



GRAHAM ADDRESSES CROWD—Addressing a crowd of thousands, American evangelist Billy Graham gestures as he speaks in Haile Selassie Stadium in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In Cairo Graham preached to the largest revival meeting Egypt has ever seen and he called it "the greatest victory we've had in Africa." Christian leaders estimated the crowd at 10,000 but later Graham gave his estimate as 6,000. Graham is currently on a tour of Africa. —(UPI Telephoto)

Soviet Educators Note Gap In U.S. Education System

New York — (UPI) — A leading Soviet educator says he believed America was training many good scientists and technicians on the advanced level but that the average high school or college student did not get enough mathematics, chemistry and physics.

Mikhail Prokofiev, deputy minister of Soviet higher education and a chemist himself, was not the first Russian to voice the opinion that there was a tremendous gap in the United States between a scientific training at the top and at the bottom.

Others Comment

Several other visiting Russians also have commented on what they believed to be the strengths and weaknesses of the American educational system.

Many Americans agreed with them.

Prokofiev and seven other Soviet educators spent 12 days touring American universities under the Soviet-American cultural agreement.

The tour took them to Harvard, Columbia, Brooklyn college, the University of Pittsburgh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Case Technical Institute.

Prokofiev said more students were studying for masters and doctoral degrees in all fields in the United States than in the Soviet Union.

"We think that your training on the advanced level is very well organized," he said. "This is one of the best features of your system."

Good Work Said Done

The Soviet deputy minister said that good work was being done in American chemistry and that the advanced research laboratories he had seen were well equipped.

He said he thought American engineers got a sufficiently broad scientific education and that the U.S. industrial leaders with whom he had talked seemed satisfied with the scientific and technical men who come to work for them.

"I would like to say something about the weaker side of American education," Prokofiev continued. "I think that more mathematics, physics and chemistry should be taught in your secondary schools."

He said he believed American students began to specialize too late — when they were already well into college — and did not get enough practical experience before graduation.

The Soviet Union is now experimenting with a new program which combines study with practical work in high school and college.

The Russians were especially interested in a pilot project for three-semester year-round study now under way at the University of Pittsburgh.

It allows ambitious students to finish college more quickly than the usual two-semester-per-year schedule. Russia has no such accelerated program.

Prokofiev expressed the hope that the Soviet Union and the United States would soon be able to exchange more scientists.

Of the 27 Russians now here under the student exchange program, about 20 are scientists and technicians. Most of the Americans studying in Russia this year are working in history, economics, and history of language.

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Many Serviceman Families in Germany Living in 'Seclusion'

Frankfurt, Germany — (UPI) — One of the greatest paradoxes among Americans in Germany is the popularity of the controversial "The Ugly American" in U.S. Army libraries.

For the book, which blasts Americans abroad for living an insular life completely removed from that of the natives, mirrors in a hundred ways the lives of the inhabitants of "Little Americas" dotted around the German countryside.

Many American officials are not happy at this shutting off of the outside world by families of servicemen living here. But the obstacles, they say, are just too many, and the segregation of the two nations will have to continue.

The Germans in cities with large American populations generally are fatalistic about the whole affair.

Their Affair

The general opinion is, "If the Americans don't want to mix with us, then that's their affair and we aren't going to force them."

Many U.S. officials, however, would like to see the dispersement of the thousands of Americans living abroad in vast housing projects near military bases. More than 30,000 Americans live in five sprawling housing projects in northern Frankfurt alone.

The projects are made up of apartment houses built to American specifications around streets mirroring exactly the "back home" atmosphere the inhabitants yearn for.

The streets bear German names — but all else is American. Even the garbage is collected by Germans in American uniforms, and the children are shepherded to and from school not by German police, but by American military police.

The schools themselves might as well be in Steubenville, O., as in Germany. Only a tiny handful of American children in Germany go to German schools, although the local curriculum is generally acknowledged to be one of the world's best.

Attend Army Schools

Instead, they attend Army-run schools which extend all the way from kindergarten to the local branches of Maryland and Stanford Universities. More than 1,500 students attend the Frankfurt American High school alone.

Almost no Americans shop at German stores. Instead they buy everything at the Post Exchange, normally a sprawling complex of buildings including everything normally found in an American shopping center.

In the Frankfurt PX, beside the department store and commissary are a delicatessen, barber shop, flower store, toy store with a vast range of European and American toys,

snack bar, beauty parlor and a garage with facilities for every kind of American car.

Other complexes are even larger. It takes almost half an hour to walk around the outside of the vast Air Force Post Exchange at Wiesbaden.

Supporters of the insular approach to living abroad point out that Army families coming to Germany can buy in the PX the things they are used to getting at home.

Opponents of the idea promptly reply that almost all the goods in the PX are available on the German market at virtually the same price. The only difference — you have to make your purchases in German.

Clothing in German stores often is more stylish than that

on sale at the PX because the exchange items have to be bought a year in advance in the U.S. Yet the sight of an American woman buying a dress in a store in downtown Frankfurt — a city with a population of almost 50,000 Americans — is enough to make the store clerks stare.

Language is another problem which the "anti-insular" group points out. Americans living in the housing areas often speak no German after having lived in this country for two years.

All their daily dealings are with Americans or English-speaking Germans. Abolition of the housing areas, it is claimed, would force more people to speak German with their neighbors and thus help Americans living over here to get more out of their stay.

However, there are powerful arguments for the retention of the "Golden Ghettos" as the housing projects are sometimes called.

Insufficient Housing

If the Army had not put up its own housing, it is pointed out, the thousands of Americans in the country would have been forced to compete with Germans for the already insufficient housing available.

Most "Americanized" of all German cities is Kaiserslautern, on the west bank of the Rhine, which GIs call "K-town." The center of a sprawling complex of a dozen American and Canadian air and army bases, the Kaiserslautern area has an estimated American population of more than 100,000.

Frankfurt, a traditional "GI Town" since the days of World War II, runs a close second — although Americans are not too frequently seen on downtown streets, except for the bright-light areas of night clubs and bars around the main railroad station.

'Copters as Sub Killers Proven

New York — (Science Service) — Navy tests have proved conclusively that helicopters can be used day and night and under all weather conditions to find and "kill" submarines.

Helicopter flight tests, under instrument flying conditions, were made from the decks of modern carriers against evasive submarine targets.

Lt. Donald B. Bennie of the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Md., told the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences meeting here today that submarine-hunting helicopters must be flown automatically by electronic computers.

Computers must be used because the processing rate for instrument information at low-altitude hovers is beyond the experienced pilot's ability, he said.

The tests also showed that the guarding missions for aircraft carriers becomes "highly successful" through use of all-weather helicopters.

Camp Fire Girls

Girls from Camp Fire groups Ne-Top-Pew and Eluta Kuneki working on fire makers rank held a tea for leaders of Blue Bird groups that flew up recently to be Camp Fire Girls.

Each girl brought cookies for refreshments. They also brought their memory books for the leader to see.

As the guests arrived the girls took turns in receiving and introducing the guests.

The coming candy and peanut sale was discussed as well as resident camp for the summer; they also discussed about forming a cabinet for junior high girls, and the coming mother-daughter tea.

The tea was one requirement for fire maker rank.

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