

Occupation Log

Rural Youth Meet in Wuerttemberg-Baden

HICOG's continuing effort to aid rural German youth was evidenced at a recent meeting at Hohenheim Agricultural College. Sixty-five rural students and youth leaders from every county in Wuerttemberg-Baden attended.

The program as outlined by James F. Keim, Community Activities adviser, Rural Agricultural Education, OLC Wuerttemberg-Baden, included discussion of methods for organizing people's college programs, dramatics for rural youth groups, sport groups and land vocational activities, such as courses in clean milk production, identification of various kinds of fruits, flowers and grains.

The urgent need for building rural youth centers for those who wish to make agriculture their life work was stressed by one of the youth leaders, Werner Stender.

Three American students — Elaine Serfass of Pennsylvania, Dean Allen of Michigan and Ivan Schmedemann of Kansas — who lived and worked on farms in Wuerttemberg-Baden for a month, attended the conference.

Church Group Aids HICOG Effort

The Brethren Service Commission* and the Public Affairs staff of OLC Hesse have agreed to link their reorientation efforts wherever possible.

"Since our goals are almost identical," said E. K. Neumann, Public Affairs chief, "and our methods so similar, a close working co-operation between ourselves and the commission can only lead to greater efficiency in the field of reorientation."

The Brethren Service Commission, the social-welfare arm of the Church of the Brethren, maintains its German headquarters in Kassel and maintains several social projects throughout Germany.

Besides helping run a home for delinquent juveniles, the commission has also contributed labor to build

* See "Fellowship of Love," Information Bulletin, April 1950 issue.

Edward Page, Jr. receives golden key from Berlin worker, symbolic of completion of the George C. Marshall House on Berlin's exhibition grounds. (See pages 12-13.) At a ceremony Sept. 29, the director of HICOG-Berlin Element gave an appreciation talk. (See page 8.) (PRB HICOG-BE photo)



homes for incapacitated refugees, established welfare and child guidance centers and co-operated on the Heifer Project Committee, designed to increase the milk supply in Germany.

Former Exchangees Continue Meetings

Seventeen West Berlin teachers — recent three-month visitors to the United States as exchangees — plan to hold periodic conferences to discuss results of their study in America.

Hostess at one such late meeting was Hildegard Quant, instructor at the Droste-Huelshoff secondary school. The discussion concerned the exchangees' respective projects: operating methods in home economics schools, public school administration procedures, curriculum programs and materials and methods used in kindergarten work in America.

ERP Exhibit at Munich's "Oktoberfest"

The ERP exhibit formerly seen by more than 300,000 people in four West German cities played a prominent part in Munich's recent *Oktoberfest* as part of the festival's electric fair.

The extensive exhibition, housed in specially-constructed futuristic-type buildings, illustrated the aims and operations of the Marshall Plan through special displays, a huge relief map and a series of panels of illuminated photographs. Ten of the 20 main displays were mechanically-operated.

The exhibition was opened by Dr. George N. Shuster, US state commissioner for Bavaria, and Robert M. Hanes, until recently HICOG economic chief, with advisory board, and Gordon Reckford.

Encyclopedias for Bremen

Eight Bremen state educational institutions will receive as a gift from the Bremen's US Information Center 12 complete sets of the latest edition of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia and Fact-Index.

In presenting the 15-volume gifts, the Bremen US Information Center director, John F. Toedtman, emphasized that the US State Department, through the US information program, is interested in providing additional basic reading material to German educational institutions in the form of American publications and books not available in Germany.

German Postal Service Increased

Outgoing international money order service and international postal transfer service will be re-established for the Federal Republic as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made with the foreign agencies and governments concerned. The service will be operated in accordance with applicable Allied High Commission and German regulations concerning the transfer of foreign exchange.

Incoming international money order service was previously approved by Military Government in 1948 but to



Seven members of the editorial staff of Frankfurt High School's paper "Blitzlicht" (Flashlight) recently enjoyed a week-long holiday at Berchtesgaden arranged by the Frankfurt Resident Officer in recognition of their work. They were housed in the GYA's House of Youth. (US Army photo)

date only the United States Post Office Department has agreed to open the service. Insured letter and box service between the Federal Republic and the Western sectors of Berlin to foreign countries has also been re-established.

Students from 14 Nations in Berlin

Eighty-seven students from 14 countries recently attended an International University Vacation Course aimed at evolving an "Idea for a European Community."

Five students from the United States were among the group, which was divided into eight classes for the study of science and philosophy, churches, European art, education, politics, German-French relations, England and the Continent, and Europe and the United States. It was the second school of its type to be held here and was sponsored by West Berlin's colleges and universities.

Besides the United States and Germany, the 87 students participating in the course represented Italy, France, England, Finland, China, Norway, Sweden, Australia, Holland, Ireland, India and Denmark. Sixty were male students, the rest co-eds.

Funds to enable some of the participants to travel to Berlin for the course were provided by the Education Branch, HICOG.

HICOG Aids Bremen Youth

Youth of Bremen and Bremerhaven will profit from a grant-in-aid of DM 50,092 awarded by the US High Commissioner. The funds will be used to establish free recreational programs, which will include unorganized youth, and to promote the training program for youth leadership in Bremen state.

In breaking down the total sum, James D. McKinley, chief, Youth Affairs Section, OLC Bremen, disclosed DM 38,560 would be allotted to Bremen and DM 4,500 to Bremerhaven for recreation programs. Of the remainder, to be used for youth leadership programs, Bremen will receive DM 5,992 and Bremerhaven DM 1,000. The offices of the Bremen Senator for Schools and Education and

those for the promotion of youth activities in Bremen and Bremerhaven will be responsible for the proper implementation of the programs.

The grant will financially aid the attendance of selected youth personnel to youth leadership training schools and conferences within Germany and visits of German youth experts to Bremen along with the purchase of equipment and materials to further these and other youth-aid programs.

US Information Center Sponsors Tours

German students of the arts are having unusual opportunities to visit European centers of culture through the efforts of Donald B. Hall, chief of the US Information Center in Karlsruhe.

Eighteen music students between 17 and 20 spent eight days in Salzburg, Austria, at minimum cost during which they attended the Salzburg Musical Festival performances of "Fidelio," "Capriccio" and a Bach concert. Part of their time was spent mountain climbing and visiting castles. The same group recently performed Kurt Weill's student opera "Down in the Valley" at Karlsruhe's US Information Center.

In the near future another group of 18 art students, under Mr. Hall's sponsorship, will visit Paris.

Hesse Holds Safety Check

To combat the ever mounting curve of traffic accidents, the Hessian minister of the interior recently held a traffic supervision week. The continued increase in accidents during the past years has been caused, according to the Hessian authorities, by the lack of adequate traffic discipline, which did not keep pace with increasing motorization after currency reform.

During the first half year of 1950, 10,588 traffic mishaps were reported in Hesse, compared to 3,537 in 1947, 4,966 in 1948 and 15,865 in 1949. The damage caused by the accidents during the first six months of 1950 amounts to DM 2,800,000, compared to a total damage of DM 3,700,000 for 1949.

Jesse W. Callahan, public safety chief, OLC Hesse, said the supervision week emphasized checking the technical condition of motor vehicles, the load weights of trucks and trailers, and safety devices. Further emphasis was placed on the strict observance of speed limits, with moving and fixed police controls putting up barriers on the streets under control.

During the week, all traffic offenses were filed for prosecution, and all vehicles with technical deficiencies were taken out of traffic.

Berlin Magistrat Handles Party Licensing

The Allied Kommandatura in Berlin, in a further effort to grant the inhabitants of Berlin the maximum amount of freedom in their political and communal life, has relinquished its authority to license political parties to the Magistrat (city council). However, the Kommandatura

still exercises the right to ban any party which it regards as undesirable or against the public interest.

In considering the applications of future parties the Kommandatura recommended the *Magistrat* be guided by the following principles: democratic programs and aims; sufficient difference from parties already recognized, and contribution to the benefit of the people of Berlin.

When such applications are found undesirable the *Magistrat* has been instructed to place the matter before the Kommandatura with appropriate comments for their decision. Likewise, when any party is approved a full report regarding such action will be given the Kommandatura.

Until such time as a law governing party system is enacted and in turn approved by the Kommandatura, the new order governs political party licensing in Berlin.

Dismantling Not Yet Over In US Zone

Demilitarization and dismantling operations as well as reparations shipments will continue in the US Zone until a definite stop order is received. R. J. Lamoureux, HICOG Reparations and Restitution liaison officer in Bavaria, made this answer to an erroneous newspaper report which alleged that US Zone demilitarization and dismantling would be terminated soon.

Mr. Lamoureux said the misunderstanding arose from a recent letter to the Bavarian Ministry of Economics, expressing HICOG's desire that reparations shipments of capital industrial equipment from Bavaria be completed, as far as possible, by Oct. 1.

Actually, this order affects only two plants in Bavaria — the Suedwerke in Kulmbach and the Flusspatwerk in Stulln. A third plant mentioned was the VAW in Toeging, of which the ministry was requested to complete the current dismantling of one of its halls by the date set.

New Refinery in British Zone

A DM 36,000,000 oil refinery will be built adjacent to the newly developed Ems oil fields in Holthausen, thanks

Some of 20 Berlin referendums who were selected to carry out research and studies on subjects of special current interest discuss the project with Galen Snow (left), chief of the BE-HICOG Exchanges Branch, and H. W. Weigert (second from right), chief, Office of General Counsel in Bad Nauheim. DM 10,000 was earmarked by HICOG to defray cost.

(PRB BE-HICOG photo)



Former Master Sgt. Owen W. Tromberg, the first airman in USAFE to be recalled to active duty as a commissioned officer since the beginning of the Korean War, takes oath of office as a second lieutenant. Capt. Kenneth Stewart, adjutant of the 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing, administers oath as the wing's commanding officer, Col. Richard A. Legg, waits to pin bars on Lieutenant Tromberg. (USAFE photo)

to ECA financial assistance of \$550,000 (DM 2,100,840), made available to the Gewerkschaft Refinery.

The sum will cover costs of engineering services and equipment in the United States. The remainder of the DM 36,000,000 will come from the federal government's investing program, Niedersachsen state and company funds. The plant will be operated by the owners of the principal fields in the Ems area, British Zone.

At present, Ems crude oil is processed in plants at Wesseling and Gelsenberg. Due to the extreme heaviness of the oil and the distance of the processing plants, the method has proven very expensive.

The proposed refinery is expected to save approximately \$1,142,400 a year and will be so constructed as to enable expansion. Production of Emsland crude oil is expected to reach 1,100,000 tons a year by the end of the Marshall Plan in June 1952.

Visual Aids Expand in Hesse

The visual aids program in the state of Hesse is now within reach of practically every Hessian citizen and is becoming more extensive and intensive every month, according to Dr. Howard Oxley, chief of Community Activities, OLC Hesse.

With the addition of 11 new film titles with 142 copies, a total of 208 titles with almost 1,600 copies are presently in operation in the Hessian program. Performances can now be made in almost each of Hesse's 2,600 communities, with 208,441 children and 69,229 adults attending a total of approximately 3,000 performances during the month of September. Seventy-two visual aids assistants operate the program.

Labor Migration Discussed

Negotiations have commenced with federal government representatives for the establishment in Western Germany of an International Labor Office Mission to facilitate German emigration. Heading the discussions, which were agreed upon by the Allied High Commission, is D. Christie Tait, consultant on manpower for the International Labor Office.

Subject of the talks is the establishment of an ILO Mission to promote emigration from the Federal Republic.

Such a mission would assist in finding openings for German emigrants abroad and would give advice to the emigration authorities in Germany and other countries on such matters as selection, movement and vocational training of emigrants.

DP Kasernes Go to Additional Troops

To accelerate the long planned absorption of the displaced persons in the German economy, and to provide space and permit repair and rehabilitation of kasernes in time to care for additional troops which are to be sent to Germany to strengthen Western European defenses, US High Commissioner John J. McCloy has directed the evacuation of 11 former *Wehrmacht* kasernes and installations in the US Zone now occupied by DP's. Twenty-five other kasernes are to be evacuated later.

The moving of DP's from the kasernes has been planned for some time, but the action has now been speeded up in order to accommodate additional troop units to implement the agreement by the Council of Foreign Ministers to defend Western Germany against possible attack, as requested by the German Federal Government.

Five of the installations to be evacuated are pipeline camps administered by the International Refugee Organization and occupied by approximately 10,000 DP's scheduled for emigration and awaiting transfer to resettlement camps for final processing.

The six other kasernes are administered by German authorities and are occupied by approximately 5,650 DP's, that is, those who have little likelihood of resettlement or repatriation, because of ineligibility, age, health and other reasons. More than 10,000 residual DP's live in the 25 kasernes to be evacuated later. These will be moved to private housing and absorbed into the German economy.

The eventual absorption of the residual DP's into the German economy has been planned since last July when Mr. McCloy directed US state commissioners to inform



Some of the 85 recently-arrived F-84 Thunderjets are shown at Fuerstenfeldbruck Air Base, home of the 2nd Air Division's 36th Fighter-Bomber Wing. With a 600-plus mile-per-hour speed, each plane has six 40-caliber machine guns as well as rockets, and will greatly enhance air tactical support of US Army forces in Europe. (USAFE photo)

the German authorities that they should provide housing for the residual DP's by the end of the year. Because of recent world developments, he has issued instructions to the state commissioners of Bavaria, Wuerttemberg-Baden and Hesse, and to IRO Headquarters, calling for the evacuation of the kasernes.

Mr. McCloy directed that space allocations within all IRO centers be reviewed to insure maximum utilization of billet spaces. He also suggested that German authorities be requested to investigate the number and location of any other kasernes or installations under German control which may be rehabilitated for use as alternate resettlement or billeting facilities.

Frankfurt Becoming German Book Center

Frankfurt is supplanting Leipzig as the book publishing center of Germany. This opinion, expressed by George Fleischer, publications chief, OLC Hesse, was largely based on evidence shown at the second West German Book Fair held in Frankfurt recently.

Fifteen thousand volumes — twice as many as at last year's fair — were displayed, with 5,000 of this number being recent publications. The fair exhibited works of 300 German publishers, many of whom were formerly associated in Leipzig. Switzerland followed in representation with 40 publishers, France with 30 and Austria with 20.

"America Week" Held in Hanover

A comprehensive story of American life and institutions was presented to the people of Hanover through a recent "America Week" conducted by the US Information Center in that city. The story of American culture, politics, economics and geography was told in a six-day program of lectures, panel discussions, films and musical programs.

Leading American officials and visiting personalities participated, including E. K. Neumann, chief, Public Affairs



Pictured is one of four SB-29's, aerial search and rescue version of the Superfortress, on arrival at Wiesbaden Air Base. The planes are equipped with radar equipment and lifeboats. The main item, the A 3 li'eboat, is 30 feet long and can be dropped from 1,400 feet and remain upright. Its engine carries up to 200 gallons of gasoline and can be started and guided by radio. (USAFE photo)

Division, OLC Hesse; Allen Y. King, deputy chief, Education and Cultural Relations Division, HICOG; Egon Jameson, columnist for *Die Neue Zeitung*; Mrs. Ona Lou Ackley, radio singer and concert artist; Dr. James C. Flint, visiting expert in religious affairs and former dean of Chapel Carleton College, and Dr. Theodore Huebner, director of foreign languages in the New York City schools.

"America Week" was organized by Wallace W. Littel, director of the newly established US Information Center in Hanover, in conjunction with the education ministry of Lower Saxony in response to numerous requests for more information concerning America.

State Election Law Rejected

A Wuerttemberg-Baden law which would allow most judges and civil servants to hold legislative and executive offices simultaneously, has been provisionally turned down by the Allied High Commission.

The election law, passed in August, specified that chief judges and leading civil servants be placed on inactive status before accepting election to the state legislature. But the law left all other civil servants and judges free to do double service.

The law was found inconsistent with a High Commission statement that a civil servant elected to a legislative body should resign before accepting election.

The disapproval will hold until the state government has taken steps to make sure that all public employees elected to the legislature transfer to inactive status before taking up their new posts.

Berlin Checks Anti-Democratic Press

West Berlin propagandists have been forbidden to utilize printed matter to obstruct the aims of the Allied occupation.

Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, US commander, has issued a restrictive order on behalf of the Berlin Element of HICOG in conjunction with the British and French authorities. The order specifically forbids anyone in West Berlin to use "written, printed or inscribed matter" to incite the Germans against the Occupying Powers, to spread militarist, Fascist or anti-democratic ideas, or to foment disorder or obstructionism to Allied aims within the city's Western sectors. The order was forwarded to the *Magistrat* (city council) of Greater Berlin.

The use of the *Deutsche Post* or any other transport facilities in the unauthorized distribution of such matter is also prohibited.

Nine Trawlers Added to Fishing Fleet

Both fishing and shipbuilding industries in the Bremen area received a boost when the Allied Military Security Board approved a German firm's purchase of nine fishing trawlers from a Belgian company.

Sold to the Weser Fishery for its own use or resale, the vessels will need from DM 3,500,000 to DM 4,000,000 worth of construction work done on them over a period



Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg (left), US Air Force chief of staff, visited EUCOM Headquarters Oct. 16 to meet Gen. Thomas T. Handy (right), commander-in-chief, EUCOM, and other ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force. In center is Maj. Gen. William F. McKee, deputy chief of staff, US Air Force. (US Army photo)

of 12 months. This will relieve the labor situation in Bremen by employing 400 shipyard workers.

Each is a 450 ton craft, with an 850 horsepower engine and a loading capacity of 3,800 to 4,000 baskets.

ECA Train Visits Rhineland-Ruhr

Citizens of 50 West German cities in the Rhineland and Ruhr will visit the 15-car train of Marshall Plan exhibits during its current three month tour.

The train, seen by more than 500,000 people on its Wuerttemberg-Baden tour, was officially re-opened in Bonn's main railway station by US Deputy High Commissioner Maj. Gen. George P. Hays and other high Allied officials, along with President Theodor Heuss and Vice-Chancellor and ERP Minister Bluecher of the Federal Republic.

In a brief address General Hays voiced hope that the train would bring the message of the Marshall Plan to people along the route. He also mentioned the two tasks of the plan: to raise the European standard of living, toward which much progress has already been made, and to integrate European economies so that a united Europe can face the economic, social, political and military problems which beset it.

"Let us not be misled in the belief that a series of relatively small nationalistic states can by themselves solve the complex problems of today's world — they cannot," continued the Deputy High Commissioner. "It is only by banding together — by having each work not only for himself but for his neighbor that Europe can reach the goal of an economically stable and politically peaceful Europe."

In his speech, Vice-Chancellor Bluecher thanked the American people and their government for the aid given Germany under the Marshall Plan which he said created the "prerequisites for the reconstruction of the Western

German economy. It has given Europeans renewed hope, it has brought them together in co-operative work to raise the living standard of the great masses of the people and has thus safeguarded peace."

The train exhibits, which graphically illustrate how Marshall Plan assistance has helped Europe toward recovery and economic integration, also feature a show of Western German export products made possible through ERP assistance.

Shotguns Authorized For Sports Only

Germany's sportsmen are enjoying their first hunting season since the end of the war. The ban on the use, production and sale of shotguns and rifles has been lifted by the Allied High Commission to allow use of 25,000 rifles and 50,000 shotguns this season.

The quotas were determined on the basis of available information, but should it be later established that more persons wish to hunt, the High Commission has agreed to review its decision.

Berlin Exchangee Doctors Meet

Eight West Berlin doctors, all former exchangees, have made plans for maintaining contact with new developments in American medicine. The doctors returned to Berlin recently from the United States after completing medical and public health exchange study tours lasting three to six months each.

At a meeting, also attended by representatives of the Public Health and Welfare Branch, HICOG, the doctors agreed to hold informal gatherings regularly, and to discuss the best means of applying the knowledge and experience acquired during their Stateside visits to improve medical services in Berlin.

In the group were Dr. Kaethe Hussels, head of the Zehlendorf Health Office, and Dr. Herbert Wendel, who visited the United States last year under a three-month exchange project, then remained to accept a one-year fellowship offered him by the University of Pennsylvania. Among the eight were a pediatrician, a gynecologist, a surgeon, a pharmacologist, a psychiatrist and an intern.

German Youth Win Pennant

It may not have been the World Series pennant, but to members of the Tempelhof Air Base GYA "Babe Ruth"* baseball team, it was the next best thing. They had won the German Youth Baseball Championship.

The young Berliners were flanked by two leading Berlin GI teams, the Tempelhof Flyers and the 16th Infantry Green Hornets, as they assembled to receive their flag of victory from Col. John E. Barr, base commander.*The GYA nine earned the award by winning two out of three Berlin series and winning the zone finals undefeated.

Following the award, which was made on the Tempelhof diamond, team members presented Colonel Barr with

* See "Babe Ruth Club" by Caroline Camp Leiser in the Information Bulletin, Issue No. 160, May 3, 1949.



Old friends meet in Stuttgart as Elaine Serfass, Palmerton, Pa., arrives for brief stay with German farm family and meets Nicholas M. Rahn (center), OLCWB Extension Work adviser, and Dr. James F. Keim (right), HICOG Agricultural Education adviser in Stuttgart. (PRB OLCWB photo)

a baseball bearing their autographs as a memento of the Babe Ruth team and as an expression of their appreciation for his encouragement and support.

Magazine Circulation Up

Ways to New Education, a monthly educational magazine issued under the sponsorship of the Berlin Element General Education Section and an editorial board of German educational specialists, will be increased to 7,000 copies as a result of increased demand from West Berlin and West German teachers and educators, General Education Section officials announced.

Started in March 1950 as an informational German-language publication on educational subjects, *Ways to New Education* has expanded rapidly in response to requests from members of the German teaching profession.

Articles in the various issues cover a wide range of educational topics, including psychological and methodical problems, and are written by educational specialists, lecturers, youth leaders and students at West Berlin universities. The publication also prints translations of educational pieces by American writers appearing in educational journals, and reports on courses, meetings and discussions for teachers and students.

German Exchangees Return

Forty-seven German boys and girls of high school age have returned from the United States, where they spent a year studying in American schools under the HICOG youth exchange program.

The group left Germany for America on Sept. 14, 1949. They lived with families in small rural communities in different parts of the United States and attended local high schools as part of a youth reorientation project sponsored by the Brethren Service Committee.

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