

GI's in Germany Told To Go Easy On Paint, Polish

Bayreuth, Germany — (UPI) — Soldiers of the 7th U.S. Army, rest your weary backs.

You can stop polishing your jeeps, painting your steel helmets and chroming your mess kits for inspection.

The authority is 7th Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, who denies he is a radical, but nevertheless ordered an end to "Army eye wash" in a recent circular.

Combat readiness standards will in future be the only thing that counts," he declared.

For any army, including the American, this is a revolutionary concept.

"Equipment will be judged solely on its ability to perform its intended function," according to the order. "Evidences or normal usage such as some dirt on trucks and vehicular undercarriages or trailers, scratches on case stocks and worn paint on pioneer tools is to be expected and does not detract from the equipment's capability."

This came as a considerable surprise to old soldiers, whose equipment usually included cotton swabs and a can of black paint with which to darken the end of the barrel of a well-used rifle or pistol. "Spot painting" of one-half of a vehicle one week and of the other half the following week, will cease, according to Davidson.

Similarly, "there will be no constant repainting of steel helmets to maintain uniformity of color, or polishing of copper gas lines and carburetors."

"Commanders will cease forthwith to order complete lubrication and oil changes in Jeeps, tanks, personnel carriers and other vehicles solely in preparation for inspections," the order stated.

The General said that such things, "constitute gross wastage of personnel and supply resources."

Davidson, youthful-looking at 57 despite white hair, has attacked the problem of "eye wash" with the same directness that made him one of the finest football coaches West Point ever had.

Head Coach He was head coach there from 1933 to 1937 and for the whole period West Point ranked among the top 16 of the nation's football teams. He was the youngest head coach in Army football history.

That same trait showed when he picked the spot for the 1944 assault into Southern France and during his service in the Korean War.

He took over the 7th Army last July and waited just six months to write his now famous circular. During that period, he observed that the "eye wash" habit had concealed from many of his commanders the true condition of their equipment.

He said the "eye wash" era is over in the Army. He said he intended to "insure combat readiness without waste and self-deception."

Smart Leather Belts Noted in Fashions

Smart leather belts circle most tailored waists this spring with neat, colorful "clasp."

Although fewer contour belts are in evidence than last year, widths vary all the way from spaghetti hoops of suede leather to five to six-inch bands of supple, smooth and slightly grained leathers.

Narrower belts are being worn with fuller skirted dress in daytime and late-day ensembles.

In mood and color, new belts are matched to handbags and shoes. Chalked colors and pale pastels at the waist carry through the softer leather look of accessories from hand to toe.

California Deer Are Damaging Trees

Davis, Calif. — (UPI) — California's deer population is giving coastal lumbermen a headache.

"Deer have often damaged or killed more than half the young trees in the area," said William M. Longhurst, zoologist from the University of California at Davis. Longhurst said the animals nip off the tops of young Douglas fir and redwood seedlings in replanted forests.

6 Million Tourists Saw Spain Last Year

Madrid — (UPI) — An all-time record of nearly 6 million tourists visited the land of flamenco and bullfights last year and 1961 is expected to top even that, according to the Spanish Tourist office.

Many tourists are from the United States, but more from France, Germany, Italy, Scandinavia and England.

Mutual Fund Holdings Boosted By \$10 Million in Past Year

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New York — (UPI) — Business investors found mutual funds to their liking again in 1960, boosting such holdings by some \$10 million.

The value of mutual fund holdings by business and institutions and foundations rose to \$407,833,000 last year from \$397,622,000 in 1959, a survey by the National Association of Investment companies showed.

And the institutions and foundations showed a slight dip in their holdings to \$180,918,000 from \$182,503,000 the year before, but they still were well above the 1958 figure of \$127,910,000.

The business organization — corporations, pension plans and labor unions — held \$246,915,000 compared with \$235,119,000 in 1959 and \$164,988,000 in 1958.

Insurance companies and other financial institutions decreased their mutual fund holdings to \$16,105,000 in 1960 from \$19,430,000 in 1959, while labor unions registered a drop in holdings to \$3,790,000 from \$3,801,000.

In the institutions and foundations category, fraternal, welfare and other public associations boosted their fund holdings to \$55,150,000 from \$53,300,000 the year before, while churches and religious organizations showed holdings

valued at \$117,261,000 last year, while employee pension and profit-sharing plans had \$109,759,000 invested in mutual funds.

Surprisingly, hospitals, sanitariums, orphanages, etc., held mutual funds worth \$30,306,000 against \$31,079,000 in 1959. Schools and colleges lowered their holdings by more than \$3 million to \$32,773,000.

Another survey made by the N.A.I.C. showed that 130 investment firms held common stocks of department and specialty stores, food chains, variety stores and mail order houses in their diversified portfolios.

These stocks of the retail trade industry were valued at \$387,218,000.

The largest holdings were in department and specialty store stocks which amounted to \$151,237,000. Food chains

were not far behind, with stocks of 35 such establishments valued at \$105,190,000 held by N.A.I.C. members.

The common stocks of 11 variety stores with a value of \$37,147,000, and stocks of four mail order houses with a value of \$33,644,000 completed the retail industry total, according to the survey.

The most widely held of the department and specialty stores was Federated Department stores, while Grand Union was the most popular in the food chain field, Sears, Roebuck among the mail order houses, and Woolworth in the variety stores.

This was an obvious reference to last week's student rioting here, in which about 400 students were arrested in demonstrations against the closing of beaches during the evening hours.

Students Charmed By Billy Graham

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham charmed vacationing students Tuesday with an off-the-cuff talk interrupted once by the dissonant voices of collegians singing in a nearby salon.

Graham made a 40 minute, quip-filled talk to a swimsuit-clad audience estimated in the thousands. He received a rousing cheer when he reminded the older generation that "They were once young, too."

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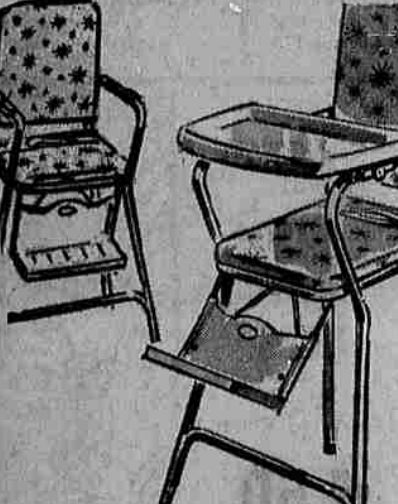
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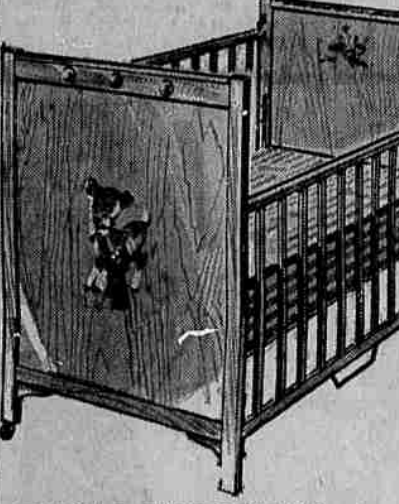


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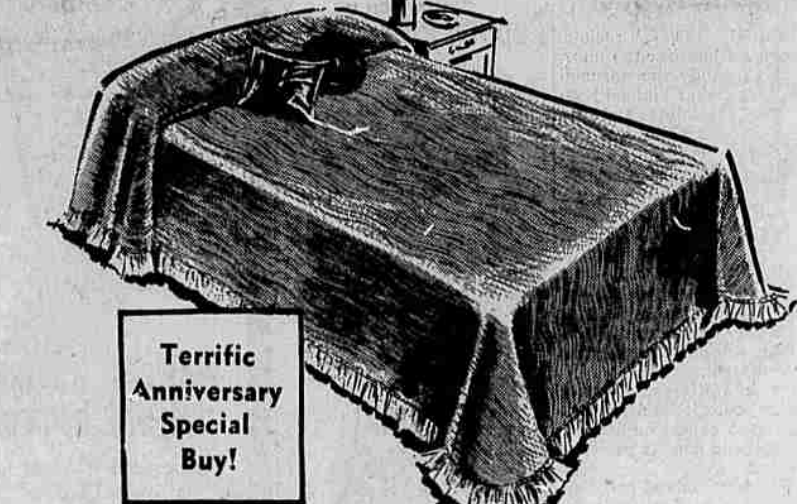


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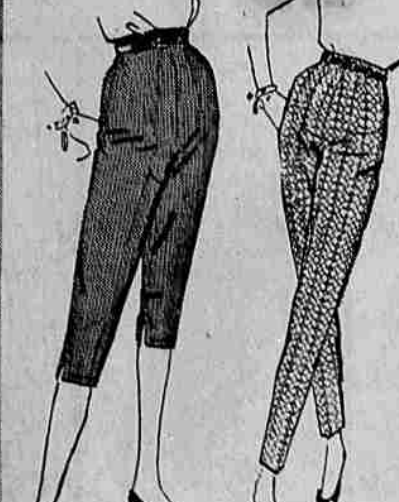


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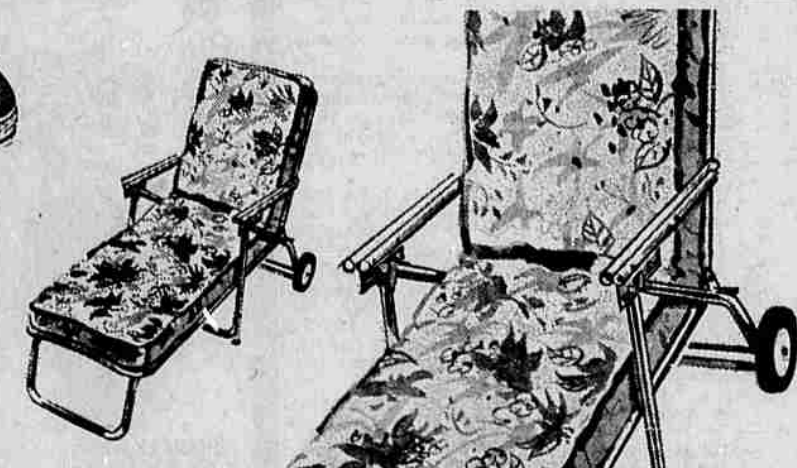


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