



Framework for first roof over HICOG's big new housing project went up (left) in April. Typical of 6,000 workers on job is carpenter in traditional costume.

Bonn Project to be Ready by Fall

The HICOG building project in Bonn will be completed on schedule and ready for occupancy by Sept. 1, according to Office of Administration officials. In addition to office space to accommodate approximately 1,500 employees, no less than 458 housing units for American personnel are under construction. With their completion early this fall, the Office of the US High Commissioner for Germany will be removed from Frankfurt to Bonn, the federal capital.

HICOG's new headquarters building will be in Bonn while the quarters for its American staff will be located in Bad Godesberg, on a site looking out over the Rhine River. These structures are being built with GARIOA counterpart funds and constitute the largest such construction undertaking abroad yet financed by the American Government.

Bonn, a boom town since its selection as the site of the West German capital two years ago, and Bad Godesberg, an attractive nearby resort on the same bank of the Rhine, have experienced considerable economic benefit from the vast project, which provides employment for more than 6,000 workers and which, when completed, will see more than 500 US and approximately 1,000 German employees transferred to the area. A total of 746 housing units for the German personnel due to be shifted to the new headquarters in Bonn also are under construction in the area.

Since ground-breaking ceremonies in February work on the task of providing both quarters and office space for HICOG at its new headquarters has been proceeding at high speed. Office of Administration officials say all will be ready for occupancy by Sept. 1, the original target date.

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