

U.S. Military Man Appears to Have Carved Niche in Europe

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of Charles Corddy, United Press military affairs writer, on European defenses.

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Paris — The American military man looks very much as if he has carved himself a permanent niche in Europe. All told, there are some 355,000 of them.

They help guard the free world's ramparts from England to Turkey, from Germany to the Mediterranean, and spill over into Africa.

With them they brought probably 250,000 family members, including at least 54,000 youngsters who are enrolled in service-run schools and learning at least one new language.

The American tourist, sitting in a cafe on the Champs Elysees watching other American tourists go by, has hardly an inkling of how deeply dug-in are his countrymen who came here to join in Europe's defense.

The tourists spent \$427 million on this side of the Atlantic in one recent year. The U.S. Air Force alone pumped out \$728 million the same year, including \$133 million of airmen's personal paychecks. It's customary to consider the tourist dollar indispensable. The military dollar would be even more so.

Incidents Rate Low
Nobody ever tried harder than the American GI to be liked and get along. Military base-local community councils abound to help out. It seems to work.

The rate of incidents—run-ins with local civilians which reach police attention—is .25 per 1,000 men per month for the Air Force and .78 for the 7th U.S. Army. Traffic accidents are not included in these totals.

The crime rate, according to 7th Army commander Lt. Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, is less than in Washington, D.C.

"What're you doing about it in Washington?" he asks, challengingly.

It cost \$1 billion to create Clarke's army. The annual going rate is \$1,200,000,000 of which \$180 million is the locally-spent payroll.

The Air Force in Europe is a \$4,300,000,000 outfit. Two-fifths of that investment is paid in German occupation marks and not by the U.S. taxpayer.

The Air Force flies 22 types of aircraft at 425 installations in 13 countries over an area five times that of the United States. It employs 2,600 American civilians and 33,000 "native sons." It has 17,600 persons enrolled in university extension courses. Every airman learns one foreign language, at least that's the law.

There are 150 self-supporting theaters for airmen. There are 200 base soccer teams.

It isn't always easy, this community relations. Take a little town, where air base usually are found. Papa can't get into the local theater—too jammed with airmen. He finds his pub crowded. First thing he knows, there's a juke box.

There is no status-of-forces



COULD BE RIGHT? — Joanna Moore (above), southern belle from Americus, Ga., claims that Yankee women have lost the battle of the sexes by fighting for equal rights for women. Joanna might be trying to restart the Civil War, or a battle with the Northern belles or just gaining a bit of publicity. But she might have something there.

Local Talent Show Scheduled by Club

The Kiwanis Town and Country Holiday, scheduled Aug. 22 through Aug. 25 at the new National Guard Armory, will feature a talent search among Jackson county residents, according to Ray Johnson, entertainment chairman for the event.

Valley acts will be featured on every stage show of the four-day event, with the winners of each show competing in finals Sunday, Aug. 25.

Winner of the contest will be awarded a free trip to the Oregon state fair in Salem to appear in the talent show there. Top prize in the state fair is a guest appearance on the Lawrence Welk television program.

Also featured at the Town and Country Holiday will be a number of foreign and domestic sports cars. All popular makes of the cars will be on display, the first show of this kind in the area, according to show spokesman.

The Jackson County Sports Car club will exhibit cars owned by its members and a display of "oldtimer" automobiles is being planned.

Display of hobbies by individuals or organizations has been urged by Johnson. Interested hobbyists should call at the Holiday headquarters at 11 Almond st., Medford, or telephone SPring 2-8131.

Portland Man Named Press Bureau Head

Portland — Appointment of D. Donald Lonie Jr., Portland public relations man, as director of the press bureau for the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade fair of 1959 was announced Saturday by Floyd Maxwell, managing director.

Lonie, who has his own public relations firm under the name of Lonie and Associates, will have responsibility for planning all local, regional and national publicity for the 1959 exposition, Maxwell said.

Maxwell said the new press bureau head would personally become a staff member at Centennial offices on the fourth floor of the Jackson Tower in Portland, but that Lonie's office will continue in operation to service other public relations accounts.

Maxwell said that filling of the publicity post was one of a series of key moves planned to put Centennial planning into high gear.

The 1957 Oregon Legislature appropriated \$830,000 to help finance the exposition, planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Oregon's admission into the Union.

IF AT FIRST . . .
Van Nuys, Calif. — Some people just can't take a hint. Seven men were arrested on Wednesday night on suspicion of gambling in a building behind the police station. It was the third raid on the building in six months.

agreement with West Germany. The military has full authority over its own people. But, says Clarke, there has never been a case where Germans objected. Teenagers? He's had trouble with only 11 in 13 months. They and their parents are home now, in America.

The Navy's situation is simpler. It has no bases over here . . . just dozens of ports of call. Sailors sometimes are forced to spend a whole week end in such meccas as Palma de Majorca!

Of the 355,000 Americans, sailors comprise just 25,000. The U.S. Army in Europe has 250,000, the Air Force 80,000.



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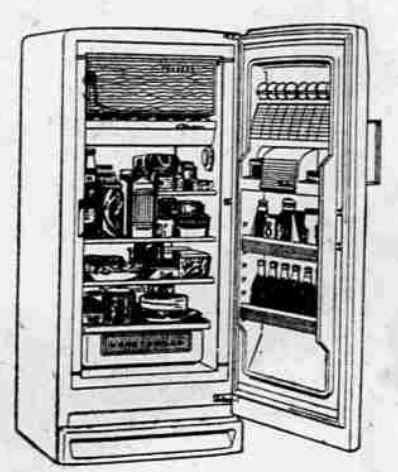
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