

DeAnne Taylor Tells Of German Travels

Editor's note: The following excerpts are the third of a series of letters from DeAnne Taylor, who is spending the summer with a family in West Berlin, Germany, under the auspices of the American Field Service. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeAnne Taylor, 1011 Winchester ave., Medford. In the following excerpts she tells of her German family, her tours of points of interest, special activities, and her plans for returning home.

By DeANNE TAYLOR
West Berlin—We are having a wonderful time here. I just returned from a trip to a lake in Berlin with AFS students and their "brothers" and "sisters." It seems to me that it has rained most of the time over here.

I really should tell you how much I appreciate my German family. Some of the AFS students apparently have had some experiences which seem "unpleasant."

However, some people are not tolerant enough to accept the differences gracefully. All the members of my family are very considerate and have tried very hard to make my visit a pleasant one. This is truly a wonderful program.

Tour Castle
Uschi, 17, and I went on an AFS tour of Schloss (Castle) Charlottenburg. Before starting through the castle we had to put on the funniest slipper-like shoes over our own shoes to protect the old

wooden floors. After the tour we visited one wing of the castle which has a collection of religious objects. I just can't imagine the age of some of these pieces of art. The oldest date back to the third and fourth centuries.

July 24, Uschi and I went by U-Bahn (subway) to the American Community church. It is interdenominational and the pastor is an American. He asked us to his house that afternoon for what he called an "at home." We went and found that it was an informal gathering much like our Westminster fellowship.

Uschi enjoyed it very much and told me later that she would go again, after I leave. We were supposed to take our parents on Aug. 7.

Uschi and I were invited to a garden party given by an AFS student and her "sister." I forgot to take my passport, and after I discovered that the U-Bahn went through East German territory, I was a little concerned.

Ask Questions
However, no questions were asked. I talked to one boy who had been asked for his passport in East Berlin, but when the soldier found that he was an American he started asking questions about American food, cars, and life in general. I guess these are common characteristics in people everywhere.

Our tour of the refugee camp in West Berlin was an enlightening experience. We were not permitted to take pictures, but outside of people there wasn't too much to see.

From 400 to 500 people arrive each day. I remember reading someplace that the East Germans say they don't care about the steady flow of refugees because most of them are too old to be of any use. This just can't be true, for 50 per cent of them are under 24 years of age.

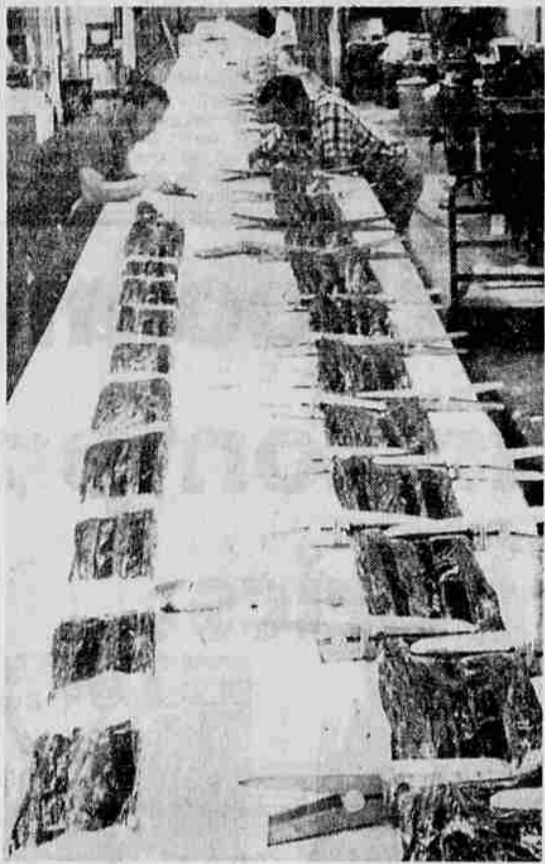
Refugee Classes
They are really beneficial to West Germany because of the shortage of labor. There are three classes of refugees: political (those who are in danger of their lives); those who are forced out of their jobs due to collectivization; and those who just can't take it any longer. They are processed in about

eight days and flown to West Germany where they are placed according to their abilities. No one is ever sent back. The West Germans feel that sending them back would be officially recognizing the East German government, and all Germans are considered as fellow Germans regardless of where they might live.

The Bonn government does most of the supporting of this program, but individuals also contribute to it directly.

Time has passed very rapidly, and now it is time to think about packing to return home. Our present schedule of departure calls for me to leave here at 8:15 a.m. Aug. 12. We should arrive in New York on the M.S. Waterman of the Holland-American line at 1 p.m., Aug. 24.

I have elected to return to Portland via Canada. We are scheduled to leave New York for Montreal at 10:45 p.m. and to arrive in Portland at 9:15 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28.



SATELLITES PREPARED — Technicians at the Langley Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration prepare two Project Echo aluminum-coated plastic satellites similar to the one launched at Cape Canaveral, Friday. On the work table, each satellite is slightly more than 157 feet long. They will be compactly folded into metal payload containers 26½ inches in diameter. The satellite at right, in the early stages of folding, is held by 12-inch clothespins. The one at left, further along in the intricate folding process, is being encased in vinyl sleeve preparatory to the evacuation of air trapped inside. (NASA Photo via UPI Telephoto)

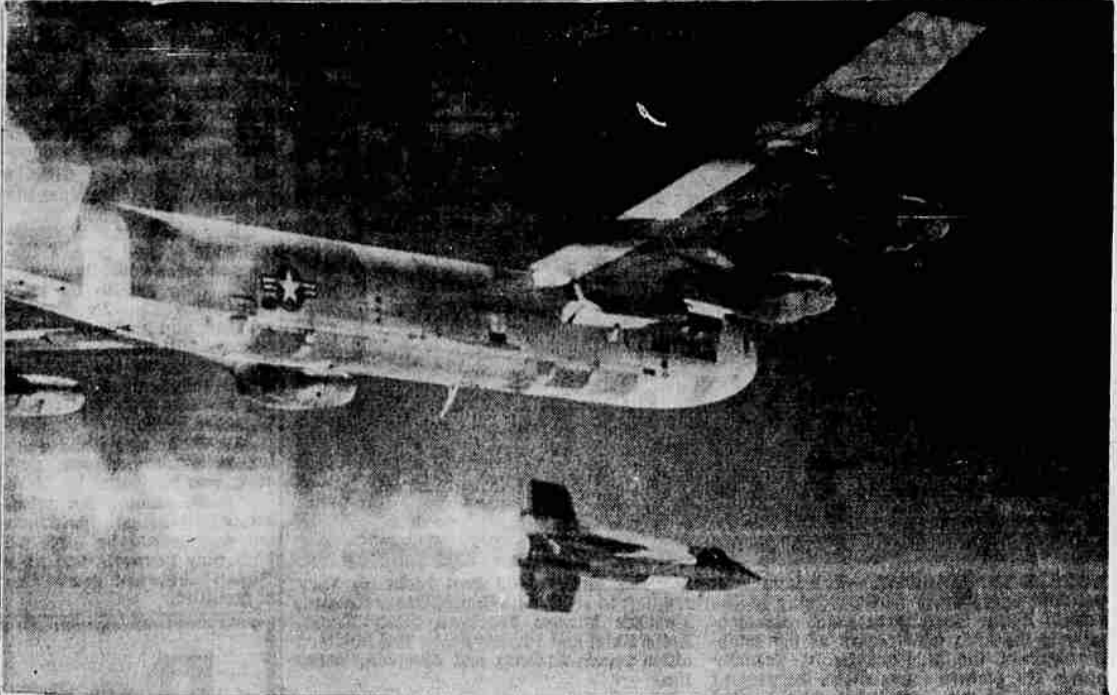
United Ashland Fund Goal Set at \$21,968

Ashland—Approval of the \$21,968 United Ashland Fund goal came Friday morning at the board of directors meeting.

The individual agencies to receive funds include the Boy Scouts, \$2,500; Girl Scouts, \$1,350; Camp Fire Girls, \$1,000; American Red Cross, \$2,500; Oregon United Appeal, \$1,800; Salvation Army, \$1,000; Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association, \$550; Ashland YMCA, \$8,000; Mental Health Association of Oregon, \$150; Medical Research Foundation of Oregon, \$150; Oregon Arthritis-Rheumatism association, \$150; administration and campaign, \$2,818.

Two committees were also appointed. They are the office staff and equipment committee with Sid Ainsworth as chairman and the policies committee with Dick Isaacs as chairman.

Kick off for the campaign is scheduled to coincide with the United Medford Crusade on Sept. 19.



X-15 BREAKS RECORD — The rocket powered X-15 is shown being dropped from beneath the wing of a B-52 jet bomber at 45,000 feet, Friday, Air Force test pilot Maj. Robert White flew the X-15 to a world record of 131,000 feet, almost 25 miles above the earth. (UPI Telephoto)

Local Man Featured In S. P. Magazine

Bob Holmes, Medford district freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific railroad is featured in the August issue of The Southern Pacific Bulletin.

The article, entitled "He Knows How to Sell," states that "Bob is typical of his counterparts who work for Southern Pacific throughout the 'Golden Empire.' This story could be about any one of them who has gained the respect and confidence of his customers by efficiently assisting them with their transportation needs."

The article states that "a continuing project of Bob's is his forecast for the future." In his talks with lumber, pear, and other shippers he tries to find out in advance how many and what type cars each will need at a certain time of year.

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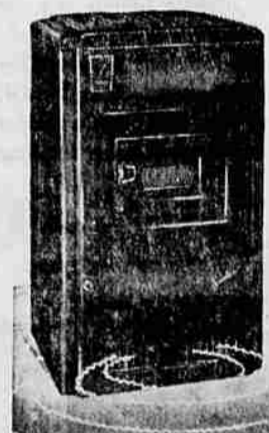
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