In and Around Germany

College Auditorium Opened in Berlin

A new auditorium built at the Teachers' College in Berlin with the aid of DM 320,000 ($76,160) from the HICOG Special Projects Fund has been formally opened. Formerly in the Soviet Sector, the college moved to the US Sector in November 1948 as a result of continuing Communist efforts to suppress democratic influences at the school. Teachers for primary and secondary schools in West Berlin are trained there, and the present enrollment is more than 1,000, with a faculty of 121 professors.

Talks during the opening ceremonies were given by Mayor Ernst Reuter; Dr. Christopher B. Garnett, Jr., chief of the HICOG Berlin Element Education and Cultural Relations Branch; Joachim Tiburtius, head of the Berlin Education Department, and Helmut Frothe, chairman of the general students' committee at the teachers' college.

400 Teen-agers to Visit America

Some 400 German teen-agers will leave for the United States next summer to live a full year with American families and attend high schools in urban and rural communities.

The project is in connection with the HICOG Exchanges Program. Travel, school and living expenses will be paid by the US Government, cooperating private American agencies and sponsoring American families.

Each youngster will be urged to participate in his school’s extracurricular activities, particularly student government. Special emphasis will be placed on cooperative citizenship and a young person’s role in community life.

The opportunity is open to boys and girls between 15½ and 17 years of age who have attended a secondary school. Although there are no definite scholastic standards, superior ability and achievement will be considered. Applicants must be in good health, have a basic knowledge of English and must guarantee to return to Germany at the end of their year. Candidates will be chosen equally from farm and urban youths.

Interested teen-agers are urged to write to the Regional Exchange Office nearest their home. German-American committees will interview applicants and make final selections from Feb. 1 to 25.

Cultural Ties Improved

The recent appearances of the Juilliard String Quartet and the Hall-Johnson Choir in US Information Centers throughout Germany made a tremendous public impact and did much to improve cultural ties between Germany and the United States.

In addition to a significant contribution toward the accomplishment of the HICOG effort to strengthen these cultural connections, the appearances helped to make the Germans aware of the musical achievements of other nations. Even before the cultural isolation imposed by the Nazi regime, many Germans had come to regard their country as the principal exponent of art—particularly in the field of music.
The Juilliard Quartet gave recitals in Berlin, Bremen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Munich, Nuremberg and Stuttgart. Their programs of both classical and modern music met with praise from audiences and critics alike. Newspapers called the quartet "one of the world's best," "an artistic event of first-class importance," "a new factor in our musical life."

Critics lauded the "high musical culture" of the Hall-Johnson choir, its "extraordinary discipline," its "choice vocal material" and the "fascinating realism of its interpretation." The Hall-Johnson Choir performed in Berlin (see back cover), Bremen, Bremerhaven, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Kassel, Mannheim, Munich and Nuremberg. Press and public reactions to their appearances were equally impressive.

Large crowds flocked to US Information Centers in cities where the programs were given.

**Foreign Interests Protected**

The Allied High Commission has approved a law to protect foreign nationals who were previously prevented from exercising their legal rights in Germany due to war and postwar conditions.

The principal effect of the law is in cases where a foreign national needs a special license under foreign exchange legislation in Germany in order to take legal action. The period of limitation or prescription related to the action will not expire before the end of the calendar year following the year in which such licensing ceases — and in no case before July 1, 1952.

Present control legislation also prevents residents of foreign countries from freely collecting debts owed by Germans. This bar to collection cannot be removed before the whole question of German debts has been clarified on a governmental level.

**Boy Scouts Get Help**

Boy Scouts in Bremerhaven are looking "official" these days as the result of a drive started by US Resident Officer Edward Merone.

Mr. Merone noticed that many of the local Pathfinders had no uniform. Firms in the area were contacted to help in the matter. Material for the shirts was made available by the Bremerhaven firm of Ketelsen, while

*Dr. Erwin P. Brauner, HICOG Public Health adviser, addresses guests at opening of Mother and Child Health Demonstration Clinic at Neukoelln Hospital in Berlin. The clinic provides prenatal care and medical attention for children up to six.* (PRB BE-HICOG photo by Schubert)

Bremerhaven boy scouts get 55 new uniforms through American and German help. Pathfinder Deblitz accepts official shirt from merchant Armin Ketelsen while US Resident Officer Edward Merone looks on. (Photo by Georg Rogge)

the firm of Ramelow donated the material for the scouts' trousers. Mr. Merone paid the cost of having the garments sewn and also provided for Boy Scout neckerchiefs.

A delegation of 20 Pathfinders received the 55 Boy Scout uniforms during a ceremony in the US resident office. The youths brought along their own music makers.

Armin Ketelsen said during the ceremony, "We present you these uniforms in the hope that you will wear them in the true Boy Scout spirit."

Pathfinder Deblitz in thanking the donors promised to keep the gifts well in accord with the Boy Scout principle, "Always Prepared!"

**Citizenship Training for Women**

The first regional course is citizenship training for German women, patterned after a program presented in Speyer last fall by HICOG Women's Affairs Branch, was held in Inzighofen, Wuerttemberg-Hohenzollern, recently.

Mrs. Else Beckmann of the Tuebingen Women's Committee, who attended one of the Speyer sessions, served as chairman. The course was organized by Miss Bertha L. Bracey of Great Britain, a specialist, in Germany under the HICOG Exchanges Program.

The 51 women participating were selected by the Tuebingen Women's Committee, P. A. Neuland, US observer in South Baden, and Miss Margaret Blewett, Women's Affairs adviser in OLC Wuerttemberg-Baden. Invitations were extended to Dr. Gertrud Metzger, member of the state council of Wuerttemberg-Hohenzollern, and to the Offices of the US and French High Commissioners.

Principal speakers were Mrs. Anna Haag, director of the Anna Haag Home for Girls in Stuttgart, Dr. Elfriede Mueller, vice chairman of the Europa-Union, Stuttgart, and Miss Bracey.

After a general discussion of each address, the conference divided into four discussion groups with the topics including: women as a vital force of society; women as educators; women as economic factors in the community;

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and women and international understanding. The course was successful in uniting into one working group women from 19 organizations.

All participating indicated that they had acquired a deeper sense of the individual's share in the responsibilities confronting Germany and a clearer understanding of how to face them through civic action.

As Helene Lasowski of Freiburg's Association of Displaced Germans noted: "Our distress has brought us to the realization that only those things that are simple and fundamental have lasting value, and it was those ultimate values to which we were repeatedly directed."

Modern Dairy Opened in Hesse

A three-year drive launched by HICOG Food and Agriculture officials in conjunction with German milk producers, dairymen and consumers for the improvement of Hesse's milk supply, culminated in the opening of the ECA-financed Frankfurt-Sossenheim community dairy Dec. 1.

This dairy, considered one of the finest and most modern in western Europe, is part of a series of pilot demonstration projects for increasing milk consumption throughout West Germany by making quality improvements through vitaminization, proper pasteurization and more careful handling. The new plant will produce approximately 150,000 quarts of bottled milk a day and can be expanded to a capacity of 400,000 quarts. An American-style ice cream plant will complete the project early in 1952.

The bottling process of the new dairy realizes the central idea of the American-German milk improvement campaign, which is aimed at the production of sanitary, tuberculosis-free milk. The plant is expected to boost considerably Hesse's milk consumption and thereby the income of farmers.

The opening ceremony at Hesse's model milk-bottling plant was witnessed by representatives of the HICOG Food and Agriculture Division and ECA as well as officials of the Hesse state government and of Frankfurt city. The new dairy is part of the Frankfurt milk supply system known as Moba (Molkerei Osthalen or Dairy East Harbor.)

Soviet Zone Police Quit

The glamour of being a "people's policeman" in the Soviet Zone of Germany is apparently losing its appeal. During the past year and a half nearly 2,000 men have deserted from the Communist paramilitary force.

Reports of the HICOG Public Safety Division show that during recent months the number of such refugees applying for political asylum in West Berlin has jumped 15 percent over the previous quarter year.

The report also noted that police apprehended 1,512 Communist propagandists and agitators in West Berlin during the first 11 months of 1951.

Coburg Returnees Active

Persons who have returned to Coburg after visiting America under the HICOG Exchanges Program have formed an informal group to present a series of lectures.

Heino Heinla (right), Estonian refugee, 27, the last European DP to receive a US visa, is congratulated by Harry N. Rosenfield, commissioner of the US Displaced Persons Commission, while Robert J. Corkery, European coordinator, and two-year-old Kaja Heinla look on. Mrs. Heinla holds their baby son, Uku. (USDPC photo by K. Bethke)

To date the chief of police, Fritz Todtenhaupt, has spoken to German and American police officials, youth group leaders have addressed local groups, and Dr. Ulrich Kriesche, head of the local high school, has held two public discussions.

Welfare Actions Extended

The Munich "Good Neighbor Committee," which has already spent DM 8,084 ($1,923) in carrying out welfare activities, recently decided to extend another DM 8,000 for projects to help homes, students, refugees and artists.

The committee is composed of both Americans and Germans. Most of the money for the welfare work has been raised by various benefit projects.

Half of the fund will be spent on individual emergency cases while the remainder will be used to establish kindergartens in refugee camps, to give needy mothers vacations at a rest home and other special causes.

Princess Pilar of Bavaria was recently elected chairman of the committee, succeeding Mrs. George N. Shuster, wife of the former US state commissioner for Bavaria, who has returned to the United States. Mrs. Shuster was nominated an honorary member of the organization.

Hungarian-Owned Property Returned

The Office of the US High Commissioner recently repeated a previous statement declaring that all Hungarian goods in the US Zone of Germany available for restitution have been returned. The statement came in the
face of continued alleged Hungarian assertions that only a small part of the property to which Hungary was entitled had been returned.

Similar charges were considered by the US Government and rejected as unfounded several months ago. When a Hungarian delegation arrived in Frankfurt last May, a list of returnable goods was given it which included a variety of Hungarian-owned machines, electric motors, tools, furniture, veneer and other woods, certain types of railroad equipment, metals, motor vehicles and a large number of cultural objects. The delegation left in July after the collection and shipment of those goods was completed.

The properties in question were brought to Germany at various times before the end of the war. Many other properties ineligible for restitution under terms of the Hungarian peace treaty were moved from Hungary to Germany during the period of Hungarian participation in the war against the Allies.

Livestock Demonstrations Popular

Competitions among farm youngsters similar to American 4-H club contests are gaining ground in Germany.

A dozen 16-year-old farm boys and girls recently participated in a hog-raising contest in Friedberg county. The hogs were provided through the assistance of ECA, the participants contributing DM 2 (about 47 cents) and ECA giving DM 48 (about $11.40).

Contest prizes were augmented by gifts from Dr. Fridolin Rothaermel, president of the Bavarian Farmers Association, and Andreas Haisch, state parliament delegate.

The children's parents expressed appreciation for the sense of responsibility which the contest awakened in addition to the instruction and education received.

The first livestock demonstration and judging to be held in Sonthofen county, Bavaria, was another recent

Oron J. Hale (center), US state commissioner for Bavaria, examines gavel which Karl Bosl (right), first chairman of Bavarian Teachers and Educators Association, will present to the Pennsylvania State Education Association's annual meeting on his visit to the United States. Wilhelm Ebert (left), chairman of association's legislative committee, will accompany Dr. Bosl.

US High Commissioner John J. McCloy helped open 1952 March of Dimes drive in Bonn Enclave with contribution to Lt. Col. John M. Hucksins, commanding officer of the Bonn Detachment, US Army. With Mr. McCloy are, I-r., Warrant Officer Andrew Sivak, March of Dimes officer for Bonn Enclave; Colonel Hucksins, Mr. McCloy and Lt. William Sprayberry, his aide. (PRB HICOG photo by Gassner)

farm activity. The work was organized last spring by Richard Seiler, a teacher at the state farm school who visited the United States under the HICOG Exchanges Program. ECA granted DM 500 ($119) for the purchase of animals and poultry.

It is believed that enough interest has been stimulated through the demonstration to encourage groups from different parts of the county to compete next summer.

History of Normandy Invasion

"Cross Channel Attack," an account of the 1944 invasion of Normandy, has been published by the Department of the Army and is the eighth volume of the official history of World War II.

The book, compiled by Dr. Gordon A. Harrison, former newspaperman and Army historian in Europe, combines all phases of the Allied planning and action with a complete account of German defensive plans and operations. The material is based on official Allied and German documents as well as on interviews with officers and soldiers.

The publication is available in Europe at EUCOM newsstands; it may also be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for $5.25.

Heidelberg City Hall Deregulation

The city hall in Heidelberg was deregulation recently during ceremonies in which both high-ranking Americans and Germans participated.

The building is one of the largest and most valuable parcels of real estate in the university city to be turned back. In the formal ceremony Col. P. J. Lloyd, Heidelberg Military Post commander, presented the keys of the building to Dr. Hugo Swart, mayor of the city. Maj. Gen.
Army Band Entertains

The First Infantry Division Band, conducted by Warrant Officer William B. Baldwin, has recently presented a series of free concerts in the Erlangen Redoutensaal Auditorium.

The HICOG office at Erlangen handled advertising and organizational work for the series.

Safety Campaign Aided

The US resident office at Kronach has been aiding a local rural police safety campaign by providing transportation.

Main feature of the campaign was a Punch-and-Judy show, written by a teacher in the county, which emphasizes to children the dangers of traffic and pedestrian violations. Policemen also sought to convey to the youngsters the friendliness and helpfulness of these public servants.

Rural Education in Bavaria Popular

The winter session of the Dinkelsbuehl and Gunzenhausen counties' Volkshochschule (high school), one of the largest adult education systems in Bavaria, is now well underway with lectures, film showings and discussion evenings slated for 75 communities in the two counties.

The lectures and discussions are on political subjects such as the Schuman Plan, European Union and general political education; on agricultural subjects, such as land consolidation and modern farming methods; and on civil rights subjects. Each of the communities holds its meetings every three weeks.

Participating in the program are 47 lecturers, including teachers, lawyers, farmers, school officials and prominent citizens of Dinkelsbuehl and Gunzenhausen.

US Resident Officer Peter Brescia, who has been aiding the program, has termed it one of the brighter aspects of the whole political picture in this former Nazi stronghold.

Restoring Justice German Task

Restoring justice in Germany is "above all a German task and the only way which will bring Germany back into the community of civilized nations," in the opinion of Dr. Karl Dietrich Raizer, councilor of the highest Wurttemberg-Baden court for restitution cases.

Dr. Raizer and two other German judges recently visited the US Court of Restitution Appeals in Nuremberg and shared the bench with the US judges. In a letter of thanks to US Justice Fred J. Cohn, Dr. Raizer stated, "It was more than a gesture that you invited us to sit on the bench. We consider this to be a recognition of our honest and constant efforts to restore justice, which has been so abused."

He added: "We as judges must give our attention to combining with the redress of wrong done a just settlement between the parties. The encounter with you and your colleagues on the human level strengthened our confident conviction that you, too, are pervaded with a sense of this eternal task of the judge." + END