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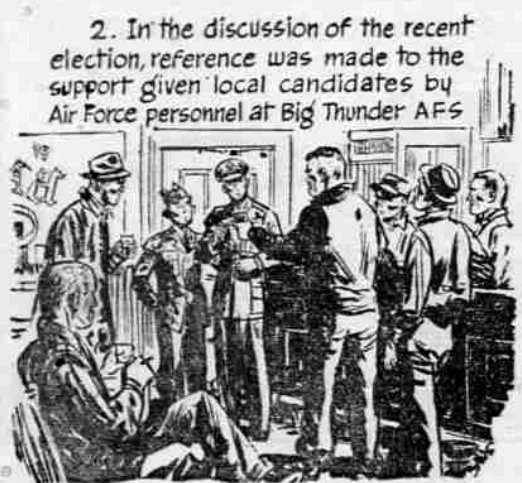
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MEMORANDUM
 CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330
 DATE: 11/18/56
 SUBJECT: Newspaper Report of Fight Involving Air Force Personnel
 TO: Commanding Officer, Big Thunder Air Force Base
 1. Reference is made to photostat of newspaper clipping attached hereto.
 2. The incident described therein as a "clash between civilian patrons and Air Force Personnel from Big Thunder AFB" has not been mentioned in reports received at this headquarters.
 3. You will reply by indorsement, giving fullest details.
 BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
 Charles E. Brennan
 Colonel, USAF



2. In the discussion of the recent election, reference was made to the support given local candidates by Air Force personnel at Big Thunder AFB.



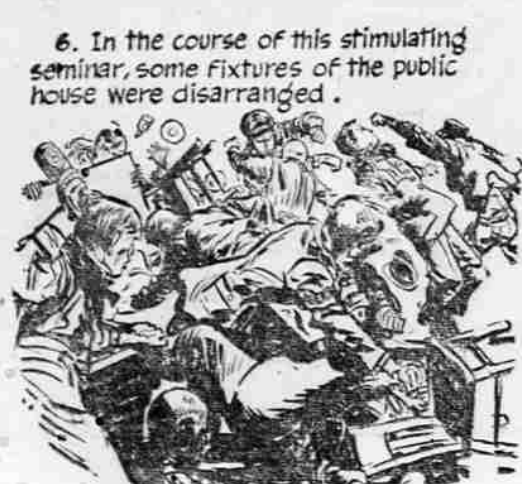
3. The Airmen pointed out good-naturedly that no Big Thunder AFB personnel had been eligible to vote at local polls, but had cast ballots by lawful absentee arrangement.



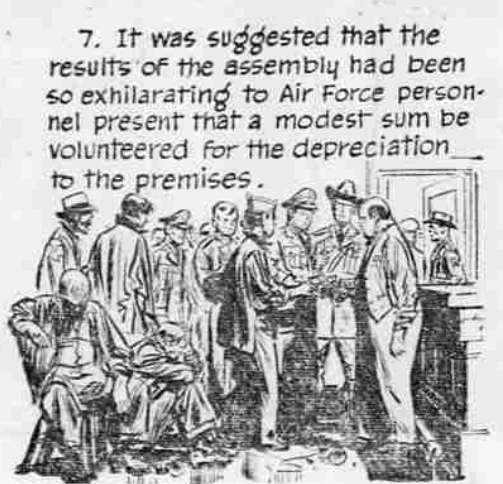
4. Expressions of amazement led to further discussion. While one Airman pursued the subject, the other telephoned for additional interested Air Force people to come and take part in the exchange of ideas.



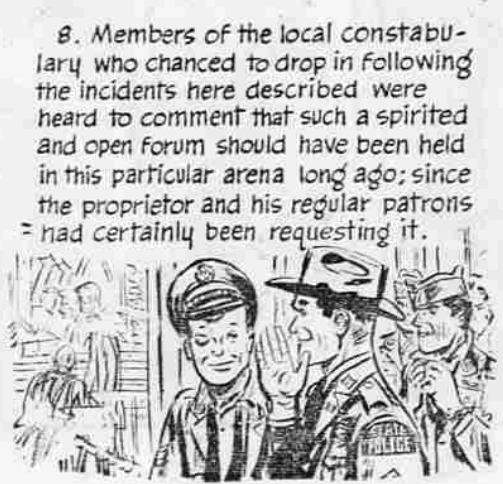
5. A general round-robin discussion followed.



6. In the course of this stimulating seminar, some fixtures of the public house were disarranged.



7. It was suggested that the results of the assembly had been so exhilarating to Air Force personnel present that a modest sum be volunteered for the depreciation to the premises.



8. Members of the local constabulary who chanced to drop in following the incidents here described were heard to comment that such a spirited and open forum should have been held in this particular arena long ago; since the proprietor and his regular patrons had certainly been requesting it.



9. No charges having been filed and no arrests made, it would appear that the writer of the attached news story had been misinformed.

Stevenson B. Cannon
 Lt. Col., USAF
 Officer-in-Charge