



DIRECTION OF THE first three-bedroom duplexes among the 290 family housing units to be built for military personnel of Kingsley Field began recently. Ground-breaking for the Air Force homes took place in February, and all 290 units should be completed by May, 1959. Grasham-Alcan Construction Company of Santa Clara, California, is building the housing, plans for which are the work of Howard R. Perrin, Klamath Falls architect.

Reporters Gather View Of U.S. In 3 Trouble Spots

Editor's Note — Roving correspondents of The Associated Press are currently on assignment in three important areas — France-Algeria, the Middle East and Latin America. Here are their findings on how those areas view the United States today.

ALGIERS (AP) — Gen. de Gaulle's return to power and the favorable American reaction to it, as reported here, appear to have improved French feeling toward the United States.

Traditional French politeness creates a surface impression of friendliness. Underneath, however, is a jagged edge of criticism. Frenchmen believe, or say they believe, that America's business interests are trying to move in on the French position in North Africa. And that the United States is assisting Arab nationalist movements all the way from Casablanca to the Suez Canal.

"You did this," and "You did that," the Frenchman will say to an American today. He then goes back to American intervention in the British-French attack on Suez and Egypt two years ago. He is especially bitter about that.

He then catalogues a list of incidents to support his contention

that the United States government is quietly working against him. He begins with the French bombing of the Tunisian border town of Sakiet Sidi Youssef last Feb. 8, followed by severe American newspaper reaction.

"You did not understand that this was a sanctuary for rebels who were killing our men in Algeria," the French say.

Before that U.S. shipments of arms to Tunisia aroused French feelings. So did the offer of "good offices" a week after the bombing.

Over all, Uncle Sam will find it hard to win in North Africa. If there is American support for the national aspirations of the Arabs, then French hostility will grow.

If support for Arab aspirations for independence isn't given, Soviet propaganda can trumpet "colonialism" and strike with heavy effect in the hearts of millions in North Africa.

DAMASCUS (AP) — The U. S. stock remains low among the literate population of the Arab East. But it is still not damaged beyond repair.

Anti-American sentiment among nationalists even here in Syria is not so pronounced as six months ago at the height of the Turkish-Syrian crisis. The door remains at least slightly ajar.

Mideast Arabs are generally cordial toward individual Americans. The nationalists are quarreling with the U.S. government. What happens regarding good will to the United States depends largely upon the United States itself.

Even ardent nationalists seem to feel uneasy about too close involvement with any great bloc. There is a feeling that the United States is obsessed with the idea that the policy of Arab governments is anti-American unless it is totally in line with Washington ideas. This is the thing resented most.

Nationalists — most literate Arabs are nationalists — still feel there is room for degrees of neutralism in this part of the world. They point out Lebanon as a prime example. Basically, that situation is a domestic crisis confused by outside pressure but the Lebanese remain fundamentally pro-American. Some argue that U.S. insistence upon total commitment to Washington cold-war policies could drive many normally pro-American people into anti-American attitudes.

In an area like Saudi Arabia it can be said the sentiment is not so much anti-American as it is bound up with distance aspirations for some sort of Arab unity.

The over-all Mideast picture seems to indicate that a sympathetic gesture toward certain aims of Arab nationalism, coupled with an uncompromising statement of American policy, might go far toward easing Arab annoyance and disillusionment with the United States.

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — South Americans do not hold anything against their North American neighbors personally. But

Official Returns From Portland

Recreation and Park Director Bob Bonney returned this week from a Portland meeting of the Governor's State Committee on Children and Youth.

The local official is a member of the subcommittee on recreation of the parent body. The sub group is now engaged in preparing reports on Oregon's programs, achievements and needs for recreation.

These reports will go the President's White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1960, Bonney said.

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LARAYNE WEED, 21, daughter of Mrs. Dickey Freeman, 610 North Eleventh Street, graduated cum laude, June 1, from Southern Oregon College, Ashland. She was one who made a grade point average throughout her college years of 3.50 or higher. Larayne was salutatorian of a class of 1954 of Klamath Union High School. She will teach in Portland this year.

The Loquacious Portable

Editor's Note: Waltraud Eriksdun, the former Waltraud Dietsche, is on her way to Europe to join her husband. Her impression of the trip and life in Europe today is one of a series.

By **WALTRAUD ERIKSUN**
"I met this girl on the same bus to Reno, same driver," the soldier beside me was saying. "And now I'm ready to settle down and raise cattle and kids."

"The second day of my furlough, when she was doing the dishes, I asked her to be my wife," his unabashed, drawing voice went on and on.

"And that night at the movies I held her hand. But there was an electric spark, and all the people looked at us. So I pulled my hand away. I tried again, but the dickens, there was another spark."

"But there wasn't any spark the third time. Two out of three, but never after that."

He went on to discuss numerous meals, three nieces, his CO, his IQ, and the time he fell asleep in a telephone booth. He did not spare a detail.

"I hope we see some lilacs," he continued. "Lilacs are my favorite flower. Lilacs and roses."

Then, apropos: "Penny for your thoughts."

"I was relieved when, after supper in Alluras, he continued his odyssey beside a redhead in pedal pushers. I was just counting the telephone poles which undulated across the deserts of sagebrush and juniper when a Reno television prodigy with ringlets started to sell make-believe photos for dimes."

"Why don't you take a picture of that dear little calf, sweet heart?" the mother asked.

"I can't cause."
"Cause why?"
"Cause it can't pay me! That's why!"

All this was accompanied by a most insipid laughter, so that we could not hear the driver's explanation as, in the middle of nowhere, the bus groaned to a stop.

"Stuff a towel down that little girl's throat," somebody said. We crawled along in first gear for a while, and the child sang "Oh Suzanna." Finally we halted at Terno, now shrouded in purple, 150 miles from Reno, population 26.

The driver called for another bus, and the rest of us poured into the general store and post office to buy up everything except Buck's feed and grain calendar.

Five ladies en route to a Phoenix convention discovered a back-room bar, where a juke box was playing that catching hillbilly ballad called "Fraulein." A bearded Norwegian octogenarian in a corner told of ranching in these parts "wuzen." And, as the lacrimose heads of decapitated deer looked on, one of the passengers, a grandmother, started to dance.

It was past midnight, and, beyond the outhouse, only the moon continued its sentimental journey. When the bus finally arrived, we were in a state of semi-consciousness. For hours it rocked us back and forth, but somewhere in its depths I could still hear that soldier droning away: "Then I fell asleep in the telephone booth. Those are experiences you remember."

I had missed the connection to my transcontinental train. We were six hours late when, at 4 a.m., we hit Reno. "The Biggest Little City in the World."

Klamath Falls Men Enlist In Navy
Two Klamath Falls men have enlisted in the U.S. Navy, Chief John T. Howard of the local Navy recruiting office announces. The recruits are Jack LeRoy Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard E. Smith, 4318 Winter Avenue, and James Donald Veatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Veatch, Route 3, Box 57.

These young men were sworn in this week at Portland, and are now at the Naval Recruit Training Center, San Diego.

Jail Getting Paint Job

Klamath County Jail here is undergoing a paint job inside, with floors getting a new coat of red, the walls light green and bars an appropriate grey.

Prisoners are currently housed on the second floor while painting is being done on the first and third. Later, they'll be transferred to the first and third while the second is painted, Sheriff Murray Britton said.

Britton said the work, expected to be completed by mid-June, will cost only about \$300.

That's because, he said, "we're fortunate in having three very fine painters who are serving long enough terms to finish the job."

The painter heading the project is a man with 34 years experience. If the work were let out to private contractors, Britton estimates it would cost some \$1,800 to \$2,000.

The third floor, a recent addition put on for a cost of \$107,000, will officially be put into operation when painting is completed. Its front portion will be used exclusively for women prisoners.

Local Firm Puts Radios In Shops

The Don Potter Machinery Company has installed three mobile units with farm to shop radio communications so that customers throughout the Basin can be more efficiently served.

Potter explains that the firm found the installation necessary as a means of better and less expensively serving the needs of Klamath Basin farmers and ranchers. "We can now give better service faster," he said.

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