Shepard Stone Succeeds Nicholson

Ralph Nicholson resigned in August as director of the Office of Public Affairs and turned over his post to Shepard Stone, deputy director since November 1949.

Mr. Nicholson’s resignation was accepted to permit him to return to newspaper publishing in the United States.

US High Commissioner John J. McCloy, pointing out the contributions Mr. Nicholson has made, paid informal tribute to the retiring director. The program of education designed to assist, advise and persuade the German government and people to accept the fundamentals of democracy — the focal point of occupation objectives — was shaped and given direction by Mr. Nicholson. During a period of international tension, Mr. Nicholson, in a pivotal position, succeeded in solving many complex problems, the High Commissioner stated. He expressed profound regret over Mr. Nicholson’s departure.

Mr. Stone is on leave of absence from The New York Times, where he was assistant Sunday editor. After graduating from Dartmouth, he attended the universities of Heidelberg and Berlin from 1929 to 1933 and received from the latter the Ph. D. degree in history. A staffer for The New York Times since 1934, he came to Frankfurt in November 1949. He served with the US Army from 1942 to 1946, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Stone is the author of “Shadow Over Europe — the Challenge of Nazi Germany” and co-editor of “We Saw It Happen.”

It was immediately after the sale of the New Orleans Item, a daily newspaper he had owned and published since 1941, that Mr. Nicholson came to Germany. He arrived here at the invitation of Mr. McCloy in July 1949. Mr. Nicholson has been co-owner and vice-president of the Tampa Daily Times and of Radio Station WDAE in Tampa, Fla., since 1933. He and Mrs. Nicholson plan to sail for the United States in early September.

Dale Noble Returns to USA

Dale Noble, director of the Political Affairs Division for OLC Hesse, resigned his position and returned to the United States in mid-July.

A native of Fargo, S.D., Mr. Noble holds degrees from Michigan State Normal College and the University of Chicago. In February 1948 he joined OMG Hesse, after service with the Civil Administration Division of OMGUS.

A former staff member of the Michigan Municipal League, he has served as personnel director for the state of West Virginia, with the US Civil Service Commission and as assistant director of personnel for NHA/FPHA.

His wife and two children returned with Mr. Noble to their home in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Doyle New Supervising Consul-General

The post of supervising consul-general for Germany, located in Frankfurt, was taken over by Albert M. Doyle at the end of July. He replaces Marshall M. Vance, who held the position from September 1946.

Mr. Doyle has been with the foreign service since 1922 and for the past three years served as inspector in Mexico, Panama, Central America and the Caribbean area. He was consul-general in Amsterdam from 1945 to 1947.

Retirement came for Mr. Vance after service with the State Department since 1921. He has held posts in consulates at Colombo, Ceylon; Windsor and Fort William, Canada; Port Arthur, Manchuria and Lyon, France. In May 1946 he was appointed counselor of the mission in Berlin and four months later was assigned to the Frankfurt post.

Mr. Vance received a "length of service" certificate and medal for meritorious service from US High Commissioner John J. McCloy in December 1949.
Francis Lane Named to Gibraltar

Another shift in US consular staffs took place in Berlin. Francis A. Lane, US vice-consul and consul in Berlin for more than four years, has been reassigned as consul at Gibraltar. The consul general in Madras, India, Robert B. Streeper, has been named his successor.

Mr. Lane was to participate in routine consultations in Washington before taking up his new post.

Until Mr. Streeper’s arrival in Berlin in October or November, Bryant Buckingham of the consulate staff will serve as consul.

A member of the State Department Foreign Service for 21 years, Mr. Lane has served in posts at Bremen and Stuttgart, Vienna, and in the Irish Free State. During the war he was on the staff of the Supreme Headquarters, AEF, and the staff of the US Political Adviser for German Affairs, SHAEF.

Mr. Streeper has served almost exclusively in Far Eastern posts since joining the Foreign Service in 1924.

Judge Colbert Sworn In

At ceremonies in the US courthouse in Munich, Senior Magistrate Marvin B. Colbert was sworn in as a US district judge before a special session of the District Court for the VIIIth Judicial District.

He succeeds Judge James H. Guthrie of Dallas, Tex., who resigned recently to return to the United States.

Leo M. Goodman, chief presiding district judge for Bavaria, welcomed Judge Colbert as an “impartial, learned and humane judge.”

Judge Colbert is a member of the Texas state bar, and since 1948 has held office as a Military Government summary court judge and as senior magistrate in Munich.

Mrs. Colbert is president of the Munich German-American Women’s Club.

Neumann ROA Vice-President

Not until he had received the list of officers elected at the 24th annual convention of the Reserve Officers Association from the United States did E. K. Neumann know he had been elected vice-president for the European Theater.

Mr. Neumann, chief of the Public Affairs Division, OLC Hesse, holds a reserve commission of lieutenant colonel in the US Air Force Reserve. He is also president of the Wiesbaden Chapter of the ROA, and Air Force representative for the European Department of the ROA, at a position to which he was re-elected at a convention in May.

The OLC Hesse official has served as a member of the New Mexico legislature and as attorney-general for the state, and has held counselor posts with the federal government. During World War II he served with Air Force Intelligence in Washington until his transfer to Military Government in October 1943.

New Dollar Drive Officials

Two new members were added to the staff of the Export Promotion (Dollar Drive) Branch of HICOG’s Office of Economic Affairs and the ECA Special Mission to Western Germany during July. Volker Koch-Weser was appointed deputy chief of the branch and William E. Rothfelder will concentrate on promotion of tourism and invisible exports.

Mr. Koch-Weser is on leave of absence as assistant secretary from Marshall Field & Co., Chicago. He studied economics and political science at Columbia University, University of Berlin and the London School of Economics.

Mr. Rothfelder was formerly chief of the Trade, Industry and Economics Branch of OLC Bavaria. In early 1948 he joined the staff of the Joint Export-Import Agency in Bavaria where he was responsible for the promotion of exports, particularly tourism.

The new Dollar Drive official was graduated from the University of Illinois where he specialized in business and foreign trade economics and has received the doctorate in political science at the University of Munich.

The Export Promotion Branch, headed by Paul S. Nevin, will concentrate on helping German exporters to cut down West Germany’s “Dollar Gap” — the disparity between exports to and imports from the dollar area. At the present time this gap is running at the rate of $1,000,000 per day.

Guy Swope at Paris Conference

Following instructions of the recent Foreign Ministers Conference in London, experts representing the United States, United Kingdom and France met in Paris during July to discuss over-population in some European countries.

Since the problem involves Germany to a large extent, Guy Swope and George Weisz, chief and deputy chief of
the Displaced Populations Division, HICOG, were in attendance. Goldwaithe Dorr was named US delegate to the meeting.

Management Consultant Arrives
James E. Scott, former assistant director of estimates with the US Bureau of the Budget, arrived in Germany to work with HICOG officials as a management consultant. He will remain three or four months.

Mr. Scott served 28 years in the Forestry Service before transferring to the Bureau of the Budget in 1938.

Retiring in February 1949, after 40 years’ government service, he has since acted as management and governmental administration consultant for the city of Richmond, Va., the National Security Resources Board and the Civil Service Commission.

Matthews Heads Assistant Secretaries
H. Freeman Matthews, who has served since 1947 as minister and then as the first US ambassador to Sweden, has been designated third-ranking officer in the State Department under Secretary Dean Acheson and Under Secretary James Webb.

Mr. Matthews, as Under-Secretary of State for Substantive Matters, will coordinate the work of the other assistant secretaries.

Fifty-one years old, he entered the US Foreign Service in 1923. In the immediate postwar period he accompanied President Truman to the Potsdam Conference and went with former Secretary of State Byrnes to the Moscow meeting of foreign ministers in 1945. He was political adviser to the US delegation at the Paris Peace Conference in 1946, as well as adviser to the US delegates at the Council of Foreign Ministers’ meetings in Paris and New York. He performed the same function the next year in Moscow.

General Huebner Retires
Names long familiar among the top-level Army personnel in the European Command were replaced during the summer months.

Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner retired as commander of US Army Europe (USAREUR) and departed his Heidelberg headquarters August 10 following a review of troops in his honor.

Also leaving the zone for new assignments were Col. Otis McCormick, chief of the Armed Forces Information and Education Division; Col. David M. Fowler, chief of Public Information in the European Command; and Lt. Col. William M. Summers, editor-in-chief of The Stars and Stripes.

For General Huebner, retirement (slated for November) came at the end of a career that began with his enlistment as a private in 1910. He served in all grades as an enlisted man, receiving his commission in 1916. His career with the famed First Division began in 1917 when he sailed for France as a company commander in a unit of the division. He served in the army of occupation in Germany after the first world war.

In World War II, he went to Africa in March of 1943, assuming command in August of the First Division, which he led through the invasion. Later he was promoted to lieutenant general and command of the V Corps.

It was in August 1946 that he became Chief of Staff, US Forces, European Theater. Upon redesignation of the European Theater to European Command, he also received the title of deputy commander-in-chief of EUCOM and added the duties of commanding general, Ground and Service Forces, EUCOM.

General Huebner was succeeded in his command by Lt. Gen. Manton Sprague Eddy. General Eddy, 58 assumed command on Aug. 18, after leaving his post as commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Like his predecessor, he is a veteran of both world wars: commissioned in 1916, he was with the Fourth Division in 1918-1919; in 1941, he became commanding officer of the 114th Infantry of the Forty-Fourth Division.

As commanding general of the Ninth Infantry Division, he led his troops through the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns and through Cherbourg and northern France. By August 1944 he was commander of the XII Army Corps, and later commander of operations for France, Germany and Luxembourg.

Colonel McCormick Leaves
Col. Otis McCormick turned over his post on July 1 to Col. H. C. Fellows.

Colonel McCormick, who had served as I&I chief since May 1947, has been reassigned to the Office of the Chief of Information, Department of the Army, for similar duty. Colonel Fellows came to EUCOM from Washington, where he was chief of the plans and policy branch, Armed Forces Information and Education Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Under Colonel McCormick’s supervision, EC off-duty schools have expanded from eight to more than 100, and
enrollment has jumped from 1,800 to more than 24,000. On-duty training has been inaugurated from the first through fifth grades, and with the University of Maryland courses, also begun under Colonel McCormick, it is possible for the soldier or airman in the European Command to go all the way through school.

Colonel McCormick, a graduate of the US Military Academy in 1924, came to EUCOM from an assignment with Army Ground Forces.

Both Colonels McCormick and Fellows attended the Command and General Staff School.

PIO Chief in Germany Departs

After more than 30 months as public information chief, Colonel Fowler departed Germany for assignment with the Public Information Division of the Army in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Col. William A. Schilletter, deputy chief of the EUCOM Public Information Division, became acting chief after his departure.

Colonel Fowler’s combat record stretches over two wars. In late 1918 he served as an enlisted infantryman with the Seventh Division in France. During World War II he was a member of the 10th Mountain Division, commanding the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment in combat in Italy in 1945.

Following his World War II service, Colonel Fowler was named assistant commanding officer of the Mountain and Winter Warfare School and Training Center at Camp Carlon, Col. When it was disbanded, he became commanding officer of the 38th Infantry Regiment at the camp. He served there until reporting to Germany for duty with the Public Information Division.

"Stars & Stripes" Editor Sails

Command of *The Stars and Stripes* changed hands in mid-July. Colonel Summers, editor-in-chief of the familiar US Zone newspaper, left the post he held since November 10, 1947, for a new post at the University of Maine.

He was succeeded by Lt. Col. Henry J. Richter.

Colonel Summers was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1938. In 1940, he was assigned to duty in the Canal Zone, and in 1942, joined the 104th (Timberwolf) Division and remained with it until 1945.

In 1946, Colonel Summers was assigned to the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Second Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, remaining with that organization until he took command of *The Stars and Stripes*.

Colonel Richter entered the army in 1940 and was later assigned overseas duty with XI Corps. He took part in assault landings in support of the New Guinea campaign, and served throughout the Philippines campaigns and the final landings around Tokyo Bay. After a short period in the US, he returned to Japan as assistant G3, Eighth Army.

He more recently took part in "Exercise Sweet Briar," combined Arctic maneuver of the US and Canadian forces.

Colonel Newton Paid Tribute

When Col. Henry C. Newton left his post as commanding officer of the Kitzingen Training Center he was presented a "Letter of Honor" from the Kitzingen Town Council for his work on behalf of their community.

The town's mayor, Richard Wildhagen, said in a speech addressed to Colonel and Mrs. Newton: "You have been given your help and support to me and thus to our town whenever we had a request ... Especially I want to thank you for leading the Kitzingen GYA out of its deplorable condition and for bringing it up to the stage it has reached today: a safe place and a real home for the German youth.

"... Thank you for all the love and kindness you have dedicated to the poor and poorest of our town.

"You have won a place in the hearts of the Kitzingen population and your name will always be remembered with the highest respect."

More than 15,500 enlisted men and 500 officers completed courses of training under the personal command and supervision of Colonel Newton. He left Germany for a staff command assignment at Fort Holabird Intelligence School, Maryland. He served as commander at Kitzingen from July 1948 until June 1950.

Col. Otis McCormick.  
Col. H. C. Fellows.  
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