

"Operation Friendship" Wins Panamanian Acceptance

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Canal Zone—Capt. David Hanrahan is glad he is a boy from Brooklyn because, he says, a boy from Brooklyn can do anything.

At any rate, Captain Hanrahan is the only U.S. citizen to have a school in Panama named after him and he is one of the thousands of reasons for a vast change of heart among the Panamanians in their feelings toward the United States.

Panamanians who in the riots of Nov. 3, 1959, were throwing rocks at the Americans, today toss off smiles instead, and the rocks are going into new homes and roads.

There are two root causes, one so simple as to make it seem odd that the idea hadn't occurred years ago. It is "Operation Friendship," undertaken in July, 1960, by Maj. Gen. Theodore Bogart, commanding general, U.S. Army Caribbean, and now bearing its first fruits.

Alliance Helps
The other is the Alliance for Progress whose funds allocated to Panama so far are not large but which are providing Panamanians with convincing examples of what can be done.

A third element will be introduced next month when the first Peace Corps workers arrive to help in Panama's back-country health problem. But to come back to Captain Hanrahan, a lanky boy from Brooklyn.

It began on Thanksgiving day when a woman from the little town of Colinas de Caceres wondered if the 112 men in Battery B of the 22nd Artillery couldn't help the town put a new roof on its tiny school.

Hanrahan made himself an advance party of one to inspect the problem.

Need School
The school not only needed a roof. What it needed was a whole new school.

Back at base, Hanrahan drew up a set of plans. Meetings with the townspeople followed. Merchants in Panama City contributed goods and money. The townspeople manufactured their own bricks. Lots of hand labor and \$2,000 turned the trick.

When the town dedicated the new school, they named it after Hanrahan and once each year, on May 4, the United States flag flies beside the Panamanian in the school yard.

In 1961, it was discovered that Cuba had smuggled 100,000 pencils into Panama and was distributing them among school children. Two pictures of Castro decorated the top of each pencil and below were flags of every Latin American country.

Cuban Pencils
In the country schools of Panama pencils are a luxury, a stub end frequently being shared by several children. So when the Panama government began taking up the pencils, Castro had won at least a negative victory.

It was Capt. Jack Leonard who filled the gap. He wrote to each Catholic diocese in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, appealing for pencils. Within weeks he had collected 300,000. They were distributed by air, horseback and Jeeps.

To make delivery to one school, Leonard made a nine-hour trip on horseback.

The list of such things is long in what the Army calls its "Civic Action" program. Schools and orphanages have been adopted by the Army. Sgt. Harry Raymond discovered a woeful lack of supplies in the country's blood bank. Prospective donors either feared to give blood or were rejected for health reasons.

Give to Needy
Raymond instituted a program of education and action under a slogan of "Give to the Needy." Now the hospital of Panama, if the supply still does not meet the demand, at least are better off than they were.

The shacks and lean-to's of the poor, built of tin and discarded lumber, cluster in upon Panama City's outskirts and huddle in vacant lots alongside modern city buildings.

But gradually, they, too, are disappearing.

With help from the Alliance for Progress, the people of one small community outside Panama City built 20 new homes even before they had decided who would live in them. The effort was so successful that now 50 more are going up.

Under the self-help requirements of the Alliance, the people elsewhere are building more homes and schools.

Links Villages
A new road links three small villages on the Atlan-

tic side and eventually will give them access to Colon and a market for their fruit.

On the Pacific side, a fishing village has received a refrigerator truck, enabling them to market their fish. A freezer plant is being planned.

Just outside Panama City and today's modern living, the jungle reclaims the land, a rain forest of towering trees, palms, trailing vines and a dense undergrowth. An airplane could crash there or a man could die there and the jungle would close over without leaving a trace.

The Panama jungle is the home of the deadly poisonous

fer der lance, the bushmaster, the boa constrictor, trees whose sap can blind and fruits that are beautiful but which also are deadly poison. But it also is the home of fur-bearing animals that can be eaten, plants that preserve water and other plants that preserve life.

Know Jungle
It takes special men to know the jungle.

One such is Morgan Smith, a stocky muscular man with a wide smile who began adult life as an anthropologist and now heads up the Air Force Tropic survival school, Albrook Air Force base.

Another is Gertrudis Arauz, a dark-skinned, leathery man who was born in a small jungle clearing in the Chyman district of Panama. He travels the jungle by day or night as easily as most men cross a city street.

A third is chief Antonio Zarco, a Choco Indian who owns the jungle by tribal right. Visitors in the jungle are there by his consent, an enemy at his own risk.

Chief Appears
Zarco is only his Spanish name. He believes that to disclose his real name to a foreigner would be to surrender something of his own spirit.

The chief and his men appeared at the edge of the hacked-out clearing suddenly and silently, small men, muscular and beautifully proportioned with finely chiseled features and great dignity.

The general, too, he realized was a chieftain.

And so, in the desert clearing, in bright red loin cloth, his body streaked with black and wearing a straw head-dress decked with red hibiscus

flowers, the chief drew up his visitors in a solemn line and greeted each.

Morgan Smith said the chief had paid his guests a great honor.

Chief Zarco and his men do occasional jungle rescue work for the military and play what under other circumstances would be a deadly game.

Paid for Seize
In air commando exercises, the Indians, operating silently and unseen, are paid 50 cents for each commando that they can seize. In effect, each is a dead commando. Air Force instructors say

the Indians aren't getting rich from these games but admit ruefully they manage to do quite well.

This dispatch is being written in a moment of aching rest, with a sore backside acquired halfway down the mountain from the jungle clearing, a slightly sprained ankle and a great respect for the Military Tropic Survival school.

It is written with respect for the pilot who airdropped cold drinks into the clearing. His aim was good even if the parachute did fail to open. It also is written with a conviction that meat from the

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