In and Around Germany

Higher Standard of Living For Farmers

"The Federal Republic's Grassland Improvement Program will mean more and cheaper food for the German consumers and a higher standard of living for western Germany's farmers," according to Gordon Fraser, chief of the MSA Food & Agriculture Division at Mehlem.

"The Grassland Improvement Program, which is only in its second year, has already proven that food production on western Germany's 2,000,000 farms can be very greatly increased through proper management and treatment of the nation's 18,525,000 acres of meadows and pastures," Mr. Fraser said in a statement issued May 29.

"Last year, with the help of Marshall Plan funds, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and the agricultural authorities of all German states established under a cooperative program 25,000 individual field demonstrations throughout the nation to show farmers how to increase the yields of their grasslands. These demonstrations which showed the result of proper use of fertilizers, good seed mixtures, rotation grazing of livestock, intermediate fodder cropping, movable electric fences, and other modern techniques gave increase in hay and feed output from 100 to 300 percent in most cases. A similar program is also underway this year."

"Adoption of these new methods by farmers generally will mean a vast increase in the production of livestock feed resulting in more milk and more meat on the table for the German consumer and will cost the farmer less to produce. It also means that the farmer will need less land on which to raise feed for his livestock and he, therefore, can grow more grain, potatoes and other food crops."

Mr. Fraser also asserted "No other agricultural undertaking in many years means more to increasing the income standard of living of the millions of the fine and hard working people on Western Germany's predominantly small farms."

Art of German Youth Exhibited

The artistic talents of German children are having an impressive showing in the northern German cities of Bremen, Bremerhaven, Oldenburg and Osnabrueck when four exhibitions under the title "Children Paint Their World" opened simultaneously in these cities June 9 for four-week display.

Sponsored by the American Consulate General in Bremen and its US Information Centers in cooperation with the British Centers the group consists of more than 600 paintings and drawings in individual and class themes from the West German "Archive of Youth and Laymen's Works of Art" — an organization which was founded at Jugenheim, near Darmstadt, in 1950 and which works in cooperation with UNESCO's department of art education.

The exhibit at the Bremen Information Center was supplemented by a "week of youth" consisting of films, lectures, concerts and dancing. A highlight of the week was a discussion on "Are Our Children Artists?" on June 12 led by Dr. Hans Meyers, director of the Archive of Youth and Laymen's Works of Art and teacher of plastic arts at the Teachers' College in Darmstadt, and Bruno W. Karlsson, general secretary of the German Branch of the New Education Fellowship.

The same discussion, including colored illustrations and two films "Children Paint Their World" and "Children As Artists," also was scheduled June 13 at the British Information Center in Osnabrueck, June 16 at the British Center in Oldenburg and June 17 at the Wilhelm Raabe Schule in Bremerhaven in connection with the exhibits at these locations.

Photographs of America on Exhibit

"Deutsche sehen Amerika" (Germany Sees America), a photographic exhibit of American life as seen by West Berlin student and professional exchangees to the United States, was displayed at Berlin's US Information Center for ten days in early June.

Such scenes as San Francisco cable cars, New York by day and night, American small-town dwellings, business and residential streets, Texas towns on the Gulf of Mexico, and Negro dwellings in various parts of the United States were included among the 170 photos in the exhibit. In addition, the exhibit included about 20 sketches and drawings of characteristic American Landscape scenes.

The three West Berliners contributing the majority of photographs for the exhibit were Heinz Arndt, an architect; Dr. Hildegad Roskopf, a journalist; and Ludwig Sabel, press manager of the West Berlin city insurance plan.

Consular Section Opened in Mehlem

A Consular Section serving the Bonn Enclave consular district has been opened at the HICOG Headquarters

Philip Nielson (second from right), exchange student from Stanford University in California, presents a check for $1000 to Miss Ilse Steinbrecher (right) for use in behalf of the students of the Free University of Berlin. The money was from collection by Stanford students in their "All Foreign Student Relief Fund Drive." Witnessing the presentation are Wolfgang Richter (left), university official, and Dr. Hans von Kress, rector of the Free University. (HICOG-Berlin photo)
Building in Mehlem. It will perform all consular services except the issuance of immigration visas.
Passport services for US citizens will be available. These include acceptance of applications for new passports, which are sent from Duesseldorf within two or three days; renewal and extension of expiring passports; and amendments of various types, such as inclusion of children in the passport.
The Consular Section will record births, deaths and marriages of US citizens so that there will be an official American record of these events. It will notify relatives in the United States of the death of an American in the Bonn Enclave. The section will also perform notarial services.
The Bremen Consulate will continue to issue immigration visas for the Bonn area, but the HICOG Consular Section will issue all other types of visas for persons residing in the Bonn Enclave. These include visas for temporary visitors, transit visas, diplomatic and official visas for representatives of other governments and international organizations.

DM 100,000,000 in Orders for Berlin

The Mutual Security Agency Mission to Western Germany approved orders totaling almost DM 100,000,000 ($23,800,000) for production in capital equipment needed by West German companies and organizations. Michael Harris, mission chief, announced May 29. The orders result from a program developed by the Federal Republic.
In announcing the approval, Mr. Harris said the financing of orders in western Berlin is a demonstration of the faith which the Federal Republic and West German firms have in the future of West Berlin's industry.
Mr. Harris said the long-term investment program carried out in West Berlin since 1949 now was paying off in increased production capacity. The orders approved today utilize that additional capacity.
Under the long-term investment program more than DM 500,000,000 ($119,000,000) of ECA/MSA and GARIOA counterpart funds have been lent and spent to expand and modernize West Berlin industries producing machinery, electrical goods, textiles and clothing, chemicals and various products.
Of the DM 100,000,000 in new orders for Western Berlin, DM 60,000,000 will be financed from counterpart funds under a program announced April 8. The balance will come from West Berlin banks and the resources of the manufacturers themselves.

Desertion of East Zone Police

Forty-one East Zone policemen (Vapos) deserted to West Berlin between May 1 and 22 despite stricter control measures over the movements of members of the Soviet Zone para-military police organization, according to Berlin Element's Public Safety Division.
Under the new control measures, members of the East Zone police are required to obtain special passes before leaving their units. The passes restrict movements of

Nine women of the American community in Berlin were presented membership cards in the Gray Ladies, voluntary helpers of the professional Red Cross staff, May 30, following completing of the training course at the US Army's 279th Station Hospital. The nine, pictured above with Col. Otto L. Churney (left), hospital commandant, and Miss Maude T. Campbell (right), assistant Red Cross field director at the hospital, are: Mrs. Rosa H. Mathewson, wife of Maj. Gen. Lemuel Mathewson, US commandant in Berlin; Mrs. Luamie G. Churney, wife of Col. Churney; Mrs. Dorothy R. Dix, wife of Col. R. A. Dix, chief, Trade and Transport Branch, Berlin Element, HICOG; Mrs. Nora Franklin, wife of Col. A. G. Franklin, USCCB; Mrs. Joyce H. Hoacke, wife of 1st Lt. J. A. Hoacke, 279th Station Hospital; Mrs. Suzanne B. Hulick, wife of C. E. Hulick, Berlin office, HICOG; Mrs. Victoria W. Smith, wife of W. H. Smith, Berlin Military Post; Mrs. Irene P. Waring, wife of Robert Olaf Waring, chief, Administration Division, Berlin Element, HICOG; Mrs. June A. Welsh, wife of Major H. K. Welsh, 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry Division. (US Army photo)

"Vapos" to specific routes, destinations and periods of time. The new requirement had been effected within the past month, Public Safety officials said.
A total of 298 East Zone policemen — an average of about 75 per month — defected to the West Sectors during the first four months of this year.

EUCOM Incident Rate Declining

"The European Command's serious incident rate is remarkably low — far lower proportionately than in most large cities in Europe and the United States," Brig. Gen. W. H. Maglin, EUCOM provost marshal, declared at the monthly Seventh Army commanders' conference in Stuttgart in April. His detailed analysis of serious incident reports covered the period July 1 to Dec. 31, 1951.
Using charts and graphs to illustrate his talk, General Maglin said there had been a definite decline in the number of offenses per capita during the six months. He pointed out that enlisted men below the top three grades present the main problem. They comprise 72 percent of the troops in EUCOM but were involved in nearly 84 percent of all reported serious incidents.
The lower ranks own about 20 percent of all registered private motor vehicles and are involved in nearly 40 per-
300th Translated Book Issued

The recent publication of Frederick Martin Stern’s “Capitalism in America” marked the 300th title to appear with HICOCG support under the Book Translation Program. In the six years of its existence, beginning early in the postwar period under OMGUS, the Book Translation Program — or as it was known earlier, the Translation Rights Program — has supported the publication of German editions of a variety of US titles, dealing with both fact and fiction.

The earlier publications consisted almost exclusively of American titles, such as Jacques Barzun’s “Of Human Freedom,” the Harvard Committee’s “General Education in a Free Society,” Merle Curti’s “The Growth of American Thought” and Henry Steele Commager’s “Growth of the American Republic.” There have been some exceptions to this rule, one being Arthur Koestler’s “Darkness at Noon.”

Gradually the program has been broadened ideologically to include more titles whose purpose is to provide German readers with books on subjects supporting the theme that German recovery and progress are best served by adherence to Western democratic principles; to enlarge and strengthen the group of responsible Germans working towards European unity; to emphasize America’s role in world affairs, its contribution to international understanding and its political, historical, sociological and cultural development; and to reassert the evils of totalitarianism, Communist or National Socialist.


The publication of these 300 titles under the program, representing the production and distribution of considerably more than 2,500,000 copies, was made possible through German-American cooperation. These books are long-range weapons and the measure of their contribution and success can best be gauged only in the long run, like the ideas they represent.

Personnel Notes

Naval Command Changed

Rear Admiral Howard E. Orom assumed command of the US Naval Forces in Germany June 5 following a formal ceremony at EUCOM Headquarters in Heidelberg. He relieved Rear Admiral Carl F. Holden, who returned to the United States to retire from the Navy June 30 after more than 39 years of service.

The change-of-command ceremony was held in front of the building which houses the Navy Headquarters in Germany. After the boss of the watch ‘piped aboard’ the retiring commander and his successor, Admiral Holden delivered a brief farewell address to the officers and men of his Headquarters Company, and directed that his flag be lowered from the staff over the entrance to Navy Headquarters.

Then Admiral Orem spoke informally to the assembled officers and men, lauding Admiral Holden for “a job well done.” He then directed that, his flag be raised over the Navy building. Lt. R. C. Brady, personal aide to Admiral Holden, closed the ceremony by presenting the retiring officer with his flag.

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Coordinating History Books

to play down the Frederick-Bismarck-Hitler trio, give due recognition to German democratic traditions and to meet most of the other German complaints. “We found a wonderful fairness among our American colleagues,” the German chairman said, adding with a smile that German textbooks have only just begun to discover the real America.

Minutes of the workshop meetings with American and German opinions on the controversial points of history will be forwarded to textbook authors and publishers in both countries, and the participants in the conference are convinced that their recommendations will have a positive influence on future textbooks. Their goal is a completely voluntary submission of manuscripts to the other nations, for critical scholarly examination before the books ever reach the public.

Yet the historians realize, that they have just started to build a platform on which American and European historical research will meet.” So far, the review has only covered eight titles of 25 listed in the last index of major German history textbooks, and a much smaller proportion of US history publications. The progress of historical research will raise new problems, and it may well take decades before the goal of a universal history of mankind is reached. But a new, more objective and less belligerent history is believed definitely in the making.