

# 'Foreign Legion' Defends U.S. Under the Stars and Stripes

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Fulda, Germany — (UPI) — They call themselves the "Foreign Legion" but their flag is the Stars and Stripes.

They have never defended France in the Sahara or steamy Orient. They defend the United States on the Free World's border with the Iron Curtain.

This foreign legion consists of 105 soldiers of the U.S. Army's 3,000-man 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment guarding a 300-mile stretch of the Communist-barricaded boundary between East and West Germany. They are not American citizens. But they chose to defend the United States by enlisting in its Army.

"The Berlin crisis made up my mind," said Pfc. Raul M. Guzman, graduating from high school in Los Angeles three years ago.

"I know I had to get military service out of the way sometime," said Guzman, the driver on an armored personnel carrier. "But I figured if America was really going to be my country, that was the time to prove it."



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across the line, you get a sense of doing something important. I plan to re-enlist."

The 14th's 105 "foreign legionnaires" come from 24 far-flung lands including the Pacific isle of Samoa, Estonia, The Ukraine, Norway, South Africa, Guatemala, The Dominican Republic and Switzerland.

Germany was home for most — 41. Ten come from Canada, 10 from Mexico and nine from Hungary, most of them, like Petri, former Freedom fighters. Six come from Ireland, six

from Italy, five from Britain and two from The Netherlands. The rest are sole representatives of 16 other countries.

Col. Wallace L. Clement of Cambridge, Mass., commander of the tradition-proud 14th, rates his "foreign legionnaires" as "among the best soldiers we've got anywhere in the world."

Citizens of Fulda, headquarters of the 14th, and of its two sub-headquarters towns of Bad Hersfeld and Bad Kissingen are often astonished to find soldiers speaking so many remote languages serving in the American armed forces.

When Guzman and Pfc. Juan E. Arguello, 20, San Francisco, Calif., "got to talking Spanish, the Germans stand around poyeyed," a fellow soldier said.

Arguello, a mortar gunner from Granada, Nicaragua, said he really joined the Army to improve his English but "it certainly helps to have a few amigos around."

The men of the "foreign legion" are scattered in all three squadrons of the 14th. They hold down jobs as varied as tanker, medic, mechanic, cook, chaplain's assistant, infantry squad

leader and drummer in the regimental band.

The Army imposes only one restraint on their service with the 14th; no non-citizen is assigned to the mobile patrols or observation posts which maintain a round-the-clock watch at the border 365 days a year.

The reason: If the Communists ever grabbed a non-citizen in a border incident the United States might not be able to persuade the Russians — and still more the East Germans — to return him, especially if he were born in what is now Communist territory.

### Interlopers Cause Textile Troubles

College Station, Tex. —(UPI) —How much trouble can an old coat or colored handkerchief cause in a bale of cotton bound for the textile mill?

Texas A&M college reports that often foreign fibers are not detected until they have been spun into yarn and may not be noticed until they are made into cloth. By then, the fibers have contaminated a large volume of material and the manufacturer suffers a great loss.

Contamination usually occurs during the ginning process when fallen garments accidentally get shredded and spread through many bales.

## Williams Presented With Scholarship

Each year at the close of the YMCA Diamond lake camp, the camp counselors select the counselor who has most closely represented in his personal conduct at camp and in his leadership, those Christian qualities which the Y seeks to encourage in all youth.

The counselor selected is presented with the D. Ford McCormick Memorial scholarship grants of \$100 to aid in education expenses.

This year Frank Williams, 2182 Old Military rd., Medford, was selected by his fellow counselors at Diamond lake to receive this scholarship award. Frank was a counselor with the YMCA day camp, which is for first and second grade boys, then went to Diamond lake to serve as counselor with a group of grade and junior high school boys. He served for six weeks. This fall Frank is entering Southern Oregon college.

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## Morse, Wallace Trade Insults

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama traded long-distance insults Wednesday about the way Wallace has handled the school integration situation in his state.

Morse denounced Wallace on the senate floor as a "punk" and "a disgrace to the great office he holds."

Wallace retorted at Montgomery that Morse was "a psychiatric case" and added: "I'd rather be a punk than a pink."

Morse said Wallace's anti-integration tactics "are those of a slyster. . . He will stand in the pages of the history of Alabama and this country as a complete disgrace."

Wallace, informed of Morse's attack, shot back: "That senatorial drip from Oregon . . . needs his head examined."

legionnaires" in the 14th. Guzman aims to become an American citizen.

So does Specialist Five Joseph

## False-Lashed Pros Must Be Licensed

New York — (UPI) — Without batting an eyelash, New York's Secretary of State has ruled that any person who applies false eyelashes professionally must be a state-licensed cosmetologist.

Said Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, "The application of false eyelashes constitutes a potential danger to the eye itself, and should be done only by a qualified person. It was in light of this fact that the rule was promulgated."

Petri, 23, Detroit, Mich., a Hungarian freedom fighter who escaped to Yugoslavia when Russian tanks crushed the 1956 revolt and went to the United States in 1959.

"Once I'm a citizen," said Petri, crack gunner of an M-60 Patton today, "it should be easier to bring my mother out of Hungary. I'm not married

yet but when I do I want my children to grow up Americans."

For Sgt. Claudio S. Poiani, 27, of Kellogg, Idaho, the motive was "join the Army and see mama and papa."

Poiani emigrated to America in 1955, leaving his parents at his birthplace, the Italian port city of La Spezia.

After several years as a zinc and copper ore extractor in Idaho, Poiani enlisted "because I figured the Army was the best way to visit the old folks." But the Army, said Poiani, turned out to be more than just a free ride to La Spezia.

"When you're up here," the M-60 tank commander said, gesturing toward the horizon beyond which lay the Iron Curtain, "and the Russians are just

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