

Workers' Families Conserve New Marks

Workers' families in Hesse were most economical in spending their initial Deutsche marks, according to Mr. Robert A. Irving, OMG Hesse statistical division chief. After the inauguration of currency reform on June 20, each person was allowed an initial DM 40 on the turning in of old Reichsmarks.

After studying and analyzing household accounts of more than 200 families in many walks of life, Mr. Irving concluded that an average white collar family spent two-thirds of its initial issue, a civil service family about three-fifths, while the laborer's family held on to almost half its new currency.

During the first 10 days after currency-reform day, all families spent about half their income for food, Mr. Irving stated. Expenditure for clothing used up 15 to 20 percent of the first new money earned, while minor expenditures were made for luxury goods, including beer and tobacco, and for household goods.

German Plaque Honors Airlift Men

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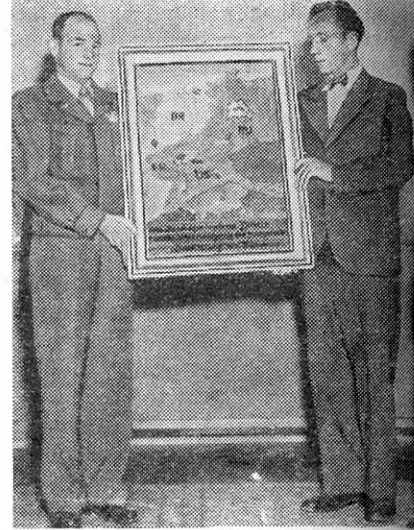
Woodworker Presents Gift as Token of Appreciation

An elaborately-carved inlaid plaque was presented at Ludwigsburg, Wuerttemberg-Baden, to Col. Bertram Harrison, commanding officer of the Berlin airlift's 60th Troop Carrier Group, by Wilhelm Kaklies, a master woodworker.

Acting as a private German citizen, Kaklies stated he wanted to give the American airmen some token of appreciation for helping blockaded Berlin. He added that the airlift touched him personally, for his mother lives there.

Colonel Harrison received the plaque on behalf of Lt. Gen. Curtis LeMay, USAFE commander-in-chief. He told Kaklies that the United States was taking the only possible humanitarian course, and that the airlift will continue as long as there is a need for it.

The plaque consisted of an intricately-inlaid map of Germany, showing a large stockpile of food and coal near Frankfurt and several

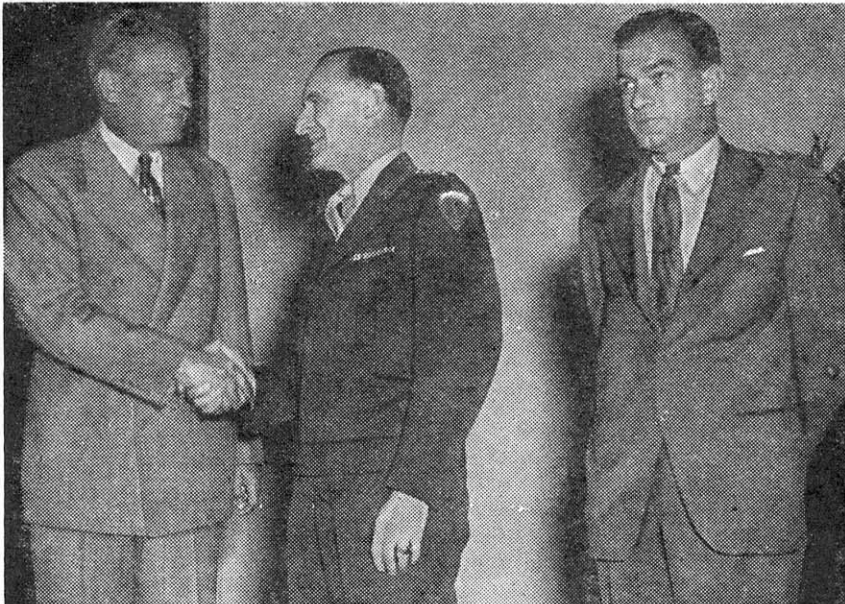


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Col. Bertram Harrison, commanding officer of the 60th Troop Carrier Group (left) and Wilhelm Kaklies hold plaque carved by latter in honor of US airlift personnel.

United States planes winging towards Berlin. The inscription reads, "In thanks to the intrepid American pilots for their assistance to hungry Berlin."

Present at the ceremony were Lt. Col. E. J. Drinkert, Jr., acting deputy director of the Office of Military Government, Wuerttemberg-Baden; Mr. T. E. Griswold, Jr., of the Ludwigsburg Military Government office; Lt. Col. Frederick M. O'Neill, Executive Officer of the 60th Carrier Group, and Ludwigsburg's deputy Mayor, Otto Ludwig.



Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D-Ill.) shakes hands in Berlin with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, US Military Governor. Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) looks on.
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381 Periodicals in US Area

Periodicals now published in the US-occupied area of Germany total 381. Three Berlin periodicals, which have a wide circulation in the US Zone, are printing part of their issues in Frankfurt to avoid transportation difficulties caused by the Berlin blockade. The three magazines, "Horizont," "sie," and "Lilith," will continue to publish sufficient copies in Berlin for local distribution.