

# GI's in Austria Now Allowed to Wear 'Civvies'

By KURT HAMPE

VIENNA (AP)—The U. S. Army in Austria recently put into force a new regulation which pleases everyone from the commanding general down to the lowest GI and the entire Austrian population.

The Army announced that all military personnel in this country could wear civilian clothes during off-duty hours.

Generals immediately appeared at dinner and cocktail parties in tuxedos or tails. GIs mobbed Army post exchanges and Austrian stores looking for bargains.

The order was intended to impress Austrians that American troops should no longer be considered occupation troops—but rather as paying guests, detained by the unwillingness of the Russian army to leave the country.

**Fewer Uniforms**  
"The idea is to spare the occupation-tired Austrians the sight of foreign uniforms on their soil," a top-ranking Army officer explained.

At the same time soldiers were authorized to wear civvies, another Army order gave Austrian police the right to detain military personnel in civilian clothes.

Col. Stephen E. Stancisko, personnel and administrative officer of USFA, said the combination of the two new regulations had had "gratifying" results.

"Back in civvies the soldiers behave like gentlemen," he said.

**Offenses Cut**  
The provost marshal's office at U. S. Army headquarters in Salzburg reported the number of off-duty offenses among soldiers was believed to have dropped, although it was too early to tell accurately.

Another order gave commanding officers the right to withdraw the

privilege of wearing civilian clothes for six months from any soldier reported to have committed a minor delinquency while in civvies.

The new privilege was announced unexpectedly and caught most soldiers unprepared. Army PX's throughout the command quickly came up with thousands of civilian suits, slacks and sports jackets.

The first soldier payday after the new order, the Salzburg PX reported it sold 115 suits during eight hours. Austrian outfitters reported good business in Lederhosen—the short leather pants worn by Austrian men—and other colorful local attire.

**Good Regulation**  
Soldiers—usually reluctant in praising any Army regulation—unanimously said they thought the new step was "the best the Army ever took."

"Another thing" said a young GI, "it makes dating Austrian girls so much easier. Before, many girls seen with a soldier were afraid of being regarded as camp followers by their own people. The Communists had tried to discredit them for going out with us. Now they don't have any secret fears. A soldier in civvies looks like anybody."

# Graduation at OCE Scheduled For Wednesday

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(Story also on page 1)

MONMOUTH—Students from many mid-valley cities will receive degrees and diplomas at Oregon College of Education's commencement exercises here on Wednesday.

Slated to receive degrees of master of science in education are 204 students who have completed four years of professional preparation for elementary teaching.

Diplomas certifying completion of three years of teacher preparation will be awarded to 107 students.

Dr. Edgar S. Smith, president of the state board of higher education, will be graduation speaker. Dr. Roben J. Maaske, OCE president, will confer the degrees and award the diplomas.

Special recognition will be accorded members of the class of 1902 who will meet here Wednesday for their fiftieth anniversary.

Salem students who will receive degrees are Joan Aitken, Gladys Burch, Charles Chapman, Daron Dierks, Willow Evans, Edith M. Fanning, Willard Fletcher, Ford Forster, Eugene Harp, Marilyn Jole, Martin Mahula, Merlin Marsh, Everett Price Jr., Hilda Prince, Lois Schrank, Mabel Sumpter, Seth Underwood, Emil Veer, Patricia Ann Wilson.

Monmouth students to receive degrees are Theodore J. Bennett, Margaret Campbell, Joe Cole, LeRoy Fleischman, James Gooding, Mary Louise Henry, Alton Hubbard, Celeste Hudson, Charles Jones, Deanne Maddux, Charles Moore, Robert Price, Walter Reid,

Eric Rohde, Juanita Rohde, Illa Schunk, Dan Unruh.

Others who will receive degrees include Laurice Bohler and Grace Jenkins, both of Albany; Ray Godsey, Mark Williams, both of Independence; Maxine Hodges, Glenn Schroeder, Ann Yoo, all of Dallas; Willard Baldwin, Woodburn; James Bowman, Falls City; Opal Day, Hubbard; John Jenck, Mt. Angel; Helen Kihs, Jefferson; Cyrus Pruitt, Sheridan; Kenneth Farnsey, Willamina; Alice Smith, Mill City.

Diplomas will be awarded to the following Salem students: Iva Anderson, Donna Dasch, Lola Emmel, Marilyn Gardner, Edna Goodman, Hilda Prince, Corrine Wackem, Priscilla Moore and Myrna Mohr.

Others to receive degrees are Willis Harriman, Veva Large, Mary McConnell, Mary Savage, Harrell Smith and John Snyder, all of Monmouth; Margarethe Starnes, Marvel Unfred, James Wright, all of Albany; Leo Friesen, Lewis Holt, both of Dallas; Hazel Butler, Sheridan; Nellie Moudy, Willamina; Elmer Spencer, Independence; George Watts, Amity.

# 2 Escape Injury In Accident at Jefferson Junction

Two men escaped injury in a two-car collision Saturday noon at the North Jefferson junction.

They were Everett Fleming Farr of The Dalles and Raymond L. Casselman of Sweet Home.

State police said Casselman, going south, attempted to avoid hitting Farr who was turning into the Jefferson cutoff from Highway 99-E. Both cars careened down the old highway, with Casselman skidding some 200 feet after the collision. Neither car was seriously damaged, police said, and Casselman, who was shaken up slightly, declined to seek medical aid for an injured back.

# North Marion Students Draw Many Awards

Many awards were presented at the second annual commencement program of North Marion Union High School Thursday night.

M. H. Beal, principal, introduced representatives who presented the awards. The Boyd Brown athletic award went to Bob Miller, the Home Economics plaque was awarded to June Weinert by the Donald Extension Unit, and James Spence received the citizenship plaque awarded by the Donald Masonic Lodge.

Caroline Muessig was awarded the "outstanding girl" trophy given by the Hubbard Woman's Club, and the Aurora Woman's club presented Gretchen Pardey and Bob Diller with the instrumental music award.

Certificates from the University of Oregon school of journalism were presented to Barbara Croco and Bud Wettstein for work on the annual; John Van Lieu and Barbara Croco received awards from the school for outstanding work in activities; a medal and certificate were presented to Bob Diller from the Hubbard Legion Post 166.

The Aurora Lions Club scholastic awards were presented to Ronald Shrock and Marlene Conger. The latter also received the good citizenship certificate from the DAR and a scholarship award from Oregon State College and Ronald also received a certificate for outstanding work in chemistry from the American Chemical company, the Readers' Digest award and a perfect attendance award.

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lism awards were received by Caroline Muessig and Mildred Peterson. John McCrone, chairman of the board of education, presented 34 graduates with diplomas.

# French Hero Sentenced for Stealing Bonds

PARIS (AP)—Antoine De Rezy, World War II hero and former deputy in the French National Assembly, Saturday night was sentenced to ten years at hard labor for stealing a hundred million francs (\$287,714) worth of government bonds.

De Rezy, 39, also was fined 50,000 francs (\$144) and ordered stripped of the military honors he won by almost fantastic wartime feats.

He was credited with capturing an enemy tank in North Africa with only a pistol and destroying three other Axis tanks with the guns of the one he captured.

He lost an arm but nevertheless parachuted into Nazi-occupied France to lead resistance fighters. Honors were heaped on him but he sank into debt after the war trying to support his wife and six children. He went to Parliament in 1947, never able to make a living.

Suspicion in the bond theft turned to him when he paid off a big debt, bought a seaside home, invested in corporation shares and presented a garageman with a hundred thousand francs.

**BAKER TO GET AWARD**  
BAKER (AP)—Baker will get a third consecutive National Safety Council plaque soon, awarded for going through 1951 without a traffic death. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry is expected to present the plaque.

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# Program Planned By Mt. Angel Jr. Catholic Daughters

MT. ANGEL—The Junior Catholic Daughters will hold their first award of honors program Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Parents and friends of the Juniors and the senior court members are invited.

Miss Marlene Diehl will preside. Special guests will be the Rev. Cyril Lebold and the Rev. Clement Frank of Mt. Angel, state officers of the Junior and Senior C. D. A. and the officers of the Mt. Angel Senior court.

The program is being arranged by the Junior counselors, Mrs. Vincent Smith, chairman, Mrs. Joseph Ficker, Mrs. A. J. Bigler, and Mrs. Clem Butsch.

Sunday morning the Juniors will attend the 9:30 a. m. mass in St. Mary's church at which they will receive communion and take part in the ceremony of the roses.

# Plastic Lens Restores Sight

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—An artificial lens made of plastic and smaller than an aspirin tablet has restored the sight of a British Columbia woman.

"I can see my daughter's features for the first time in 10 years," says Mrs. M. Bogert, 57, of Enderby, B. C. "I was surprised at first when I woke up with the new lens in my eye."

"I said a little prayer." Prior to an operation she was able only to distinguish between light and dark. Surgeons removed a cataract from her right eye in a routine operation but feared a similar operation on the other might leave her totally blind.

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