

In and Around Germany

Christmas Yummies

Pfeffernuesse are piled next to the Christmas nuts and candy, and *Pomeranzen-Broetchen* have been mixed in with the gingerbread men in some American homes in Stuttgart for the holiday season.

It isn't merely the German atmosphere which has converted the usual American festive goodies into their foreign counterpart — the ladies have made special efforts to learn the culinary secrets for *Stollen (Heife)*, *Zimsterne*, *Springerle*, *Christbaumschmuck*, *Runde Nuernberger (Elisen)* and *Lebkuchen-Herzen*.

Early in December the Technical Works of Stuttgart sponsored baking classes to aid the wives of US personnel in making German Christmas pastry. Mrs. S. Katsarsky, president of the German-American Women's Club, made all arrangements for the school. The two-day course was repeated as the demand grew.

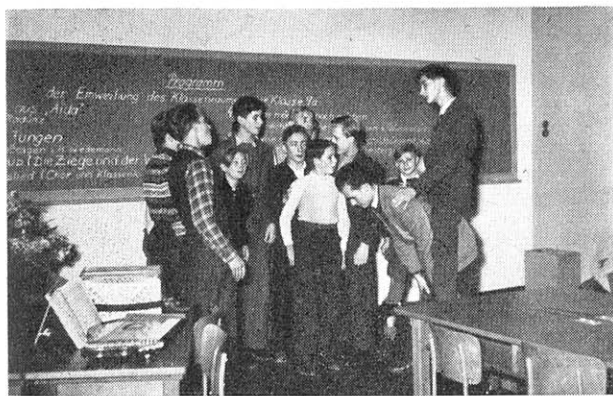
Marcus L. Hoover, US resident officer for Stuttgart, said that the project was an effort by the hosts to further promote and cultivate good human relationship and understanding among German and American people.

Soldiers Give Children Party

Language differences were no obstacle when men of the 41st Armored Infantry Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, entertained youngsters of the Rheinau Children's Home in Mannheim recently.

There was the typical reaction to ice cream, cookies and pop — one three-year-old concocted his own ice cream soda while his neighbor snatched cookies.

Committee members introduced several American games to the children; "The Twilight Playboys," the



Enactment of a scene from "The Wise Men of Gotham" was part of students' contribution at formal opening of a model classroom at Leibnitz School in Berlin. HICOG financial aid has been extended to the program to improve educational techniques through modern classroom facilities. Ten rooms are already in use. New features include swivel chairs for pupils, better-type desks and blue "blackboards."
(PRD BE-HICOG photo by Schubert)



Children at Mannheim's Rheinau Home use fingers as well as spoons to delve into ice cream and cookies provided by men of 41st Armored Infantry Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, during recent kids' party.
(US Army photo)

41st's Western band, played several numbers, and Sgt. Russell E. Weaver was a hit with his magic tricks. The soldiers and children exchanged bags of candy, nuts and washcloths for yarn dolls, macaroni bracelets and other handmade presents.

Men of the 41st Infantry have unofficially adopted the home, which is sponsored by the city of Mannheim. The 48 children range in age from two and a half to 12 years.

Rural Hospital Completed

A new hospital in rural Frankenberg, in northern Hesse, costing DM 2,000,000 (\$476,000), was dedicated recently.

Construction of the four-story building overlooking the picturesque Eder River valley was started more than four years ago. The hospital is equipped with the most modern medical and surgical facilities. The project was aided by a contribution of DM 450,000 (\$107,100) from the HICOG Special Assistance Fund for self-help projects.

Dr. James R. Newman, US state commissioner for Hesse, speaking at the dedication ceremonies, appealed to German hospitals to aid in preventing as well as curing sickness. He noted that only 15 percent of the children in Hessian cities are afflicted with rickets, while as many as 80 percent of rural children have contracted the disease. Hospitals, especially those in rural areas, he said, could contribute to the reduction of the incident rates of such diseases by "working with local public health offices in curbing epidemics, promoting hygienic habits and spreading the gospel of sanitation."

US Gets 200 Exchange Students

Full-paid scholarships for one academic year will be provided by the US Government and various private American agencies for approximately 200 German men and women who will be sent to the United States during 1952 under the HICOG Exchanges Program.

Most of the students are expected to arrive in America next August and spend a month with an American family before starting the September or October term at a college or university.



Michael S. Harris, chief of the ECA Special Mission to Western Germany, and other mission members have been holding meetings with German trade union officials to discuss the productivity drive and other ECA policies and problems. In photo at left, l.-r., are Adolf Ludwig, chief of DGB (German Federation of Trade Unions) for Rhineland-Pfalz; Mr. Harris; Ludwig Rosenberg, chief, foreign affairs parliamentary section and ERP section of DGB, and Wilhelm Ruhnke, DGB official. In photo above, l.-r., are Helmut Jockel, industrial relations, HICOG; ECA representatives Toby E. Rodes, Harry C. Thomas, Gordon O. Fraser, Richard G. Leonard, Frank J. Miller, George B. Gardiner, Frank L. Mayer; John J. Slocum, Public Relations Division, HICOG; Philip A. Heller, ECA; Dr. Hans Buettner, DGB; Mr. Harris; Kurt Schmidt, DGB; Gustav Nottbohm, Construction Workers Union; Georg Bank, Metal Workers Union; Dr. Roland Nimptsch, Social Research Institute; Heinz Frehse, Horticulture, Agriculture and Forestry Union; Adalbert Stenzel, DGB; Gustav Dahrendori, German consumer cooperatives; Bernhard Tacke, German Textile Workers Union; Dr. Willi Richter, Chemical Workers Union; Dr. Rolf Wagenuehr, Trade Union Economic Research Institute, and Ed Deuss, Manpower Division, HICOG. (PRD HICOG photos by Jacoby)

This program is designed to give young Germans an opportunity to become acquainted with the American people and their way of life. Any qualified student may apply although selection will be highly competitive. Preference will be given students with superior ability and attainment. The scholarships are offered principally in the field of humanities and the social sciences. Applicants must have a good knowledge of English and guarantee in writing to return to Germany upon completion of one year in the United States.

Meanwhile, other phases of the Exchanges Program continue. Four leading state interior ministry officials recently left for a 45-day visit to the United States to study and observe governmental structure and the organization and operation of law enforcement agencies on all levels.

Those making the trip are Paul Pagel, minister of interior and education for Schleswig-Holstein; Otto Schmidt, former secretary of state for Rhineland-Palatinate and deputy minister of interior; Fritz Ulrich,

minister of interior for Wuerttemberg-Baden, and Erich Shuster, deputy minister of interior for Hesse.

Bremen Youth Conference

The Bremen chapter of the League of European Youth played host recently to 20 German and 30 foreign delegates from 11 nations for a 10-day conference on the general aim of achieving European union.

The conference, assisted by a HICOG grant of DM 2,500 (\$595), was opened by Senate President Wilhelm Kaisen and other officials of Bremen State.

The group passed a number of resolutions unanimously calling for: increased emphasis on mutual defense against totalitarianism and aggression; the integration of German armed forces on the basis of equality into a European army; the solidarity of a free, democratic western Europe with the oppressed populations of eastern Europe; a larger measure of social welfare for all Europeans, and a hope that necessary rearmament would not too greatly depreciate the present living standard of Europeans.

Allied Powers Relinquished

Allied reserved powers in foreign trade and constitutional fields have been turned over to the Federal Republic. The Allied High Commission stated recently that the newly established Federal Constitutional Court is capable of effectively upholding the civil rights of the individual as defined in the Basic Law. Allied responsibility in that matter is thereby relinquished.

Allied controls over foreign trade had been exercised to ensure the Federal Republic's observance of the principles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which was concluded by 20 nations in 1947 to regulate international trade on a multilateral basis. Those controls have been yielded since the German government is now a member of GATT. The Federal Republic thereby benefits from tariff concessions, agreed upon by GATT member nations, which facilitate German exports to other GATT countries.

The High Commission considers this membership in GATT as an "important step toward joining the international organizations designed to increase and facilitate foreign trade." In accordance with this policy change, the international trade agreements negotiated by the Federal Government (except those with countries designated by the Allied High Commission for security reasons) will no longer be subject to a 21-day delay to permit Allied scrutiny.

Boys' Town Gets Washing Machine

The 80 formerly homeless youths at the Heilsberg "Boys' Town," near Frankfurt, are finding it easier to keep spic and span. A much-needed modern washing machine was recently made available to the home through a grant of DM 1,371 (\$326) from the HICOG



Delegation representing Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies presents cigarette box to Brig. Gen. Charles D. W. Canham at farewell review for Bremerhaven's commanding officer on his appointment as EUCOM's director of military posts. Gift to departing BPE chief was inscribed, "To our most loyal friend, General Canham, from the Scout Organizations, Bremerhaven, 1951." (US Army photo)



Ute Goetz and Edgar Stahl wave good-bye to their friends in Germany, while Alice L. Shugars, child welfare officer, US Displaced Persons Commission, wishes them happiness in their Illinois home. Mrs. Ethel Butler, Chicago school teacher, adopted these European orphans through auspices of the DP Commission. Although hundreds of homeless children have been adopted, others in Europe are looking for homes. DP Headquarters in Washington, D. C., or Frankfurt will assist persons in meeting official adoption requirements. (Photo by US Displaced Persons Commission)

self-help project fund. Dr. James R. Newman, US state commissioner for Hesse, made the presentation.

The Boys' Town was originally a German Youth Activities project supported by a US military police unit in Frankfurt. It is now managed by the Evangelical Welfare Organization for Hesse.

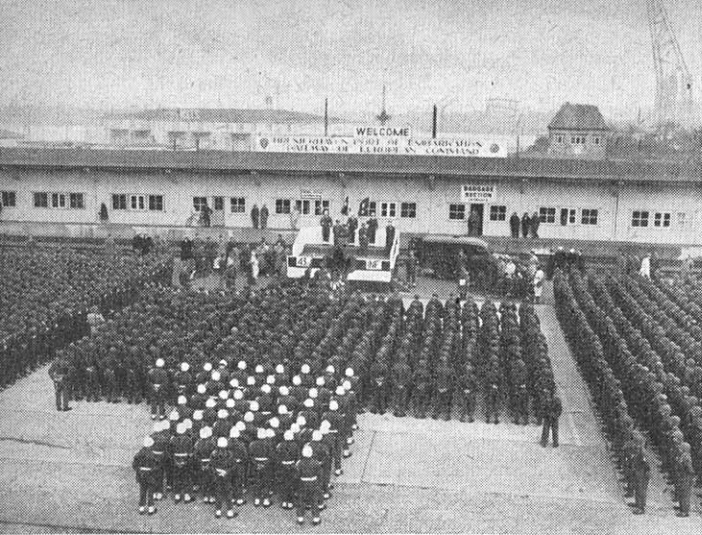
Dr. Newman congratulated the camp youth and management on progress made through their self-help efforts. Wooden buildings have replaced army tents; formal educational and vocational courses take the place of improvised lecture training, and youths are given assistance in finding jobs. Dr. Newman said, "It does not matter whether youth live in palaces or under the most primitive conditions, for each has the opportunity of contributing to German civilization through becoming a good citizen and possibly a future leader."

Political Problems Emphasized

Lectures and discussions on current political problems and European unity will be a special feature of the fall and winter program of the US Information Center at Erlangen.

Plans for the lecture series were made by a German-American advisory board composed of the US resident officer, the president of Erlangen University, the city's mayor and representatives of high schools, industry, labor unions and youth organizations. The board is headed by Helmut Kuhn, formerly of the University of North Carolina and Emory University, Georgia, and now professor of philosophy at the University of Erlangen.

Events of political importance will be discussed by university professors, mainly from Erlangen, in addition to the current talks on international cultural and political relations and on German-American questions.



First elements of the US 43rd Infantry Division to arrive in Germany were welcomed Oct. 20 at Bremerhaven by Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commanding general, Seventh Army. The 43rd is the first National Guard unit to join General Dwight D. Eisenhower's NATO Army. The 43rd has been assigned to the Seventh Army. (US Army photo)

The concept of European unity will be discussed by Dr. Louise Schroeder, a deputy mayor of Berlin; Dr. Dolf Sternberger, well-known lecturer and journalist; Hans Georg Gadamer, Heidelberg University professor, and Bruno Snell, Hamburg University professor.

Although the Erlangen center has special appeal for students, the facilities are also used regularly by youth and community groups and by other local institutions.

East Germans Jam Movie Theaters

Special reduced-rate motion pictures shown daily in 19 West Berlin theaters have attracted more than 1,900,000 East Berlin and Soviet Zone residents.

The program started in July 1950, through the voluntary cooperation of west-sector movie distributors and four theater owners. The present 19 movie houses can seat 15,000 persons and are located within walking distance of the Berlin East-West sector border.

During the two afternoon showings daily 293 different feature films, documentaries and newsreels produced by West German, American, British, French and Italian movie companies have been presented. The admission prices average about 25 pfennigs (about two cents at East-Zone mark value) per person and tickets are sold only to holders of East German identification cards.

US Army Returns Land

Brig. Gen. Eugene McGinley, Stuttgart Military Post commander, at a brief ceremony recently returned 39.3 acres of land in Bad Cannstatt to the city of Stuttgart on behalf of the US Army.

General McGinley pointed out that in spite of the strain which the augmented military program had imposed, it had become possible to return the property in line with the EUCOM policy to release requisitioned property to German owners as quickly as possible.

The site was taken over Oct. 24, 1945, and has been used as a supply point for petroleum, oils and lubricants

for military vehicles. The city of Stuttgart was paid DM 179,388 (\$42,795) for use of the land. Real estate appraisers considered this a fair income.

American Selling Guide

Considerable interest has been shown by German businessmen in "Selling the United States Markets," a comprehensive guide to US business opportunities.

The publication, soon to appear in German, is designed by the US Department of Commerce primarily to serve as a practical guide for the many new and smaller business firms seeking information about American markets.

Orders for the free copies are being taken at the Commerce Department information booth in the George C. Marshall House, Berlin. Department officials call the guide the "only real survey ever done with the aim of enabling the foreign businessman to make his own contacts."

Army Repairs Damages

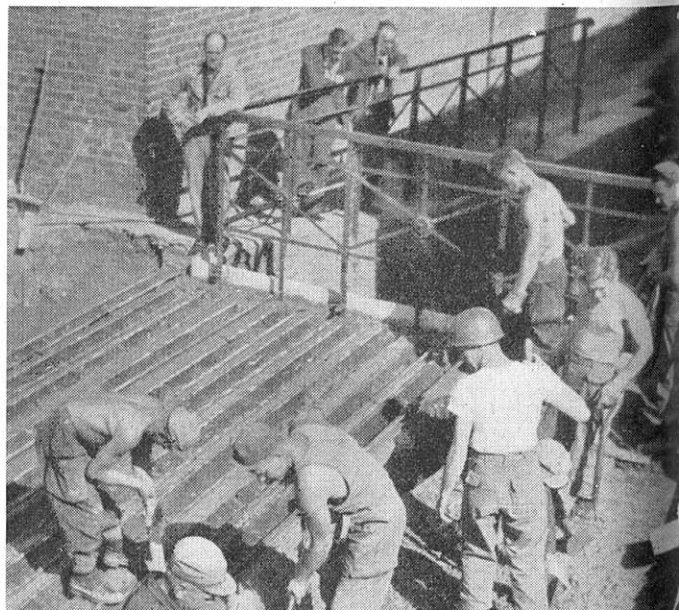
Engineers of the 2nd Armored Division are constantly repairing damage to German roads and streets which occurs when tanks of the outfit are moved due to military necessity.

Routes used by the vehicles are chosen after careful study. The local mayor and police chief of each village are consulted as to the best possible route of travel with minimum interference to traffic and private property.

Road surfaces and a bridge were recently unavoidably torn up in the town of Gonsenheim during a tank movement. Members of the division's engineer battalion surveyed the damage and a repair crew set about using 600 bags of cement, 140 yards of sand and gravel, reinforcing steel and form lumber to repair the passages.

In almost every case the finished surface after the repair job has been better than the original condition of the street.

Men of the 2nd Armored Division's 17th Armored Engineer Battalion lay new cement pavement on Gonsenheim bridge. Original cobblestones were damaged by division's tanks during recent movement. (US Army photo)





Value of HICOG Exchanges Program was chief topic during informal discussions at meeting attended by 250 German exchangees and Berlin Americans. L.-r., Friedrich Luft, member of Berlin's main exchanges committee; Dr. Rainer Hildebrandt, chairman of the Fighting Group Against Inhumanity; Thomas McCabe, chief, Exchanges Branch, and Dr. Charles Robson, deputy chief, Public Affairs Division, Berlin Element. (PRB BE-HICOG photo by Schubert)

Hessian Students Assisted

A new employment program is underway in Hesse to provide financial assistance for needy students, especially refugees, of higher education institutions.

Funds from a HICOG self-help program are available to employ approximately 140 students for a period of seven months. The students must perform work of social significance in the general area of community activities, such as youth work, women's work, adult education, religious activities and other civic activities. Clerical or routine work will not be acceptable.

Dr. Howard W. Oxley, Community Activities chief, OLC Hesse, indicated that each student could work a maximum of 50 hours per month, for which he will receive DM 60 (\$14). During the school holidays, he may work on a full-time basis up to a maximum of 220 hours per month, for which he will be paid DM 1 (23.8 cents) per hour.

The students will receive practical training on the projects for their future careers. At the same time the employing agencies will benefit from the program because the students' work will enable the agencies to strengthen and expand their services to the public.

Americans Learn Augsburg History

The "Augsburg Digest," a booklet designed to acquaint American servicemen and their dependents with the historical, cultural and commercial aspects of the Swabian city, is currently being distributed by US Resident Officer W. Rhyne. The booklet was published by George Rieger, former Military Government employee who later became an Augsburg businessman.

Free distribution is possible because of selected commercial advertisements in the publication, which represent reputable firms in the city anxious to do business with Americans.

The contents include a history and the legends of Augsburg, compiled by M. Virginia Hughes, Augsburg Military Post Special Services librarian; a map of the city and suggested tours; famous men of Augsburg; an index of merchandise and services, and other features.

Eight hundred copies have been made available for distribution to Augsburg Military Post families and to Special Services libraries, troop reading rooms, dispensary waiting rooms, chaplains' offices, billeting offices, etc. Additional copies will be available as personnel changes occur.

Parent Advisory Board Created

The first Parent State Advisory Board for Wuerttemberg-Baden has been set up with the goal of correcting some of the educational inequalities that now exist in the schools and working for a well-rounded educational program without political or religious influence.

Approximately 200 parents representing the elementary and intermediate schools attended a recent two-day conference in Stuttgart at which 41 delegates, one for each county in the state, were elected to serve on the board for two-year terms. The executive committee is made up of Mrs. Luise Koelmel, group president from Stuttgart, and seven other elected members.

A fee of 10 pfennigs (about two cents) for each of the 300,000 children enrolled in the primary and secondary schools is to be collected from communities and local groups to cover the organization's minimum operating expenses. Mrs. Koelmel explained that the action was not intended to detract from the "invaluable help, financial and otherwise" which HICOG has given the organization.

The group will work cooperatively with all government agencies particularly with regard to the following important issues: low salaries of teachers; inadequate preparation of vocational schools' teachers; free textbooks and training aids; free tuition; broadening of the curriculum to include social studies courses, and the need for special schools to care for handicapped children.

Special Interests Emphasized

Recognizing the advantages of greater personal acquaintanceship and understanding between American troops and German citizens, a program has been worked out in Kaufbeuren, through the help of US Resident

Costumes and masks were prime requirements when the Army's 7781st Signal Corps Unit's German Youth Activities in Berlin held a masquerade party. Sic. Anne L. Balser presents first prize for best costume while Cpl. Keith S. Ours holds other awards. (US Army photo)





W. George Keen (right), former US resident officer at Hof, Bavaria, tells about life next to the Soviet Zone to fellow natives of Tennessee, left to right, Henry A. Goodman and Vaughn Smartt, former staffers of the "Chattanooga Times" and now HICOG press officers. (PRD HICOG photo)

Officer George C. Moore, for sharing experiences and facilities in special interest fields.

During a regular monthly meeting of German and American leaders, a list was made of groups such as photo clubs, sport groups, chess associations, etc. already existing among soldiers of the Kaufbeuren Sub-Post. Mayor Karl Wiebel then personally invited the leaders of the corresponding German clubs to a joint planning meeting in the city hall. Approximately 10 fields of interest were represented.

Positive progress has been achieved in the field of religious affairs. Through the efforts of Chaplain (Capt.) Albert J. Tibbs and Evangelical Father Hans Seifert, soldiers have been specially invited to civilian church services, the sub-post's Negro choir has sung in the city church, and Father Seifert has given a sermon in the American chapel.

Cooperation in sport activities has also been developing smoothly. Two joint track meets have been held, Americans were invited to attend a public athletic exhibit, and plans are underway to arrange for one evening a week of joint training in the sub-post gymnasium.

Invitations for the Americans to attend specific meetings and special events and other plans for definite get-togethers have been exchanged by the auto group, the photo club and the nature study group. The German Women's Working Group plans to discuss women's affairs with the two Special Services club hostesses.

Both Mayor Wiebel and Maj. Francis G. Thompson, executive officer of the 29th Signal Battalion, have been active in encouraging the program.

The Kaufbeuren *Tagblatt*, in an editorial, noted that the greatest task for both American soldiers and German citizens is "for one to get to know the other and to become acquainted with his psychological and mental attitudes."

The editorial added, "It seems to us that a good beginning was made when men and women of our city met with responsible Americans and did not just talk but came to the first practical results with due

consideration of all difficulties. The sport groups found mutual interests, the photographers are willing to join their hobby, the clergy invited the followers of their religion to attend masses, the mountain climbers and hikers offered their hands."

English Farmers Visit Germany

The HICOG Exchanges Program, whereby Germans are sent to the United States and to democratic European countries, has stimulated interest among young farm groups in England to visit Germany.

Seven delegates of the Hampshire (England) Federation of Young Farmer's Clubs recently spent four days in Wuerttemberg-Baden at their own expense, visiting local farms, youth homes, agricultural cooperatives and the Hohenheim Agricultural College.

The visit had its origin in an Exchanges Program trip to the United States. Inge Schreiber of the Youth and Community Activities Branch, Public Affairs Division, OLC Wuerttemberg-Baden, spent six months in America studying rural youth work under auspices of the West Virginia Agricultural Extension Service. During her visit she became acquainted with Annesley Voysey, secretary of the English Young Farmer's Clubs. Miss Schreiber visited England to observe the work of the groups and later arranged for the visit of the young English farm people to her country.

The British visitors were housed at the HICOG-supported Ruit Sports and Leadership Training School near Stuttgart. They were particularly impressed with a youth home being built by homeless boys in Ludwigsburg county.

A program for the visit was planned by HICOG Youth and Community Activities workers; the Farmers Association, Bonn; the Farmers Association, Bavaria, and the Wuerttemberg-Baden Ministry of Agriculture.

The English visitors have since written that they left Germany "with the very greatest respect for the amount of work done by the German people toward the recovery of their country." +END

Col. Park Holland (right), Erding Air Base commanding officer, receives thanks from high-ranking Syrian officers for courtesies extended during a recent visit. The group observed "Exercise Combine," then toured US military installations in Germany before returning to Damascus. L.-r., Maj. Sonhel Achi, air force chief; Maj. Sharam Sulemein; unidentified civilian; Maj. Hassan Abed, infantry chief; Lt. Col. Nicolas Mansour, engineer chief; Capt. Faiz Condsi and Colonel Holland. (USAFE photo)

