law and individual rights which made our nation great."

This year's theme is "We the People" which are the first three words of the U.S. Constitution.

Activities locally include a poster contest for 4th-6th graders at Thomas A. Roberts and John F. Kennedy School. For 7th-9th at Berlin American High School and JFK graders there's an essay contest. Winners receive a certificate and a \$50 Savings Bond.

The winners will be announced at a Law Day awards ceremony May 1 in front of the Doughboy Statue in building 1, Clay Compound.

Other activities are:

- A mock trial demonstration by the Heidelberg Law Explorers 1 p.m. April 26 in the SJA courtroom, building 8, Clay Compound. The event is open to the community. Upon request, tours of the SJA will be given.

- A luncheon will be held May 4 at the Harnack House. The U.S. Commander, Berlin Maj. Gen. John H. Mitchell, will host German and allied members of the legal community. The guest speaker will be U.S. Army, Europe's Judge Advocate, Brig. Gen. Ronald Holdaway. Also at the luncheon, the competition for the Frei University law students will be formally announced.

- The Liberty Bell award recipient will be announced at the May 4 luncheon. The winner will receive a plaque and a \$50 Savings Bond.

## Births in Berlin

**Christopher Michael Bellanco**, born March 31 to SSgt. Martin and Marcia Bellanco, 6912th Electronic Security Group.

**April Marie Gomez**, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born April 3 to SP4 Catarino and Elsa Gomez, A Company, 4th Battalion.

**Brian Christopher Powell**, born April 3 to SSgt. Alvin and Jane Powell, 7350th Air Base Group.

**Artric Shelton Jr.**, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born March 9 to Artric and Doris Marie Shelton, Headquarters and Service Company, Field Station Berlin.



Ken Brubaker

Berlin American High School Principal William LeClair presents seventh graders with the "spirit stick" at a school assembly April 8. The students won top honors in the recent "A-Day" competition to promote the importance of earning good grades. During the assembly BAHS students presented skits, drills, cheers and music.

## Community news notes

### Education notes

A **teacher certification and recertification forum** is being sponsored by the G3 Education Division "in order to determine the need and interest for such programs in the Berlin Community." Representatives from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools, Army Continuing Education System from Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe, G3 Education, Boston University and the University of Maryland will be there. The forum will take place 7 p.m. April 24 in the Humboldt Room of the Harnack House. The event is open to all community members. For more information call BM 6695.

A **human sexuality seminar** will be offered as a Boston University elective in its master of education and counseling program. Registration ends close of business April 24 at Clay or Tempelhof education centers. Taught by Michelle Boyer, this is a "comprehensive overview of existing beliefs and knowledge about human sexuality . . . expressions, common problems and the changing patterns of society." For more information call BM 6976 or 5259.

**Summer registration is on for Boston University's** three graduate programs in international relations, business administration and counseling. Registration is being accepted now through May 24 at the Clay or TCA education centers.

**The following policy for weekend seminars** sponsored by G3 Education Division will be implemented June 1, according to the Regional Director of Education:

- Registration for weekend seminars may take place no earlier than 30 calendar days before and no later than the close of business on the Wednesday preceding the start of the seminar.

- Cancellations of enrollment will be accepted until close of business on the Thursday prior to the seminar.

- Under exceptional conditions, enrollment cancellations will be accepted on the Friday preceding the seminar. Students who fail to cancel their enrollments, and who do not attend the seminar for reasons within their control will be required to repay all funds expended for the seminar by the Army on their behalf.

- For all weekend seminars which will be conducted

prior to June 1, registrations are currently being accepted and will continue to be accepted through the Wednesday preceding the seminar, or until the course is full, whichever comes first.

### Entertainment notes

**The French Boys Choir**, "Les Petits Chanteurs de Bar-Le-Duc," will present a concert 4 p.m. Sunday at the American Community Chapel. The choir will be celebrating its 20th anniversary during their third visit to Berlin. The event is open to the community.

**Auditions for "As You Like It"** will be 2 p.m. April 25 and 7 p.m. April 26 and 27 in the Andrews Theatre. There will be at least 20 parts for men and women.

**Auditions for "Music: A Variety Show"** will be 5 p.m. April 20 and 27 at the Youth Activities Center. Children, adults, singers, dancers, magicians or comedians are being sought. For more information call BM 6249.

**Amateur movie makers** are invited to submit works to the All American Community Center for the "Home Video Movie Contest" in May.

**Auditions for the "Berlin-a-Cords"** will be 7:30 p.m. Thursdays for male singers.

A **western dance** sponsored by the All American will be held at the Checkpoint Club 7 p.m. May 8. Tickets cost \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information or tickets contact the All American, BM 9754.

### Skyrider notes

**Skyrider Tours, Tempelhof Central Airport**, has the following activities for the coming weeks:

- A "Bummel" tour will be 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday for \$7.

- The West Berlin "outskirts" tour will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday for \$5.

- The Köpenick Palace tour will be 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 25. The tour of the palace and the arts and crafts museum with items dating back to the 1500s will cost \$6 plus entry into the museum.

- The Spandau tour of the oldest Berlin district will be 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 26. Cost is \$5.

To make reservations for more information call BM 5067.

# Constitution the keystone of American stability

by Donna Bolinger-Miles

American Forces Information Service

Imagine a different kind of America, with the government run by military leaders whose personal whims have been declared law.

That's how many governments operate today; a small number of power-holders crush the rights and will of the people. More than a third of the members of the United Nations are ruled by governments that came to power through military force.

History is full of graphic examples of tyranny and oppression. Even the *Magna Carta*, in which King John of England was forced to admit his submission to the law, represented only a grant of power from the government to the people.

The framers of America's Constitution, many of them military leaders themselves, wanted more for the fledgling American colonies.

They drew from their vast backgrounds in government, private enterprise and academia, as they debated and discussed and debated again the future direction of the United States.

What they came up with was a revolu-

tionary concept — not a government edict for the people to obey, but a people's law for the government to obey. In essence, they created the first political system that insisted that power flows from the people to the state, not the other way around.

The idea shook the foundations of long-established monarchies and parliamentary governments around the world.

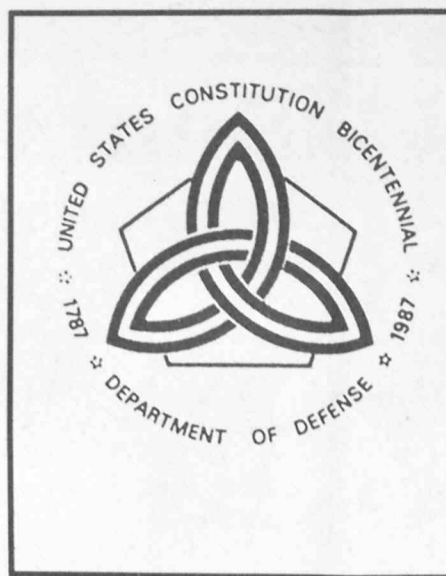
To ensure that the sole source of power would always remain with the people, the drafters of the Constitution split the government into three separate, but equal, branches.

By dividing power among three branches of government, no one branch could control it.

By having two houses of Congress, no single group could make laws. By having the members of the House of Representatives elected according to the population of the state, the larger states would have more power in the House.

By having two senators elected from each state, each state would have equal representation and power in the Senate.

By having a president with power to veto laws of Congress, unwise laws would be



sent back to Congress to be studied again.

By creating the Supreme Court with final authority in law, the will of one high court would be final, rather than the clashing wills of the states.

The results of the efforts of those who framed the American Constitution are apparent for all to see. After all, two-thirds of all constitutions have been adopted or re-

vised since 1970, and the average nation has had two constitutions since 1945.

Through a civil war, two catastrophic world wars and depressions, riots and troubles of all kinds, the U.S. Constitution has survived, making it the world's longest-ruling government document.

As Americans prepare to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, philosophers and political scientists alike still marvel at the insight demonstrated by its drafters.

Former Chief Justice Warren Burger, chairman of the Bicentennial Commission, points to the Constitution as the instrument through which America has risen to greatness.

In the 200 years since it was drafted, the United States has developed from a new nation of 3 million people scattered along the eastern seaboard into a world power with 250 million people.

"Other nations have had industrious, talented and ambitious people, but the United States offered more," Burger said. "It had a system that allowed every person to develop God-given talents and abilities without the heavy hand of government or tradition being a barrier of burden."

## ITT notes

The Information, Tour and Travel office has the following activities for the coming weeks:

■ The "East Side" tour explores the inner-city tenements and rural areas of East Berlin, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.

■ The Steinstücken tour will be 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday. This includes the "cut-off" city, Peacock Island and the Glienicke Bridge. Cost is \$9.

■ Wannsee boat rides are offered 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m. April 23 and 28 for \$9.

■ The royal residences tour will be 9:15 a.m.-2 p.m. April 25. This \$10 tour includes Bellevue Castle, Charlottenburg Palace and the Grunewald Hunting Lodge.

All trips and tours must be preregistered and prepaid.

There are other in-city and East Berlin trips throughout the week. For more information call BM 6523 or 7189.

## Community centers notes

The All American Community Center, McNair Barracks, continues its photography display during operating hours through Saturday.

The Easter bunny will be at the All American 1-3 p.m. Sunday for pictures with children. Cost is \$1.50. For more information on any All American activity call BM 9754.

The Hi-Lite Community Center, Andrews Barracks, will have a Peacock Island picnic beginning 11 a.m. Sunday. Cost is \$3.

Flower delivery for "Secretary's Day" will be Wednesday. Cost is \$10 and deadline for ordering is Monday. Orders can be placed at the Hi-Lite or on Monday at room 3080, building 2, Clay Compound from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information on this or any Hi-Lite activity call BM 9754.

## Youth activities notes

The Youth Activities Center has the following activities for the coming week:

■ "Space Mail, Part 2" for juniors and preteens will be 1 p.m. today.

■ The junior disco for ages 6-9 will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday. Also Saturday there will be an egg hunt at 10 a.m. and a 3 p.m. matinee for YA members.

■ April birthdays will be celebrated 3:30 p.m. Monday.

■ Spray lace decorations will be 3:30 p.m. Tuesday for preteens.

■ Mark Twain story hour will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday for juniors.

■ Parachute games will be 3:30 p.m. Thursday for juniors and preteens.

■ There will be a dance for 10-13 year olds 7 p.m. April 24.

For more information on these or any other YA activities call BM 6249.

## Association notes

The Fellowship Bible Church, 134 Hauptstrasse (Schöneberg), will host an Easter Bible conference 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Guest speaker will be Bud Bierman of Bob Jones University. The English-speaking church can be reached by using bus 48 and getting off at the corner of Albertstrasse or by the S-bahn to Schöneberg. For more information call 781-1483 days or 817-4121 evenings.

Field Station Berlin Women's Club will be sponsoring an Easter egg hunt for children of personnel assigned to FSB. The hunt will begin 1:30 p.m. Saturday on the grounds surrounding the Andrews Chapel. In case of rain it will be held in the B Company dayroom. The hunt will be for 2-12 years olds and prizes will be awarded.

The 5th Battalion Wives activities for the coming week are: a children's Easter party 3 p.m. at the Thomas A. Roberts School cafeteria. Those coming are asked by club officials to bring a dozen brownies, cookies or a half-dozen cupcakes. The East Berlin Shopping trip is 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday. The bus departs 9 a.m. from Truman Plaza. For more information or to make reservations call Debbie Sauve, 801-5746, or Vickie Mouras, 802-6872.

The Combat Support Battalion will sponsor a children's Easter egg hunt 1 p.m. Saturday on the parade field in front of building 903, Andrews Barracks. Prizes will

be awarded. The event is open to children up to 11 years old.

The A Company, 4th Battalion will be having a children's party and egg hunt 11 a.m. Saturday. "If planning to attend, you need to call Dena, 813-6465, or Carol, 813-6973, for more information. The Easter bunny will be there," said a publicity spokesman.

The Hemmed-In-Stitches Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Children's Center. The event is open to the community.

There are two smocking classes coming up, each with three sessions. They are: 1-3 p.m. April 27, May 4 and 11, and 7-9 p.m. April 27, May 3 and 11. For more information on the day class call 831-3663 and for the evening class 832-4656.

The Army Community Services "Creative Group" will meet 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Youth Activities. "The creative group is a modern day sewing circle looking for people interested in learning and teaching handicrafts," said ACS Director Odessa Ware. For more information call BM 6500 or 6585.

The Berlin Bear-a-Cudas Booster Club will meet 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Hi-Lite Community Center, Andrews Barracks.

The Allied Coffee Morning Group will meet 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday. A bus will depart 9:30 a.m. from the Truman Plaza bus depot for the coffee. The event is open to all wives of military, State Department and Department of Defense employees.

The Society for Creative Anachronism, a group which researches and recreates the middle ages and renaissance, will meet 7:30 p.m. April 23 in the library room of the Harnack House. The meeting is open to the community. For more information call Michael or Sandra Chance, 341-7660.

The American Red Cross is offering a first aid course 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 25. For more information and registration call BM 6437 or 6459.

Boy Scout Troop 46 will have a "Spring Court of Honor" 7 p.m. April 30 at the All American Community Center, McNair Barracks. "Please bring a dessert to share," Publicity Chairman Bernice Houston said.



## Sportscene

by Jeanne Pollock  
CRD stringer

The Wannsee Harbor will reopen April 25 and all activities are free for the day. Outdoor Recreation will allow people to take a boat ride, use the rowing boats, ride the bicycles or use a sailing boat. It's opening day and all of the equipment is free to use . . . **The Mannheim United Services Organization Survival Program** is sponsoring a 10 km German-American fun run through Mannheim Kaefertal Wald 9 a.m. May 23. Register at the event or by mailing the \$10 registration fee to Fuerther platz, 68 Mannheim. All participants who finish the run will receive a T-shirt and refreshment . . . **For company level soccer**, soldiers can sign up with their unit activities and recreation representatives. The community soccer team practices Monday—Thursday, 5—8 p.m. at the Yankee Stadium field at Andrews Barracks . . . **The U.S. Army Berlin company level soccer championships** will be played April 27—May 1 and the U.S. Army Europe soccer positionals will be played June 11—14 in Italy . . . **The Royal Air Force Gatow 10 km Road Race** begins 2 p.m. April 26 with an entry fee of DM 8. Entry forms are available from Carl Lane, 309-2625 or the sports office in building 2, Clay Compound . . . **Rugby games** begin with the Wuerzburg Americans battling against Gatow at RAF Gatow 2:30 p.m. Easter Sunday. The Easter 7's will be at the Mainfeld Olympic Stadium on the same day. For information on the USAB Yanks, call Ray Ryan at BM 6919 . . . **The Berlin Road Runners** meet at the Outpost Theatre parking lot 9 a.m. every Saturday for 5 and 10 km runs. There's always room for more runners . . . **The 10,000 meter Spiridon run** begins 5:45 and 6:30 p.m. at Lipschitzallee Stadium Thursday. Pre-registration for this series is mandatory. Call 66-54-86 . . . **The 2nd Bike Excursion Day** begins 2 p.m. at the Deutschlandhalle bus terminal April 26. A volkslauf and march starts 9 a.m. on the same day at the Goldener Hirsch, Volkspark Schoeneberg . . . **The Spring Stableford Golf Tournament** will be 10 a.m. April 25 and 26, weather permitting at the American Community Golf Course. Call BM 6533 . . . **Softball coaches are needed** for the men's and women's slowpitch softball season. A coach for the men's fastpitch team is needed as well. Call Clyde Woods, BM 6168 or submit a resume to Community Recreations Division, Athletics and Sports Branch, building 2, Clay Compound . . . **The Annual Pasta Party** prior to the French 25 km Race will be held May 1 at the Harnack House and tickets are on sale . . . **Experienced soccer and baseball officials** are being sought by Youth Activities for the spring season. These are paid positions and applications are available from the YA sports office or call Duane Kozel at BM 6247 . . . **The small bore rifle class** is part of the regular program at the All-American Community Center. Call BM 9754 . . . **The Memorial Day Volleyball Challenge** will need pre-registration of all teams by May 25. Call the Hi-Lite, BM 2554.

# Bears finish in final four

## Men's community team ends season, coach looks forward

The Berlin Bears community basketball team closed out its 1987 season by dropping two games to the Wiesbaden Eagles in the U.S. Army Europe Championship Tournament semi-final match-up.

The Bears lost 120-110 April 7 at the Cole Sports Center and 106-96 Saturday in Wiesbaden. According to Berlin coach Kenneth Council, the team has nothing to be ashamed of by falling short of the final USAREUR championship goal.

"By far, we were a better team than last year. The team last year didn't make it into the semi-final. We had a very young team and a very young coach. Overall, the season went up and down and we finished with a 28-11 record," Council said.

### Berlin team building

Council began his season in the hole with only three players returning from the previous year, Tracy Ghee, James May and Robert Jackson. These were the players Council looked to for leadership on the court.

"Tracy Ghee, who was really one of the unsung heroes of the game, didn't get to play much except for the big games when we needed him the most. He led us to victory over SETAF in the men's positionals in Italy. He never failed us when we needed the maturity factor," he said.

"Jackson and Calton Lyons, who are sergeants, worked under difficult situations and were only able to play on and off for us because of their jobs and NCO duties. Jackson was a real leader and his example filtered through the rest of the team. If Lyons was able to spend more time with the team, we could have used him more productively."

Before the season started, Council told his team they had a lot to overcome. One of the biggest things Council felt needed to be overcome was his experience being limited to coaching high school basketball. Army ball players have their military duties to perform too, and Council found coaching these players was much more complex.

### Hungry Eagles beat Bears

"The biggest thing Berlin accomplished this year was to regain credibility for its basketball program. Teams from the west would talk about traveling to Berlin to beat us and then go downtown and party. When they got here, they found a different team waiting for them."

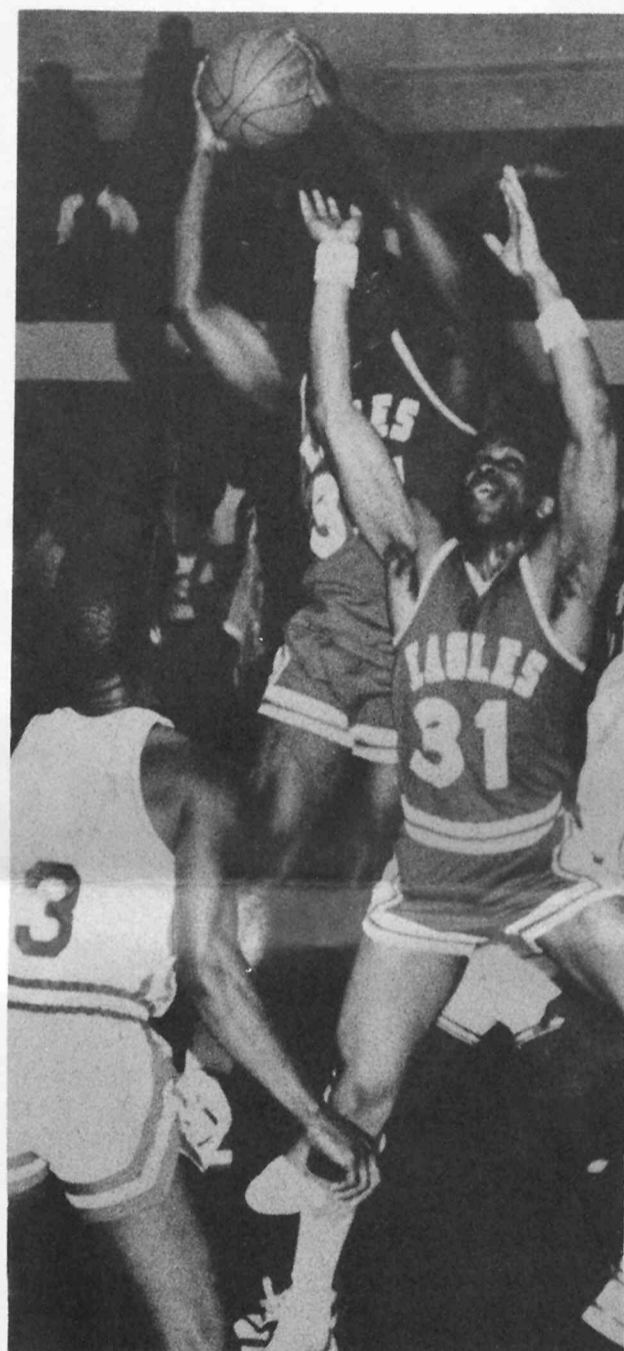
Council attributes his team's high standard of play to the strong physical conditioning program he kept throughout the year and the overall commitment of his team members.

"We had a strong season and were able to compete with tougher teams, like Hanau, Mannheim and Wuerzburg. We had more people to choose from, though the players weren't always able to break away from their military duties," Council said.

Most players were able to play in the team's final game with Wiesbaden, but after Berlin's first loss at home with the Eagles, all the Bears' work was uphill. They would have had to beat the Eagles twice on their home court to answer the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper's sports columnist, Tim Boivin's Saturday slashing of Berlin.

"I saw Tim at the game Saturday and asked him about what he wrote about Berlin in the newspaper. He said he wrote what he did to motivate our team. I told him it caused more problems for our team than anything, but I see he did the same thing to the Mannheim Mustangs," Council explained.

"Reading that in the newspaper had an affect on me



Larry Lane

**The Wiesbaden Eagles swoop up the rebounds against the Bears with strong center James Szuclock and guard Eddie Hall.**

and that affected the team," he added.

"But you take a team like the Eagles who have one good team every four or five years and six return players. They were hungry and wanted the game differently than we did. They delivered the first blow, had us up by a big lead and we couldn't recover."

To all the players who will not return next year, Council says they have "nothing to feel bad about."

"They should continue to play basketball wherever they are. They have a mission and that is to support morale through sports. They should continue to seek self-improvement.

"Now that the season is over, some of these people will go onto other sports. I suggest the players to go after higher education, because they can't play ball forever. The Army is a good place to consider careers and self-improvement," Council said.

The Berlin Dream Team also had a respectable season, making it into the positionals but being stopped. Coaches Eddie Tolbert and Jack Holland guided the team through the year and showed other communities that the women had a serious group of players to compete against.

# All-Army athletes chase after illusive gold

Three Berlin Brigade athletes have earned the right to perform in the All-Army Track and Field Trials which will be held the last week of April at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Competing in the trials will be Anthony Davis in the 800 and 1,500 meter runs, Ruben Wallace in the high jump event and Tonya L. Ross in the 400 meter run.

The three athletes were selected for their showings in the 1986 U.S. Army Europe Track Meet held in Frankfurt, and for various showings throughout the year in European tournaments. More than trophies and ribbons can be picked up at the All-Army contest, according to the 22-year-old Davis.

"Some of the top colleges go to the All-Army and we'll be running against competition from all over. Some of these colleges will offer scholarships to athletes," Davis said, a specialist 4 with A Company, 6th Battalion.

Davis has been involved with running track for eight years and once ran 400 meter races but found he could make better time by running the longer races, like the 5 and 10 km runs.

Davis has been stationed in Berlin for three years and has run in the USAREUR Track Meet each year. He placed fourth in the 800 meter and fifth in 1,500 meter in 1984, third in the 1,500 and fourth in the 800 in 1985 and picked up third places in both events in 1986.

"It was difficult to get out of Berlin for the All-Army, but this year I'll be able to," Davis explained when asked why he hasn't raced in the All-Army Trials before.

"I've been running with some German Clubs in Berlin and have been training hard. I feel good and have been working on building up my endurance and recovery by running 10 km in the morning and 3,000 meters six times each night," Davis said.

"I ran a 4:10 1,500 meter run when I got to Berlin. The USAREUR record is 3:52. After three years here, I run a 3:51 1,500 meters. I won't say I'll break the record but the record is going to be broken this year," Davis added.

Davis works with German clubs because he feels the competition and training is better.

"What we need in the American community is a race or a track meet. Then we



Pat Gainey

**Anthony Davis wins the 5000 meter event in a German Polizei, American track meet held last summer.**



Larry Lane

**Tonya Ross runs wind sprints around Andrews Barracks Yankee Stadium.**

could get people from the west," Davis added.

"Last year 10 or 11 of us would get a bus and go to track meets in the west. We had to spend our money but we wanted to run that bad and we took third place in USAREUR for Berlin.

"Still, no one would recognize us as a team and we were never even mentioned in the Stars and Stripes. Our track team has come a long way," Davis added. Davis was also the only American to finish in the top 24 racers of the French 25 km race.

Ross, a 22-year-old specialist 4 assigned with the U.S. Army Information Systems Command will be running the 400 meter event with a best time to date of 58 seconds. Ross took second place in the USAREUR track meet.

"At the USAREUR, coaches of the All-Army picked people they wanted. They called us aside to talk to us. We had to send in an application and then in January I received a paper in the mail that told me I was selected," Ross said.

"I wish that I would have known I made

the team earlier. I would have had more time to work out and do what I need to prepare. I haven't competed or run track since high school," she said.

"I try to train two to three hours a day and only allow myself to skip two days a week. I'll run long distance in the morning and run sprints the next day," Ross said. She also works with leg weights.

Ruben Wallace began high jumping 15 years ago and at 24 years old is training for the same event in the All-Army contest. Some of this training includes running up and down the steps of the Olympic Stadium to strengthen his legs.

"I'm in really good shape. I wasn't in good shape last year. After breaking the Army Berlin record at two meters and eight centimeters, I hurt my back in an unrelated incident and was in the hospital for 10 days. I missed the USAREUR meet because of field duty," Wallace said.

"The All-Army didn't know of me because I wasn't at the USAREUR meet. I had to send an application and press clippings. They had to see some type of documentation. Anthony Davis helped me by speaking to Amy Capland, the sports specialist in Heidelberg.

"I received the news of being chosen for the All-Army on the same day our unit was moving out for field duty in Wildflecken," Wallace said. Wallace, a specialist 4 is a scout for Combat Support Company, 5th Battalion.

"My training NCO came up to me right after I had finished packing and was ready to go to the field. He asked, 'do you really want to go to the field?' He kept teasing me and said 'you don't have to go to Wildflecken if you don't want to.' I asked him what he was talking about and he told me my orders came down for the All-Army."

"He said that I had a choice. That I could go to the all-Army or the field. I decided that something like this doesn't happen often," Wallace said. Wallace also won the Empire State Games to become top jumper in New York before entering the Army.

The three athletes are now in San Francisco, striving to earn Berlin more recognition. Those who finish in the top places will go onto the Inner-Service Championships to be held later on this year.

## French 25 km race sign up deadline extended

The sign up deadline for the French 25 km run has been extended to April 24, but runners need to enter quickly to assure a spot in the race.

There are several methods for racers to enter. Active duty military personnel should sign up with unit activities and recreation representatives. Family members and Department of the Army civilians sign up with the Sports and Athletics Branch, room 3032, building two, Clay Compound. Entry is free to all Berlin personnel.

The race begins 9:30 a.m. at the Olympischer Platz and proceeds around the city circuit with refreshment stands at the 8, 14 and 20 km marks. Runners finish inside the Olympic Stadium.

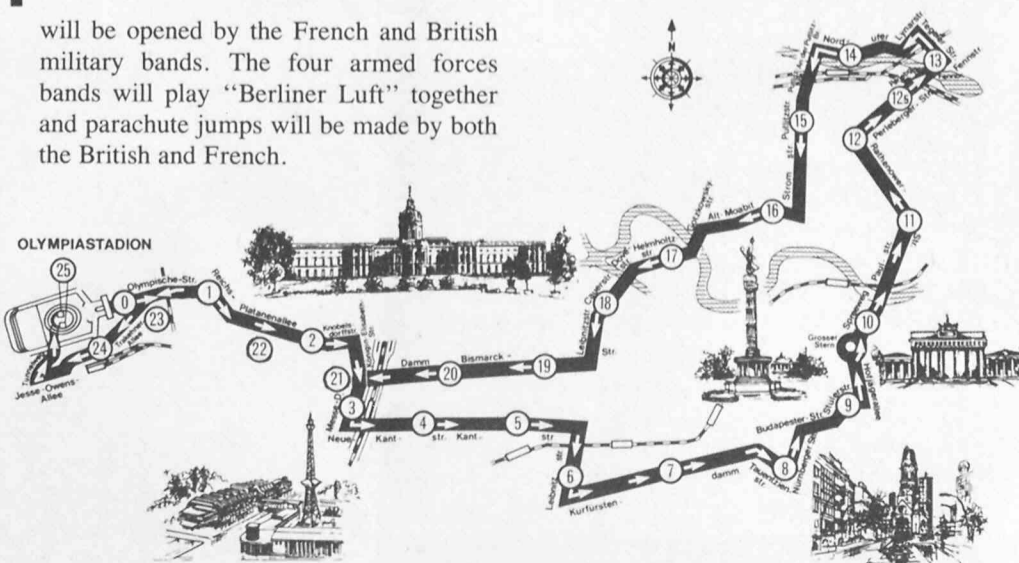
The Olympischer Platz and the Olympic Stadium can be reached by the U-Bahn Olympiastadion. A special bus service will link the Kurfürstendamm with Olympic Stadium with departures from Olivaer Platz at 10 and 10:15 a.m., free of charge.

Military buses will be available for Berlin military personnel and will pick up at various places. The bus departure times will be 7:30 a.m. at the billeting office of Rose Barracks, 7:45 a.m. at Andrews gymnasium, 8 a.m. at McNair gymnasium and 8:15 a.m. at the Cole Sports Center.

Spectators may ride on the bus but will only be taken on at Cole Sports Center and on a space available basis.

Other entertainment is planned to go on in the stadium itself. The awards ceremony

will be opened by the French and British military bands. The four armed forces bands will play "Berliner Luft" together and parachute jumps will be made by both the British and French.





# Berlin group follows decades-old path toward sobriety, self-control

by Ken Jones  
Troop Writer

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." The Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Prayer; part of the dogma of A.A. members across the world.

Founded in Akron, Ohio in 1935 by a businessman and a doctor, both of whom were alcoholic, Alcoholics Anonymous has grown from two members to more than one million worldwide.

How does A.A. work? The members explain it best. "I came in with a 'dirty slate.' I had the wrong names for everything. Nothing was right. If I was angry, I'd laugh, if I was happy, I'd cry," said one local A.A. member, sober nearly nine years.

"I came in confused — really down, and I became teachable. I was willing to change and be taught, and I learned how to not drink."

## Daily living

"I wake up in the morning, pick up my 24-Hour-a-Day book and read for five or 10 minutes, and then I say a small prayer. If I'm having a bad day, I read the Big Book, (the Alcoholics Anonymous book, written by the co-founders of A.A. and first published in 1939), and if my day is worse than that, I call someone," he said.

"Someone" usually means another A.A. member. One of the key points of Alcoholics Anonymous is the fact members are a close-knit group. That isn't to say that they are all friends, in any group there are personality conflicts, but they have all experienced alcoholism and its effects, and they, better than anyone else, can lend each other the support needed to avoid that first drink.

"When you are listening or talking to someone who has had the same problems, there is a common bond between you, a mutual support for the alcoholism," said a new A.A. member, sober only three weeks.

"The biggest thing I get out of it is that I listen to other people talk, and these bells start ringing in my head. I can think of things that went wrong in my life, and I realize I'm not alone."

The nine-year A.A. veteran agreed. "The thing about talking to other alcoholics is that I know I'm not alone. The warmth that comes from the feeling of not being alone makes me feel OK. I can say, 'Hey, I forgot, I'm a

“When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

alcoholic,' and it's okay."

"One of the things you realize through A.A. is that alcoholism is really a disease. A lot of people think it's a character flaw, and that's why they don't understand it. Once you realize it's a disease, then you can deal with it and start to rebuild your life," said the newcomer.

"Once you accept that your life is unmanageable and you're not in control, you realize that only something greater than yourself can help you; your higher power. You put your trust in him and allow him to take away the insanity of alcoholism," he said.

Because Alcoholics Anonymous is a non-denominational group, each person is left to choose how he will refer to his higher power, as God, Buddha, or any other name he decides upon.

## Very different

"It (Alcoholics Anonymous) is a lot different than I thought it would be. I had problems with alcohol about a year ago, and it was suggested that I should attend A.A., but I kept making excuses and I didn't go. I didn't think I was an alcoholic, so I didn't think it would really help me.

"I got admitted to the Residential Treatment Facility at the hospital, and as part of that, I was forced to go, but now I enjoy going. We have to go three times a week and I really enjoy it."

The members of A.A. don't promise themselves that they will never take another drink. That may not work.

"I know I can never drink safely, so I have the 24-Hour-a-Day Plan. If I worry about all the years of sobriety ahead of me, it'll be easy to get frustrated or give

up. So I live my life one day at a time. Instead of saying I'm not going to drink for the rest of my life, I say I'm not going to drink today. Today I choose not to drink.

"I know when I take that first drink, I'm never sure how it will end; either as a couple of beers or as an all-night drinking spree," he said.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, the Twelve Steps are a central portion of a person's recovery from alcoholism. (The Twelve Steps are found elsewhere on this page.) The steps outline the path which has led many alcoholics to prolonged sobriety.

"You can really apply the Twelve Steps to life in general, not just alcoholism. If you live by the Twelve Steps, you can solve many problems in your life. If you are depressed or uncomfortable with things, the Twelve Steps can help. They can help you live a more comfortable and confident life.

"One of the most important things in this is that it forces you to take a good look at yourself. You see how you've hurt yourself and others, and once you see that you can start to make amends," said the newcomer.

And making amends is one step in the long road back to sobriety.

## The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

- We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
- Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

## City roundup

**THE BERLIN AIRCRAFT PRESERVATION GROUP** intends to display an old "Ju 52" aircraft at the Tempelhof Central Airport Open House this year. The aircraft was recently bought by Lufthansa. The airline intends to turn it over to a museum in Washington, but wants to show it in its old Lufthansa colors at TCA first. (*Der Tagesspiegel*)

**"RADIO 100" HAS BEGUN** its programming. The station is run by German film producer Ulrich Schamoni and backed by 39 financially powerful sponsors. As a special service, the station offers to wake up Berliners in the morning with a telephone call from the station. (*most papers*)

**"THE AIR LIFT"** is the title of a film currently being produced in Berlin. For the filming at TCA, the U.S. Air Force restored two of its cargo planes, the so-called Raisin Bombers of 1948. (*Bildzeitung*)

**A SOVIET BICYCLE RACING TEAM** will not participate in the 37th "Around Kreuzberg" rally. The Soviets turned down the invitation citing schedule problems. The invitation was extended a long time in advance. (*Berliner Morgenpost*)

**A 50 PERCENT APARTMENT RENT INCREASE** in Berlin since 1980 has been found by the city's Statistical Office and contrasts other reports. The rate of this increase was twice as high as the increase in cost of living. (*Volksblatt Berlin*)

**"THE IMAGE OF THE GERMAN IS IMPROVING IN THE U.S."** is the title of a Die Welt front page story on a statement in Bonn by the President of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He said that four years of the Kohl Administration's pro-American policy have had a positive impact.

**"PRESIDENT REAGAN MAKES IT CLEAR:** All Berliners are entitled to the freedom to move" is the main headline of Berliner Morgenpost's Saturday paper, reviewing a letter by the U.S. President Ronald R. Reagan, formulated by U.S. Ambassador Francis Meehan in East Berlin, in response to requests by two East Germans. They had addressed the government chiefs of the four victorious powers, the Governing Mayor of West Berlin and the Mayor of East Berlin to provide for more freedom of movement in Berlin. President Reagan was the only one of the addresses who answered the request in

writing. (*most papers*)

**AN IMPROVEMENT IN INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS** is suggested in invitations of Governing Mayor Diepgen and GDR leader Honecker, according to Berlin Federal Affairs Senator Scholz. (*Der Tagesspiegel*)

**THE FENCES SURROUNDING BRANDENBURG GATE** in the front area of the structure will cost DM 1.1 million to remove. Sixteen years after their installation following an attack on the Soviet Memorial, the area will be reopened to the public. (*Berliner Morgenpost, Volksblatt Berlin*)

**THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESSE** has been called for by former American Commandant of Spandau Prison, Eugene Bird in an open letter to Soviet leader Gorbachev. (*Berliner Morgenpost*)

**MAJOR GENERAL JOHN H. MITCHELL WILL LEAVE THE CITY** after President Ronald Reagan visits Berlin this year. French city Commandant Paul Carvarrot will leave after the visit of French President Mitterrand's trip to Berlin. Both are being reassigned.