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## New per diem system saves travelers' money

A new per diem computation system for federally employed civilians will change the way employees are reimbursed for official travel expenses.

Congress gave the General Services Administration authority under Public Law 99-234 to implement a system beginning July 1 that more adequately reimburses actual expenses for travel within the continental United States, said Mark H. Ellicott, the Army representative on the Civilian Advisory Panel to the Per Diem Committee in Alexandria, Va. The new system also will be more efficient and less complicated than the current system because it eliminates excess record-keeping and computations. This will result in reduced administrative costs, he said.

"Under the new system, the traveling employees probably will be reimbursed more completely for actual expenses for temporary duty travel," he said. "This means less out-of-pocket money. That's the way it should be."

The new per diem system will eliminate the current standard and high-cost systems that set statutory ceilings on per diem allowances and subsistence expense reimbursements, Ellicott said. Instead, it expands the amount that can be paid for per diem so that the figures range between a \$50 minimum and a \$126 maximum.

Under the high-cost system, travelers are allowed a specified amount ranging from \$50 to \$75 per day, and are required to document their meals and lodging expenses.

Under the standard system, a traveler is allowed a \$50 per diem amount, but documentation of meals is not required.

Under the new per diem system, travelers will not be required to document their eating expenses, but must continue to document lodging expenses. In most cases,

reimbursements for meals and subsistence allowance will be either \$25 or \$33 per day, depending on the location. The maximum for lodging expenses has been established by GSA for each area of the country and may vary based on the cost of living.

For example, in a current high-cost \$75-per-day area, the employee would be reimbursed \$33 per day for meals and \$42 for lodging. Under the new system, reimbursement will more closely mirror actual lodging costs, Ellicott said. If the new per diem rate is \$126 and the meal rate is \$33, that allows \$93 for lodging.

Because the new system applies only to the meals and lodging expenses, all other claims for reimbursable expenses, such as rental cars and expenses over \$25, must still be supported by receipts, Ellicott said.

As an additional benefit under the law, eligibility for travel reimbursement will extend to employees on official travel who experience personal emergencies.

For example, when employees have to interrupt their temporary duty before its completion, they can be reimbursed for travel expenses if they experienced a personal, debilitating illness or an emergency at home. Emergencies could be such things as the death or serious illness of a family member or a natural catastrophe such as a fire or flood. The travel-authorizing official (usually a supervisor) will determine if a reimbursement should be made.

The law also authorizes payment of subsistence and transportation expenses for law enforcement or investigative employees and immediate family members who find themselves in a life-threatening situation because of their assigned duties.

If an investigator, for example, were working undercover and his

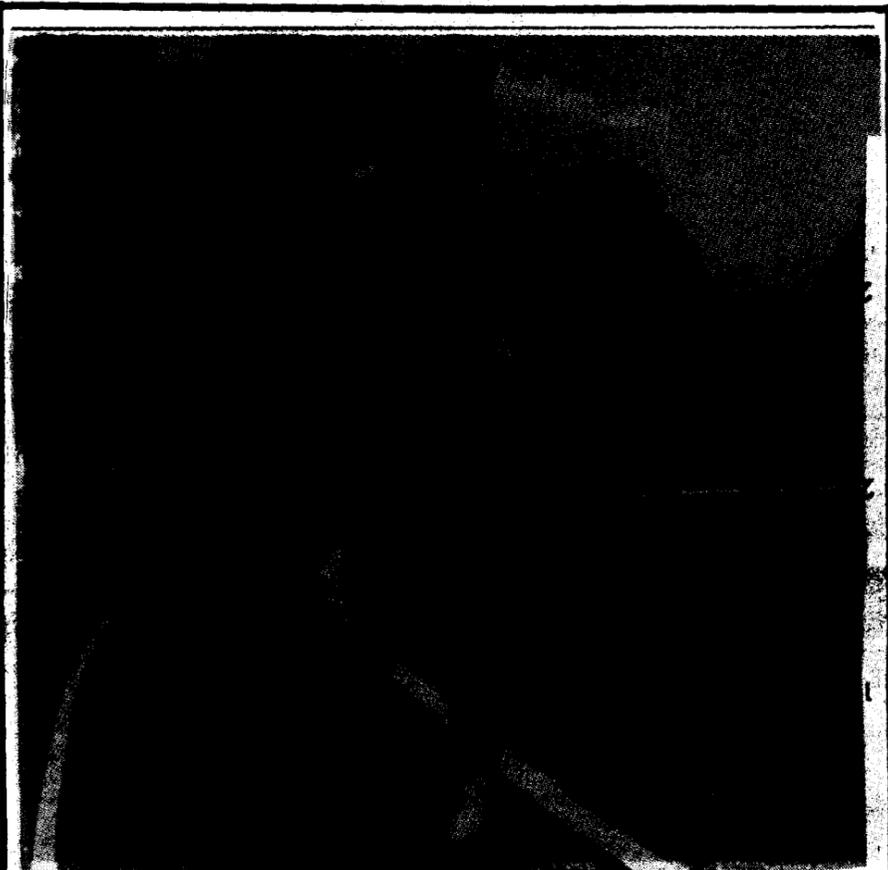
identity became known, the employing agency might determine that the danger to him is sufficient to warrant temporarily moving him and his family to another location in the country, Ellicott said.

U.S. Postal Service employees transferring to another federal agency also are, for the first time, eligible to claim relocation allowances under the federal system. The public law only

applies to civilians. However, legislation for a similar per diem system for soldiers is still pending and is expected to be approved by Oct. 1, he said.

The law also does not apply to overseas travel. The State Department sets the overseas per diem rates. These rates vary from city to city within the various countries.

(Arnews)



**RUNNER** — Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Stokes works out on the Redstone track to prepare for the Stroh's Run for Liberty III in Birmingham this Saturday. A bus for runners from here will leave the post gym at 5:30 that morning. The unit with the most participants will get a trophy and awards party sponsored by Stroh's, Stokes said. Entry fees for the 8-kilometer run are now \$10. A \$2 minimum from each entry fee will be included in Stroh's pledge to the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation Inc. For more information, call Stokes 875-4949/6565.

## Worker saves big on expensive shipment

Just as hammers shouldn't cost \$400 or toilet seats \$600, it shouldn't cost \$25,000 to ship a few thousand pounds of surplus equipment to Alabama from California. And it didn't, thanks to a cost-conscious MICOM worker who says he always tries to keep in mind that the Army's money comes out of the pockets of taxpayers like himself.

Jim Beck, an equipment specialist in the Dragon/Aircraft Armaments Section of Maintenance Engineering, was handling the disposition of a quantity of government-owned test sets, repair parts and miscellaneous items left over when MICOM closed a repair facility for the Airborne Tow missile system in Long Beach, Calif. operated by Hughes Aircraft Co. "Basically, we had GFE (government-furnished equipment) left over from a contract with Hughes. . . and Hughes wanted about \$25,000 to either dispose of it at their plant or ship it to Anniston," said Beck.

Beck says he "had a feel for what would be a reasonable price" for the shipment, having spent 20 years with the Tow system at Anniston Army Depot. He joined the MICOM team last September.

"So what we decided to do," he continued, "was send a couple of people from Anniston to pick up the

material in a rental truck and transport it back." The cost: \$3,044.

"He saved the government \$22,000," remarked John Ashley, Beck's section chief. "It may not seem

## Investigators plan child abuse seminar

A seminar here set for Monday evening, June 30 will focus on the problem of child abuse.

This is the latest in a series of seminars sponsored by the investigations section of the provost marshal's office. The child abuse session is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Monday at the post theater.

Madison County District Attorney Bud Cramer, who helped establish a nationally-recognized child advocacy program, will be the guest speaker. Other scheduled participants include Dr. William Resha, family advocacy program director at Army Community Service; Jean Capowski, child abuse coordinator for Fox Army Community Hospital; and Paula McAdams, of the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

"It's going to be a program to explain the procedures and services available to the military family

like that much money since we deal in multi-million dollar contracts, but our boss (MLC Director Jack Isom) says our business is to be good stewards and if

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here at Redstone Arsenal and to provide information on child abuse which is a nationwide problem," said Charles Thorpe, an investigator in the investigations section. A panel discussion at the end of the program will give members of the audience a chance to ask questions.

A previous seminar dealt with rape prevention. The investigations section plans to have future seminars on burglary prevention and family violence. "This is the first child abuse seminar that we've had," Thorpe said, adding that military family members are encouraged to attend.

"We encourage participation in the program because the more information they have—knowledge of the situation and the problems—we can improve our community," he said.



## Fun activities

Editor:

I thank and commend this post's activities and people who planned, coordinated, executed and enjoyed recent uplifting community recreational activities. I refer specifically to the April 6 "block party" on the Goss Road athletic-recreational fields, the April 26 "take-a-kid-fishing tournament" at the military recreational area, and the June 7 "carnival" at the banking facility grounds along Vincent Drive. Those events were well organized, extremely cordial, wholesome and simply fun for "kids of all ages." They are the kinds of events which entertain and unite a community. Keep up the good work, RASA.

**Capt. Bill Knoll**  
OMMCS

## MICOM picnic

Editor:

If the yearly picnic is sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund, and civilians who contribute to it come from such diverse units as SDC, the Corps of Engineers, MMCS, MSIC, etc., why is it called the MICOM picnic? My suggestion is to properly name it the Redstone Arsenal Civilian Workers Picnic. Either that, or let each unit have their own share for their intimate shindig. MICOM may be big, but they aren't alone. And why aren't military personnel invited to share our dollars? I can't reap their benefits—or does the military share the expense? Could we have some accurate answers?

**Carolyn McCormick**  
U.S. Army Missile & Space Intelligence Center

**Editor's Note:** The entire MICOM family—including this command and tenants listed on the organizational chart—is invited to the July 19 picnic, according to Bennie Robison, chairman of the MICOM Family Picnic. This includes military members as well as civilians. Every agency listed on the organizational chart is considered as part of the MICOM family and is welcome to attend the annual event which is sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund.

## Smoker's rights

Editor:

This is in reference to the article that you ran in the *Rocket* on June 18.

There are many things that I would like to say, but to keep this letter short I will say it in the shortest manner that I know how.

To start with I am a smoker.

The Army states the reasons for its position on smoking is due to health and fitness..Bull. I agree that it is NOT healthy to smoke, or to be overweight, but let a war start and see if it makes a difference to the Army.

In your article you said "If the policy were more specific, it would be too dictatorial." Think about the policy now, it's already dictatorial. When the government considers banning tobacco companies or any other company from any kind of advertisements, then it becomes a dictatorship no better than any other communist state.

I am a Vietnam veteran and I fought for a country so that they might have a free society. Maybe I should fight here so that we might have a free society.

I have been all over the world and there is no doubt that the United States is by far the Greatest. I don't think that you can appreciate freedom until you are about to lose it or have lost it. Those of you that do not smoke may say that you have not lost anything if smoking advertisements are banned, but if you really think about it you have a right to stop anybody from taking even one of your freedoms away from you and I think it's time that we really consider what the government is doing.

I realize that if I smoke around someone that I am infringing on their rights and I do not wish to do that, but at the same time I have the right to smoke if I decide to do so. In the freedom of the United States, NO ONE should be able to take that right away from me if it does not harm anyone but myself. A lot of brave men fought and died so that we might have that freedom and all the others that we cherish.

I know that I will receive a lot of criticism for my smoking and this letter but you have that right to do so now, will you have that right in the future?

Thanks for listening.

**Allen G. Johnston**  
ATSK-LB  
Bldg. 3303, RSA

## Personal liberties

Editor:

The latest edict from our federal government banning smoking in federal buildings has, and will continue to, generate a lot of controversy between smokers and non-smokers. According to newspaper reports, this smoking ban is to take effect on the 7th or 10th of July, next month. Strange that this ruling should take effect only a few days after we celebrate the 4th of July -Freedom for our Nation.

This is just another in the long list of personal freedoms the federal government has chosen to legislate against. Surely, smokers have (had) the right to make a personal choice as to smoke or not, just as surely as non-smokers have the right to breathe smoke free air. But does the federal government have the right to take away another of our personal freedoms? I think not!

The claim is, of course, that smoking is hazardous to our health. Why then continue to sell cigarettes in the commissaries and post exchanges? Because they would be losing revenue, that's why! I propose that when the smoking ban goes into effect, that ALL cigarette sales in government owned sales stores be banned at the same time. Don't tell me I can't smoke and then continue to sell me cigarettes!

I have not heard of anyone dying from the effects of secondary smoke they inhaled from smokers. But I have heard, and read about it daily, how many people have been killed by drunk drivers. So, I propose a ban on all alcohol sales on federal property, not only in the package stores, but in the club system as well. And how many people are overweight and die from heart attacks because of it? Let the federal government save these folks also by removing all snack machines, i.e.,

candy, soda, cakes, etc., from federal buildings. How much shelf space in the commissaries is devoted to snacks which are high in fat and carbohydrates? The federal government should remove these items in order to protect our health.

This is a clear case of discrimination against a group of Americans who are now branded as social outcasts. By banning smoking, a Pandora's box of personal liberties has been opened, and all personal liberties may be subjected to the same type of regulation by the feds. You non-smokers may have won a victory, I just hope your victory doesn't lead to the federal government telling me what I can eat and drink and where I can enjoy it. Personally, I wish the federal government would stop trying to tell me how to live, it would make the 4th of July mean a lot more to me and the pipe smoking forefathers who signed the Constitution.

Name withheld by request

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## TMDE Support Group to change command

Col. Perry C. Butler will become the new commander of TMDE Support Group in a change of command ceremony Friday.

Butler assumes command from Col. James G. Edge, whose next assignment will be as chief of staff of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.

The ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Friday at the parade field. In case of inclement weather, the site would be the post gym.

Butler, a native of Pennsylvania, was graduated from Drexel Institute of Technology in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He received a graduate degree from the University of Georgia. He attended the Command and General Staff College in 1972 and was graduated from the Navy War College in 1984. Butler's last assignment was as chief of the requirements division of command, control, communications and computer systems staff at Headquarters, 8th U.S. Army in Korea.

Edge was born in Providence, R.I. He is a graduate of Providence College and obtained his commission through the ROTC program. His military training includes the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Edge became commander of TMDE Support Group in December 1983.



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# Providing child care can be a full-time job

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Some Redstone residents supplement their family income and enjoy the company of children by serving as child care providers.

These providers—don't call them babysitters—are certified to offer child care in their quarters. This family child care program can provide 24-hour care for children from four weeks old to 12 years old.

It works as a team along with the Child Development Center, another program under Child Development Services of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. Besides the center, military parents have the option of 27 child care providers on post.

"We certify the child care providers. We have ongoing training for them in developmental care," said Ruth Taylor, family child care program director. Other aspects of the program include offering a referral list to military people, monitoring homes at least once a month, and offering support groups to the child care providers.

"They are not babysitters," Taylor said. She explained that the care providers have "a standard of professionalism" and give developmental care. "They're not just giving care in front of the TV set," she said with a laugh.

So far, these providers have all been women military family members although men are welcome to participate. The first step is going to the program office at room 201 of building 112 (RASA headquarters) and filling out an application. "You have to be 18 years of age, have a love of children, and a desire to give developmental care," Taylor said.

A one-day orientation meeting (next scheduled for July 8) provides a variety of training. This includes training in child care techniques, discipline, parent-provider relations; fire, safety and health standards child and spouse abuse, child nutrition, and a standard food program. Other topics are covered, too.

The total certification process takes about 30 days. Prospective providers get trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid and they must have three references and a background check. Their quarters undergo inspections for fire, safety and health standards. Providers are first certified for six months, during which time they have to earn 18 "credits" of staff training, according to Taylor. This means ongoing training in areas such as running a small business, child development and nutrition. The requirement is 24 credits for the next year and for each subsequent year.

"They're constantly training toward their next level of certification," Taylor explained. She added that the Army is generally standardizing the requirements worldwide "so when people move from post to post they're pretty much ready to go into business anywhere, if it's an Army post."

The program, originally part of Army Community Service, officially became a separate entity here in October 1984.

Shirley Mohler, outreach worker for the family child care program, calls the program a relatively new development. "It is a new development because over 50 percent of the members of the volunteer Army are married, and either have children or have the potentiality of having children," Mohler said. "Another impact is the sole parent; the parent is in the military with all the duties the military individual has...A third impact is there are more working mothers now than ever before. A fourth impact is the Army's move to assist military family members that want to work and, sometimes out of necessity, need to work."

Helping the "readiness of the military member" is the idea behind the program, according to Mohler. "Certainly not to provide child care per se, it's to enhance the readiness of the military member," she said.



DRAWING—A child care provider, her two sons and two other children enjoy art session. Clockwise from Ruth Wosley are Ronald Wosley, 5, Amardeep "Deep" Sibia, 4, David Wosley, 9, and Joshua Guttridge, 2.

"The FCC program provides that safe developmental environment for the child which frees the military member to do his or her job; it minimizes their (the military member's) stress. The other side of that coin is it's a program that offers military family members the opportunity to run their own business, to gain skills that they can use anywhere even when they get out of the service. Day care business is big business these days. And also, it (the program) gives them the means to earn some money."

Providers can charge their own fees. The program provides a blank application to serve as a contract between the provider and the parent. It is left up to them to fill in the figures. Providers can also choose how many children they want to keep at what ages, using prescribed ratios as guidelines. Most opt for the multiple ratio in which six children is the maximum, including their own, with up to two children under age 2. One provider here offers care for up to eight school-age children. Another option—none using at present—is offering care for up to four children under age 3.

Care was given to about 120 children in May, described as a typical month. About 70 people have

been certified as care providers since October 1984, including the 27 here now.

"I enjoy the kids, I enjoy the company," said Ruth Wosley, who has been providing care since October 1985. "And also, I have to admit, it brings in extra money."

The wife of SFC William Wosley, she provides care to four children full-time and four who "drop in" from time to time. This is in addition to caring for her own two children. "It's pretty good," she said, referring to the program. "It's pretty interesting. We're always having classes to update (us on) new information, new programs."

A Fun Day Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, June 26 on post for parents, child care providers, and the children in the program. "We'll have songs, games, music, arts and crafts," said Mohler, the program's outreach worker. "Officer Friendly and his newly-formed cadet program will assist."

Those interested in the family child care program or the Red Cross certified babysitting classes for teenagers, call 876-2752.

## Space Camp scholarships awarded

Eight youngsters received scholarships to Space Camp at an awards ceremony here Friday.

They included five Level I winners (for fifth, sixth and seventh graders) and three Level II winners (eighth, ninth and 10th graders). Space Camp is held at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.

Col. Arthur Hadley, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital, served as chairman of the Army Community Service (ACS) Space Camp education committee. He identified the scholarship recipients as follows: Level I winners—Shauna Harber, 11, daughter of Maj. Danny Harber; Robert Earl Sherbundy, 12, son of MSgt. Steven Sherbundy; Matthew E. Wall, 13, son of Maj. Hubert Wall Jr.; Kreiton Kawano, 12, daughter of Col. Kenneth Kawano; and Sarah Bechtold, 11, daughter of Col. William

Bechtold. Level II winners were Angelette Dawn Bethke, 15, daughter of Melania Bethke; Jeff Norsworthy, 16, son of MSgt. John Norsworthy; and Robert Kirk Filbey, 14, son of Maj. Robert C. Filbey.

Judges made the selections based on their essays on the topic "Why I Want to Go to Space Camp," according to Janeen Rosenberg, administrator of ACS. The scholarship winners are to attend Space Camp from July 27 through Aug. 1.

Scholarship sponsors included The Retired Officers Association, Noncommissioned Officers Association, NCO Wives Club, Association of the United States Army, and the Officers Wives Club.

A ceremony was held Friday afternoon at the Fox Army Community Hospital dining facility.



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# Organization's new president a long time chemist here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Marj Ducote is in somewhat of a recovery period. Her husband died in March and the memories still bring tears.

But she still has her sense of humor, a busy schedule and obligations as the new president of a chapter of Federally Employed Women. The research chemist here was elected FEW president for the year starting this month.

Ducote came to Redstone 22 years ago as a chemist and has worked in the same lab ever since. She is among 12 research chemists in the Propulsion Directorate.

"The concept of a researcher is that person creates his or her own job by the contributions that they make," she said. "When they begin working at a higher level, this is supposed to be recognized without competition because they have actually made that a higher level job by their contributions and acceptance of more responsibility.

"This is called the dual ladder concept where technical people have the opportunity to rise on the technical side of the ladder rather than having to transfer to management," added Ducote, a GS-14.

She does research and development of solid rocket propellants at her lab and office in building 7120. Through the years she has received two MICOM science and engineering awards, made scientific publications, and been issued patents for inventions.

When she gets a chance, Ducote plans to finish writing her paper to complete the requirements for a master's degree in engineering and government management. Her late husband Jere, who worked at MICOM, would do her typing for her. "With my typist gone, that makes it harder," she said.

Jere meant a lot more than that to her. They were married for six years and adopted two children. They enjoyed ballroom dancing, gardening and jujitsu (both were second-degree black belts). Had he lived, she planned to sign him up as an FEW member when he retired. "He joked it wasn't any sense in us both paying dues when we were both active," she said.

"I was going to sign him up as a member but he died last March," Ducote said, her eyes filling with tears. "When he died, that was the reason I decided I was go-



CHEMIST— Marj Ducote is a research chemist in Propulsion Directorate.

ing to fill the obligations as president, because he supported me so much to take it and be president. I feel that he wanted me to and that I'd let him down if I didn't."

Federally Employed Women welcomes both men and women as members. Its purpose is "to take action to end sex discrimination in employment in government service, and is committed to equal opportunity for all," Ducote said.

The 47-year-old Chattanooga native received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Chattanooga in 1959 ("I was a child prodigy," she said). She supplemented an academic scholarship by working as a telephone operator and in the school library. After three years of year-round work, she was too tired to stay in graduate school and left after a year. She resumed her graduate work in 1984 at Southeastern Institute of Technology in Huntsville.

Ducote came to Redstone in January 1964 after working as an analytical chemist with a company in

Newport News, Va. "I had to leave there because of the lack of safety standards and conditions, I developed chronic cyanide and mercury poison. So that's why I came here, so I could work with nice safe explosives," she said. "Believe me, there was no comparison."

Her three children are PFC Brian Cucksee (by a previous marriage), a 21-year-old soldier at Fort Bliss, Texas; Melissa Ducote, 20, an art major at the University of Alabama in Huntsville; and Jesse Ducote, 15. "I hope he'll be a junior at Lee High School next year," she said laughingly, referring to her youngest son. "I don't know, he won't go get his report card." The rest of the family includes cats Sebastian and Buster. "Buster's the baby in the family," Ducote quipped.

"My goal is to try to get through this next year and do as good a job as I can for FEW with the help of the great members and friends that I have in the organization," she said.

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# Worker

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something can be done at a cost savings to the government, that's the way he wants it done."

Ashley says proudly that Dragon/Aircraft Armaments Section has been responsible for cost savings initiatives worth millions of dollars in the past 18 months. The 16-member office assists soldiers with maintenance or supply problems in the U.S. and overseas and also operates a repair and overhaul facility for Airborne Tow at Anniston Army Depot.

Beck, for his part, tries to spend the Army's money as judiciously as if it were his own. "We're all taxpayers and it costs me and everybody else every time the Army spends a dollar."

He believes every cost estimate deserves scrutiny "because in most cases if you look closely you can find a way to get the job done for less money." Like for \$3,000 instead of \$25,000.



IT ADDS UP - Jim Beck (standing) and John Ashley are helping MICOM save money.

# Troop softball

Here are the troop softball standings as of June 20:

Eastern Conference;		
	W	L
Marines-2	4	1
515th	4	2
95th	5	4
4th Students	3	5
Avocom (HHC-2)	4	6
A Company-2	4	7
6th Students	2	6
B Company-2	2	9
291st MPs	0	8
Western Conference		
	W	L
5th Students	8	0
Marines-1	8	1
7th Students	9	4
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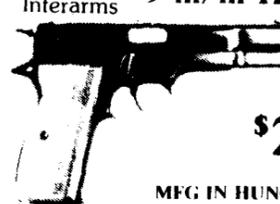
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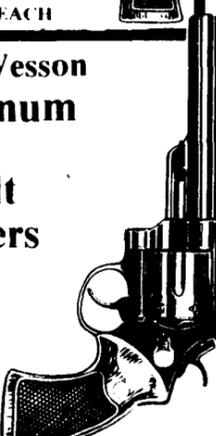
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# COMSEC is common sence

By TOM JOYCE  
American Forces Press Services

Mrs. Brown hears from Sgt. Brown in a phone call from the base: "I'm going to be home late tonight because a whole squadron of F-15s is moving overseas on some kind of special mission."

Soviet intelligence-gathering operatives, of course, hear this conversation word for word, but what they glean from it — combined with what they already know — is much more valuable than appears on the surface.

Here's how a Soviet operative might translate that information to his superior: "There are 15 F-15s deploying to the Far East tomorrow. They are assigned to 'x' squadron, and I know the tail numbers."

Bottom line: Whether the movement was for training purposes, a normal deployment or in support of a contingency combat mission, the Soviets would have gained valuable intelligence.

Nations have been exploiting information gleaned from military communications since before World War I. And they have been effective. Many battles have been won or lost as a direct result of intercepted information. During the Vietnam conflict, the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese monitored U.S. radio communications, and there is no question that our effectiveness was greatly reduced. Many targets simply "disappeared" as soon as a forward air controller reported their presence over the radio.

Nations hostile to the United States are spending millions of dollars and thousands of man-hours to gather information they can exploit to their advantage. Nearly all voice communications systems can be intercepted by anyone who has the resources to do so.

That's why communications security, or COMSEC, is so important. When unsecure communications travel by telephone or radio, you can be sure that the enemy will be monitoring them.

There are COMSEC measures that can be taken to reduce the amount of classified and sensitive information that gets passed along. The following suggestions are provided by the Air Force's Electronic Security Command, but apply to all military members:

- Don't try to "talk around" classified or sensitive information while using unsecure communications. If you have to discuss sensitive information, use secure communications.

- Make it a rule to never discuss any aspect of a classified activity on the phone. In many cases, these conversations drift from unclassified discussions to classified discussions.

- Discuss the subject face-to-face with the person if at all possible. This will definitely decrease the risk of intercept.

- If you have to use an unsecure telephone to speak with someone, don't use one where classified information is being discussed. The telephone can pick up background discussions.

- If possible, draft a message and send it through the communications center. This is a secure method, and the information you pass on will be well documented.

- Push the hold button after you hang up on a multi-line phone. A monitored phone can still transmit conversations if a line is engaged.

Communications security involves a lot of common sense. Just realizing that people hostile to the United States are listening to your conversations should dictate what you say over the telephone. Ask yourself this question: "If I were a member of the Soviet bloc, how happy would I be to have this information?"

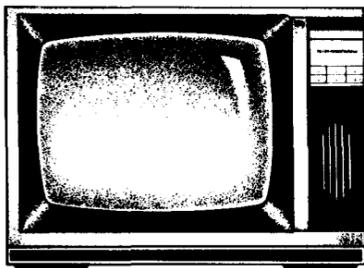
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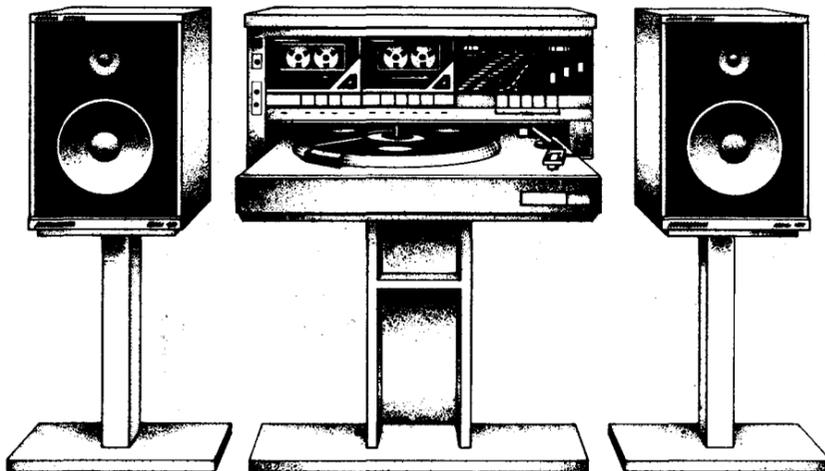
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# The Contras—Nicaragua's hope of freedom

Seven years ago, Nicaraguans were celebrating the rise of the Sandinista National Liberation Front and the new era of freedom and social justice it promised. But that hope faded in the face of the harsh realities of life in a Marxist-Leninist state.

Since coming to power, the Sandinistas have followed in the footsteps of the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Vietnam and Cuba: censoring the press, establishing a powerful secret police force and mounting systematic attacks on organized religion.

Of particular concern to the United States, the sandinistas have built a regime that threatens to become a "second Cuba," seriously compromising the security of the Western Hemisphere.

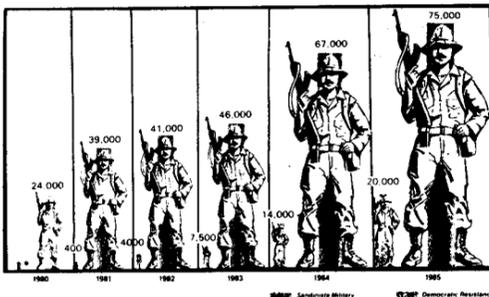
According to a new report, "The Challenge to Democracy in Central America," released jointly by the Departments of Defense and State, the possibility of a Soviet base as well as a guerrilla arsenal and terrorist training center and sanctuary in Nicaragua would pose a far greater danger to the hemisphere than does the relatively isolated island of Cuba.

According to the report, the Sandinistas already have the largest, most powerful military force in the history of Central America.

They have used this force to support Marxist-Leninist elements seeking to overthrow the government of El Salvador and to destabilize the governments of Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica, the report said. They have provided a haven for terrorists and have grossly abused human rights.

Disillusioned and fearful of the Sandinista government, almost 10 percent of the Nicaraguan population has fled Nicaragua.

Comparison of the Growth of the Sandinista Armed Forces & The Democratic Resistance Movement



However, some 20,000 Nicaraguans have refused to abandon their country and its dreams of democracy. Members of this resistance force are called "contras."

This term is used by the Sandinistas to picture the resistance as being opposed to social, economic and political change so necessary in a real revolution, according to the report.

"In reality, the resistance leaders are fighting for a return to the principles of democracy, which they believed had been won in the triumph over Somoza." Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza was overthrown by the Sandinistas in 1979.

The Soviet Union and Cuba have provided the Sandinistas extensive military support. The United States, however, has provided limited support for the contras, mostly in the form of economic aid. Increased support for the contras has become the subject of heated debate.

"The notion of support for guerrillas fighting a sitting government is difficult for many citizens of democracies to accept," according to the report. "The

political reality of the 1980s, however, often forces difficult moral choices.

"There is no question that the Marxist-Leninist government in Nicaragua has seized power through armed revolution and false promises," the report states. "The United States opposes the Sandinistas because Sandinista Nicaragua today serves the interests of the Soviet Union and Cuba, and thus is inimical to the security interests of the United States and the countries of the Western Hemisphere."

In recent congressional testimony, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Elliott Abrams compares U.S. responsibilities in Nicaragua to those demonstrated recently in other parts of the world.

"It is never easy to bring about constructive change in this world. It is usually a messy business, fraught with difficult changes," he said. "But we have been making the right choices — in favor of democracy and human rights — in the Philippines, in Haiti, in South America, in Guatemala, in El Salvador.

"We must stand by the same principles in Nicaragua and support the resistance that is fighting for democracy and human rights."

Dr. John Silber of the President's National Bipartisan Commission on Central America summarized the responsibility now facing the United States:

"We face the tragic limitation of our moral choice in that we do not always have the option of choosing between good and evil. It is perfectly moral to support the lesser of two evils.

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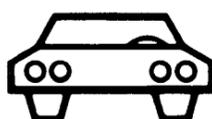
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# Troops sharpen air defense tactics with model planes

**BY SGT. MAJ. RUDI WILLIAMS, USA**  
 American Forces Information Service

The buzz of an airborne chainsaw motor cuts across the Southern New Mexico landscape.

Troops, some with Stinger missiles on their shoulders, others fingering the triggers of Vulcan anti-aircraft guns, tensely scan the cloudless desert sky for aircraft.

Is it friend or foe; a Soviet MiG 27 or an American F-16? It could be any of seven types of Soviet or four kinds of American aircraft.

All the aircraft in this exercise are models, one-seventh scale replicas of the real thing. The cruise at about 100 mph, and their size and altitude create the illusion of a real aircraft flying at about 700 mph.

Powered by chainsaw motors, the radio-controlled models are valued at \$2,400 each. They are launched from a catapult near the practice range and operated by experts using NATO or Warsaw Pact maneuvers and tactics. Models of Soviet aircraft have bright red stars painted on their tails.

Not only must the troops on the ground keep alert for danger from above and behind sand dunes, they have to keep a watchful eye out for some natural dangers of the desert — rattlesnakes, scorpions and tarantula spiders.

Crouched behind sand dunes sparsely covered with stumpy greasewood, creosote and mesquite bushes, the soldiers must spot and identify the planes as friendly or unfriendly, track them, and, in the case of unfriendlies, lock on the target and fire, all in a matter of seconds.

Their weapons are not loaded with live rounds. They are patched into a computer system housed in three nearby vans. Research scientists, technicians and computer experts record every move the soliders make; when they detect the aircraft, when they identify it, when they lock on the target, when they squeeze the trigger, if they hit or miss the target and whether they have shot down an American or Soviet aircraft.

Linking the model planes and the weapons—Stinger, Chaparral, Vulcan and Redeye—to

the computer system allows the observers to check soliders' reactions to coming aircraft instantaneously. Computer printouts are provided for later use by gunners, squad leaders or instructors.

Soldiers are interviewed and tested before and after the field exercise. This gives scientists a psychological measurement of their ability to recognize and respond to incoming aircraft.

Sometimes they mistakenly fire at friendlies, but that's part of what the training is all about.

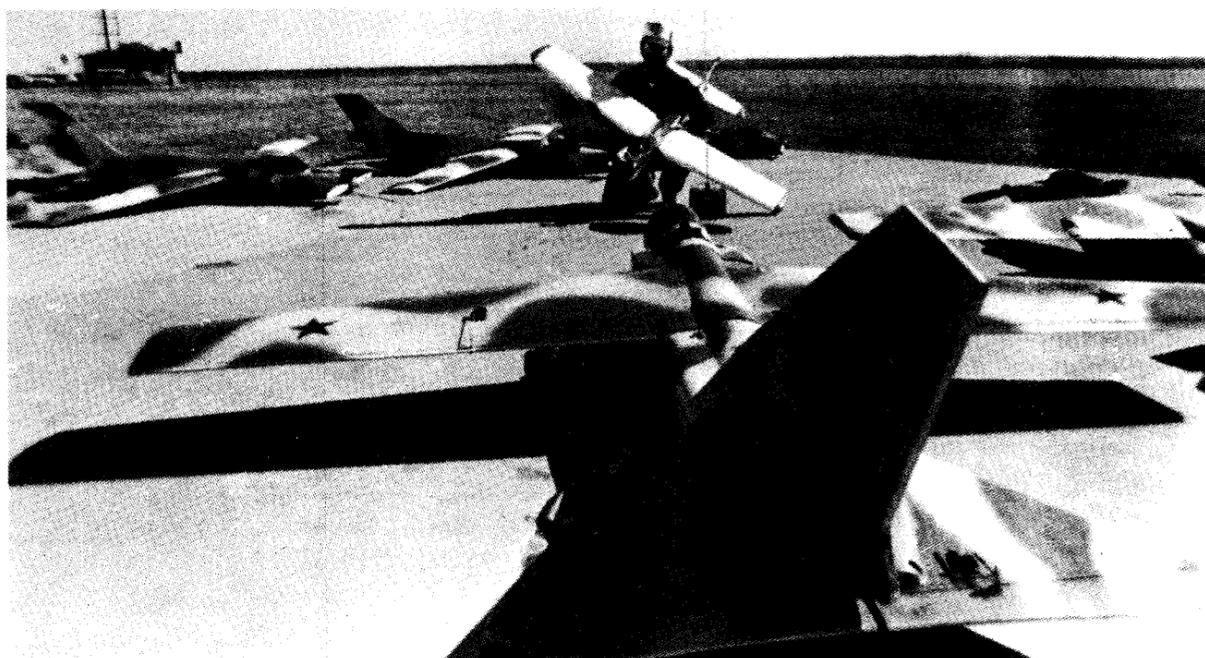
There's another dangerous target these troops tackle:

As the unrelenting desert sun beats down on them, sweat rolling down from beneath their helmets, they search the sky. Suddenly, something pops up from

behind a sand dune. It's a large replica of a helicopter. They must react swiftly: Is it friendly or unfriendly?

One-fifth scale models of Soviet and American helicopters lurk behind sand dunes throughout the exercise area. They include three Soviet and four U.S. helicopter types likely to be found in combat situations. The helicopter models don't fly, but are equipped with electric motors to turn the blades and a heated metal device to attract heatseeking missiles. The can be "popped up" as high as 27 feet off the ground.

"In all of our exercises, the troops and observers get instant feedback over the communications lines or on the grid," said Jim Merchant, one of the technical  
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Powell Caldwell compares the size of a regular radio-controlled model airplane to those used in anti-aircraft gunnery practice at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

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## Planes

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observers. "Each event is recorded by the computer cells five times a second. It's not often we'll miss a critical event."

"They (the troops) seem to like coming out to the desert and engaging targets," said Merchant. "They're under stressful conditions. Sometimes we throw multiple targets at them."

"All of them say it's the best training device they've ever seen," Merchant beamed.

Some people might call the radio controlled models of Soviet and American fighter planes toys, but to maneuvering soldiers, they look like the real things as they zoom across the sky.

Battlefield noises played over loudspeakers add realism. The sounds dampen the chainsaw noise of approaching model aircraft.

"The aircraft noises are backwards," said Dr. John Lockhart, director of the Realistic Air Defense Engagement Systems for the U.S. Army Research Institute field unit at Fort Bliss, Texas. "In real life situations, you wouldn't hear a jet fighter until it's past you (you'd be dead if it were dropping bombs), but you can hear a helicopter from a long way off."

"This is not just for gunnery training, the whole team gets involved," said Lockhart. "Often-times, the team chief serves as an instructor on maneuvers, but here, they get to be the team chief, making decisions and communicating with the gunners. This way, everybody gets training."

Three well-trained, radio-control pilot teams are used to launch an attack — one to launch the model and two to cover the exercise area. Each attack lasts about 10 minutes, because that's all the fuel the planes will hold, plus a little for safety.

"It takes special skills to fly the model planes," said John Luevane, chief of the radio-controlled model airplane pilots.

The pilots study and practice battle tactics of the Warsaw Pact nations to make the exercises as realistic as possible.

Gusting winds, interference on the radio-control frequency band and battery failure have caused some of the model planes to crash. But Luevane and his crew keep a supply of back-up planes handy.

"Not only will scientists be able to evaluate how man and machine work together by using RADES (Realistic Air Defense Engagement Systems), they should be able to improve the interaction," said Lockhart. "Corrections for deficiencies can be looked at in terms of crew training, system operating principles, organizational structure and possible equip-

ment improvements. When changes are made, they can quickly be tested using RADES to ensure the desired result is accomplished.

"Next year, we're going to add up to five weapon systems so we can exercise an entire platoon," said Lockhart. "Right now, we test one firing team at a time."



Models of U.S. helicopters used in anti-aircraft gunnery practice at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

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C Company won the shooting competition with 660 points out of a possible 800. HHC came in second with 638 followed by 5th Student Company, 602; A Company, 548; B Company, 475; and Marine Detachment, 448.

Five people shot for each team with the top four members scoring. Individuals took 25 shots with a shotgun in each of eight rounds— four on the skeet range and four on the trap range. The competition started May 1 and ended June 10. Trophies were presented last week to the top three teams, winning team members, and best individual shooters.

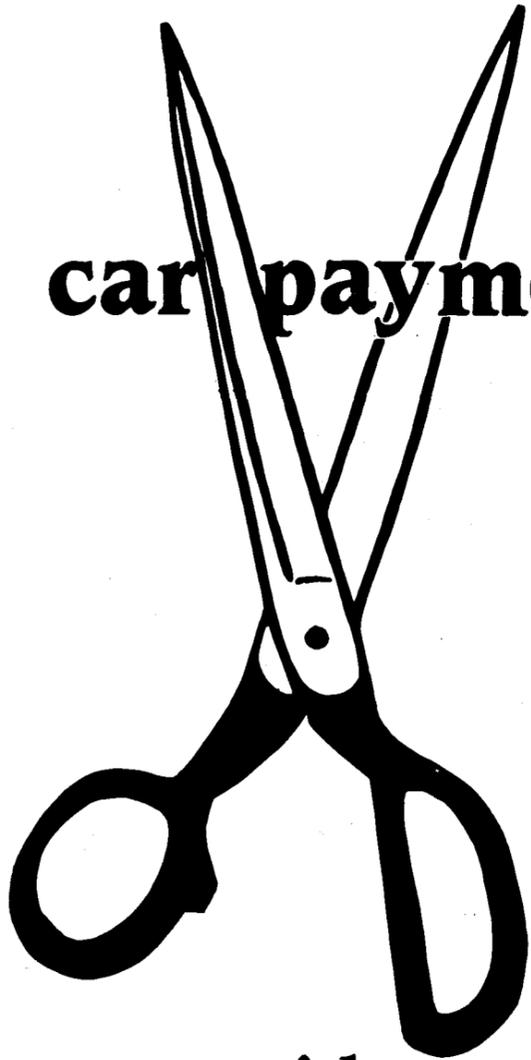
Members of C Company's team were CWO 3 John Davis, Maj. Jerry Crites, SFC Ken Cronin, SFC Henry Knaeble, and SFC Paul Walls.

Individual awards went to Lt. Col Edward Miller of HHC, overall best skeet shooter; and Sgt. Jack Rawlins of B Company, overall best trap shooter. Miller shot 98 out of 100 possible in skeet, and Rawlins shot 89 on the trap range. Rawlins won a shoot-off with 1st Sgt. Stephen Cox of HHC.



CHAMPS—Accepting the first place trophy for the trap and skeet league are, from left, C Company's CWO 3 John Davis, commander Capt. Dorothy Johnson, Maj. Jerry Crites and SFC Ken Cronin.

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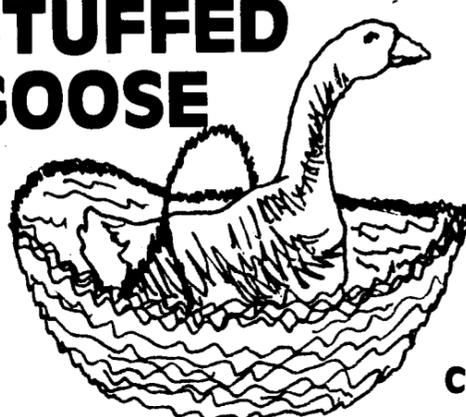


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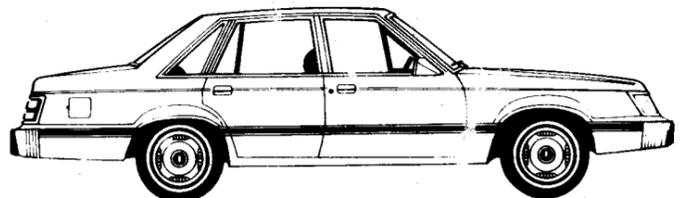
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He assumed command from Maj. Gen. William E. Potts, who has been chief of ordnance and commanding general of the Ordnance Center and School since November 1983. Potts has been reassigned to head the joint U.S. military mission for aid to Turkey, and will be headquartered in Ankara, Turkey.

Saloman's most recent duty assignment was as deputy commanding general, 21st Support Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. In his new capacity as chief of ordnance, he will head both the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School here and the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal.

Born in Chicago, Ill. in April 1936, Saloman is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he was awarded a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He completed officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga. in 1959, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry. He also holds a master of science degree in management logistics from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology.

Saloman's military education includes completion

of the Infantry School, the Chemical School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Saloman has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions during his career. They in-

clude director, Combat Service Support Systems, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va; commander, Division Support Command, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and special assistant to the commanding general, 21st Support Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army.

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# Better to be 'overly cautious' when spill occurs

Spills— everything from gasoline to oil to cleaning solvent —should be reported immediately, according to the environmental office here.

"The faster the spill is reported, the better the corrective action we can take on it," says Gran Guttersten, environmental engineer in the master planning office of Facilities Engineering.

That office would like to see immediate reporting of all spills anywhere on Redstone Arsenal. Otherwise, spills that go unreported can come back to haunt the arsenal, according to Guttersten. Problems caused by delays can include environmental impacts, fire and safety hazards, expensive cleanups, and a bad impression for visitors to the arsenal.

Spills can be reported to the fire chief (phone 876-1893), the facilities engineer (phone 876-3516), the technical coordinator for the Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen contract (876-1001), or the installation-on-scene coordinator (876-2525).

"Why the concern about spills? First, they can cause a safety and health hazard for unsuspecting workers," Guttersten says. "If a spill is not reported," but remains

on the ground or on buildings or equipment and its origin is forgotten, workers could be exposed to hazardous substances for weeks, months, or even years afterward.

"Second, an unreported spill is much more expensive to clean up. Why? Because if clean-up crews don't know what the substance is, a laboratory analysis has to be performed, and each of these analyses is expensive," Guttersten adds.

The cost of delaying cleanup is expensive. "Depending on what type of cleanup is required, which, in turn is dependent on how long the material has been left unreported, the bill can reach into the tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars easily," says Guttersten.

Unreported and unattended spills are also indications of what he calls "bad housekeeping." They are evidence to inspector general teams, Environmental Protection Agency officials, and other official visitors to Redstone Arsenal that the arsenal does not take proper care of its facilities.

Guttersten recalls a spill that could have been worse

if not for quick action. In February, at least one barrel of oil got into the sewage line overnight at Sewage Treatment Plant 3 on post. The plant had to be shut down for 12 hours and 250,000 gallons of raw sewage by-passed to the Tennessee River. If a sewage plant operator the next morning had not manually shut the plant down, the oil could have gotten into the "digester" and killed the bacteria used to treat raw sewage, according to Guttersten.

"It could've been real serious if it got into the digester, it could've shut us down for two or three weeks and killed the bacteria that are in there," he says. The spill occurred overnight, the operator came on duty at 7 a.m. and called the environmental office about 7:15. "By 7:30, we notified TVA, EPA, Coast Guard and all the people we have to call for any kind of spill," Guttersten said.

It is "better to be overly cautious than not cautious or completely disregard an obvious spill," according to the environmental engineer.

"Use the phones and let us know (about a spill)." For copies of the May 1986 revision of the Arsenal Spill Plan, call him at 876-6122.

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# Melanin does not cause false positives

Recent media reports that blacks and other naturally dark-skinned people can falsely test positive for marijuana use are inaccurate, according to N. Ross Deck, a program specialist in the Army Drug and Alcohol Policy Office in the Pentagon.

Deck refuted claims that false positives were caused by high levels of the skin pigment melanin, which is chemically similar to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the ingredient found in marijuana.

"We have had reports of blacks and Hispanics going to equal employment counselors and equal opportunity advisors concerned about this," Deck said. "We want to let them know that there is absolutely no chance that the tests we are using would be biased by melanin or by any other non-THC substance in the body. Soldiers not using marijuana have no reason to worry. Those who are using drugs have every reason to worry."

"It is true that the active ingredient in marijuana, THC, is somewhat related to melanin in chemistry, but so are many other chemicals," said Deck.

"Because of the serious actions that can be taken based on urinalysis results in the military, the Department of Defense has always required that we use the best technology available," he said. "Right now we are using the gas chromatography-mass spectrometry testing procedures in our testing labs. Even with our field pretest which uses the Syva system, there is not going to be a bias for melanin," he said.

"There have been extensive studies of our testing

procedures — not just by our chemists but by other forensic chemists," said Deck.

"Given the testing levels that we use in the Army, a 20 nanogram level is needed for a THC positive finding (a nanogram is one billionth of a gram)," Deck said.

"Our chemistries are the best that are available, our

testing procedures are the best and our people are well trained. While some chemists may say that lesser quality testing may show a bias, the chemistries we use do not. That's why we use them, and that's why our soldiers need not fear the testing unless they are abusing drugs," said Deck.

## Chapels have new choir directors

Two new choir directors have been appointed to serve at Post and Bicentennial Chapels for the Catholic and Protestant Choirs.

The new Catholic Choir Director is Carolyn Cisneros who had previously been the regular Catholic organist and pianist and a substitute choir director at Redstone Arsenal. She has extensive experience in church music in military settings both in the U.S. and abroad.

The Catholic Choir rehearses at Bicentennial Chapel every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Bicentennial Chapel every Sunday. New members are welcome, particularly altos and male voices.

Cisneros is also interested in finding people who play musical instruments such as the flute, trumpet, or guitar to join with the choir for special selections. She plans to use the "Glory and Praise" music and a variety of other music. Interested persons are invited to come to choir rehearsal.

The new Protestant Choir Director is Donna

DeFranco-Clark. She comes to Redstone Arsenal with both a master's and bachelor's in music education from Illinois State University and a broad background in directing, teaching, and performing.

DeFranco-Clark hopes to build both the Post and Bicentennial Protestant choirs. She plans to use a wide variety of music from Renaissance to contemporary to spirituals to meet the diversity of backgrounds of people who worship at Post and Bicentennial Chapels.

DeFranco-Clark also teaches private voice and piano lessons in Huntsville.

The Post Chapel Choir meets for rehearsal every Wednesday at Post Chapel from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and sings every Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Protestant service at Post Chapel. Starting on July 10, the Bicentennial Chapel Choir will meet separately at Bicentennial Chapel from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. This choir sings each Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Protestant service at Bicentennial Chapel. New members are welcome and interested persons should come to a rehearsal.

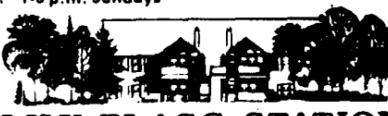


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# Sports training myths can be dangerous in summer

Now that summer is here, many outdoor-sports enthusiasts find their motivation waning when faced with a noon workout.

There are several things they can do to make exercise more tolerable and safe during the summer. Research shows that much of the advice received from coaches and doctors in the past was wrong, and in some cases, dangerously so. Here are some common sports training myths, followed by some right things to do.

The first myth — add salt to the diet. This advice is dangerously wrong. Taking extra salt before strenuous physical activity creates a saline imbalance in the body. The body, trying to compensate for this imbalance, pulls moisture from the surrounding tissues and muscles where it is needed most. This contributes to dehydration — the worst enemy of athletic performance.

In a three-hour marathon, a runner may lose up to 13.5 milligrams of salt — far less than the 35 milligrams needed to produce the mildest symptoms of salt depletion.

The second myth — drink sugared liquids before and during exercise. These products were believed to get into the bloodstream faster than water to provide the much-needed calories and to replace lost salts. Unfortunately, studies show that just the opposite is true. The more carbohydrates in the drink, the longer it takes to get out of the stomach and into the muscles.

It also dramatically slows the rate of water getting into the system. Even a very small amount of sugar takes up to 30 minutes to reach the muscles.

The third myth — wear heavy clothes or a sauna belt or plastic suit to lose weight. This advice is not only wrong, but extremely dangerous. First, any weight lost through sweating is only temporary. Weight can only be lost by burning calories and the best way to do that is by exercise.

Wearing a plastic suit during activity significantly builds up the body's heat-stress index and limits the intensity and duration of exercise. This results in fewer



calories being burned than would have been if the person had dressed properly, worked out harder and longer, and perhaps enjoyed it more.

More importantly, wearing such garments restricts heat loss, increases dehydration and can lead to heat stroke, kidney failure and death.

The fourth myth — running without a shirt promotes evaporation and more efficient cooling. Unfortunately, on a sunny, hot, humid day this allows the body to absorb infrared radiation which inhibits heat loss. This can lead to heat stroke more rapidly than if a person wore a light-colored, loose-fitting, porous shirt. Also, if it's hot and humid, it's better to run either early or late in the day.

Here's what athletes should do — drink a minimum of 64 to 100 ounces of water per day to prevent dehydration.

If a person loses two pounds of water during exercise, his ability to perform can drop 15 percent. Athletes who want a special drink should try the drink of champions — two tablespoons of fresh orange juice added to a cup of chilled water. Drink about two cups

of this mixture 15 minutes before a workout and two more cups during each hour of exercise.

A person can run and play sports in the summer heat and enjoy it if he takes some precautions. The most important one, however, concerns water — drink lots of it.

(This article, published by the Air Force News Service, was written by Lt. Col. William Slaughter of Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.)

## Top 10 available

DALLAS— The Army and Air Force Exchange Service offers the top 10 "pop," "country," and "soul" albums in retail stores worldwide.

The following selections are listed according to their ranking for June: *Pop* — 1. Whitney Houston/Whitney Houston 2. Like A Rock/Bob Seger 3. 5150/Van Halen 4. Raised on Radio/Journey 5. Winner in You/Patti Labelle 6. Parade/Prince 7. Please/Pet Shop Boys 8. Soundtrack/Pretty in Pink 9. Control/Janet Jackson 10. Dirty Work/Rolling Stones.

*Country*— 1. Whoever's in New England/Reba McEntire 2. Promiseland/Willie Nelson 3. Greatest Hits/Alabama 4. Will the Wolf Survive/Waylon Jennings 5. Lost in the Fifties Tonight/Ronnie Milsap 6. Guitar, Cadillacs, Etc./Dwight Yokam 7. Seasons/The Oak Ridge Boys 8. Greatest Hits/Hank Williams Jr. 9. Rockin With the Rhythm/The Judds 10. Something to Talk About/Ann Murray.

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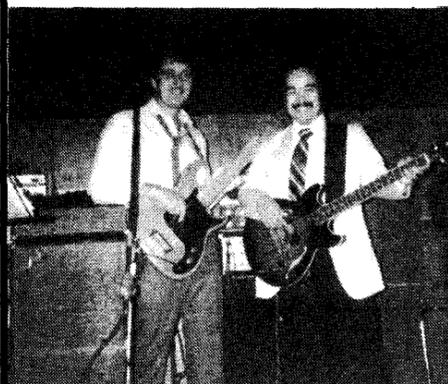
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# Unit introduces new members to post exchange

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Soldiers who joined the 8th Student Company during a given week are marched to the PX on Saturday morning. There they get a briefing and tour by an exchange manager.

"This is to indoctrinate new soldiers just coming on Redstone (as to) what the PX has to offer," said 1st Sgt. James George of 8th Student Company. The program started June 14 and will be offered each Saturday for new groups of arriving soldiers.

George worked with Exchange Manager Bob Davis in setting up the hour-long orientation sessions. SFC Harold Flakes of 8th Student Company marched 24 new arrivals to the PX on the first Saturday and was to take a new group last Saturday. From 20 to as many as 50 soldiers join the unit in a given week, according to George.

In the past, the 8th Student Company would tell its

new arrivals about the PX as part of their overall orientation. The briefing by the exchange staff is "more in-depth than we could ever think of giving them," George said.

Carey Williams, the sales and merchandise manager, gives the Saturday briefings. The June 14 session lasted from 8-9 a.m. "The first thing we did was we let them know that the exchange was unique in that it's the one place rank won't count, everyone is a VIP," Williams said. He covered such topics as what services are available through the post exchange, what happens to money generated, and what makes the exchange different from stores off post. He gave them a tour of the store. Messages he tried to emphasize included the non-ranking of customers, the importance of never leaving the store with a question unanswered or problem unresolved, and the availability of managers if needed.

"We do feel one of the key aspects of enjoying their (the customer's) store is good communication between

the customer and the store personnel," Williams said.

He described 8th Student Company's orientation program as innovative.

"I think that it is one of the most innovative and positive actions that any unit could have done to bring home to the new recruit one of the greatest fringe benefits that any members of the armed forces have today," Williams said, "because unquestionably the post exchange is a fringe benefit that in no way has been whittled down, depreciated or reduced either by legislation or inflation which is not the case with many other of the serviceman's benefits.

"It was in my opinion a tremendously innovative idea that will really educate those soldiers who participate because, sadly, there are still many servicemen who don't understand what the savings to themselves and their families are when they shop regularly at their post exchange," he said. "And we just love doing it for any of these companies that want it."

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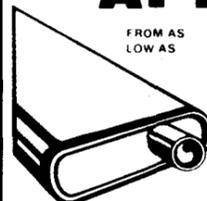
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### Singles' social gathering

A "singles mixer" for young adults (college age and soldiers) that will include a barbecue, games, guitar music and singing is set June 28 at 4 p.m. at 7123 Headquarters Circle. All are welcome and can join the group there or go to Bicentennial Chapel for transportation. For more information call Chaplain Meyer at 876-5707.

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### Prayer breakfast

A special "Patriotic Prayer Breakfast" will be held 6 a.m. July 2 at the Recreation Center. Col. John J. Walker, RASA commander, is the speaker and MICOM Commander Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Reese will participate. A brass ensemble will play patriotic music and a full breakfast will be provided. This is an ecumenical event sponsored by Redstone Arsenal chaplains and everyone is invited. For more information call Chaplain Presley at 876-5751.

### Commissary sale

Army commissaries will offer thousands of products at reduced prices during a "Statue of Liberty" sale July 1-31. Sale items will be identified by banners, posters and point-of-sale materials.

### Overeaters anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous will meet June 26 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon at Post Chapel and June 27 at 7 p.m. at Fox Hospital. For more information call 532-7013.

### Cancer education

Free cancer education programs will be presented through December on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Humana Hospital cafeteria. The first program, An overview and Discussion of Cancer, presented by Dr. Parker Griffith, is July 1. Other programs will address breast, childhood, colorectal and lung cancers and cancer checkups. Cancer screenings will be offered. For more information call 532-5714.

### NCO Club

The NCO Club Sunday brunch has been discontinued for the summer. A buffet-style lunch with salad bar will be served beginning July 7.

### Bounced checks

A \$15 service fee is now in effect on all checks cashed at clubs or the package store and not honored by the bank.

### Volunteers needed

Army Community Service needs volunteers to mail welcome packets and answer phones. Apply at building 3491.

### Golf tournaments

The Redstone Arsenal Golf Course has the following tournaments scheduled for July: RSA Golf Course Member/Member 36 Holes, July 4-5 (Friday & Saturday); Ladies' Mid-Summer Classic 36 Holes, July 8-9 (Tuesday & Wednesday); Oldsmobile Scramble Qualifying 18 Holes (undetermined date). For more information, call the golf course 837-7950.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous has its "Happy Hour" meeting each Friday afternoon at 5:15 in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting. Anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited.

### Spot bid sale

A local spot bid sale of government surplus property will be held July 1 in the Defense Reutilization and Marketing building 7427 on Warehouse Road. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9. Items for sale include typewriters, power supplies, chairs, desks, filing cabinets, dressers, wardrobes, chest-of-drawers, shelving units, truck and heavy equipment tires. The items are located in building 7426 and outside sales yard, building 7408, on Warehouse Road. Sale items may be inspected from 8-3 daily, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

### A&M trustees

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26, in room 105 of the Home Economics building in Carver Complex B on the A&M campus.

### Commissary check cashing

Effective June 24, the Redstone Arsenal Commissary increased the cash limit over purchase amount on checks from \$10 to \$25. Troop Support Agency has implemented the change at all continental U.S. and overseas locations.

The Army Learning Center is offering a revised Contracting Officers' Representative course. This four-hour course provides an overview of "Legal requirements and the fundamentals of contracting that lead to the award of a contract." It includes a student manual, a 15-minute tape, and an exam. To enroll, send a DD 1556 form to building 7446, AMSMI-CP-TC/ALC, Attn: Army Learning Center. For more information, call 867-1061/1416.

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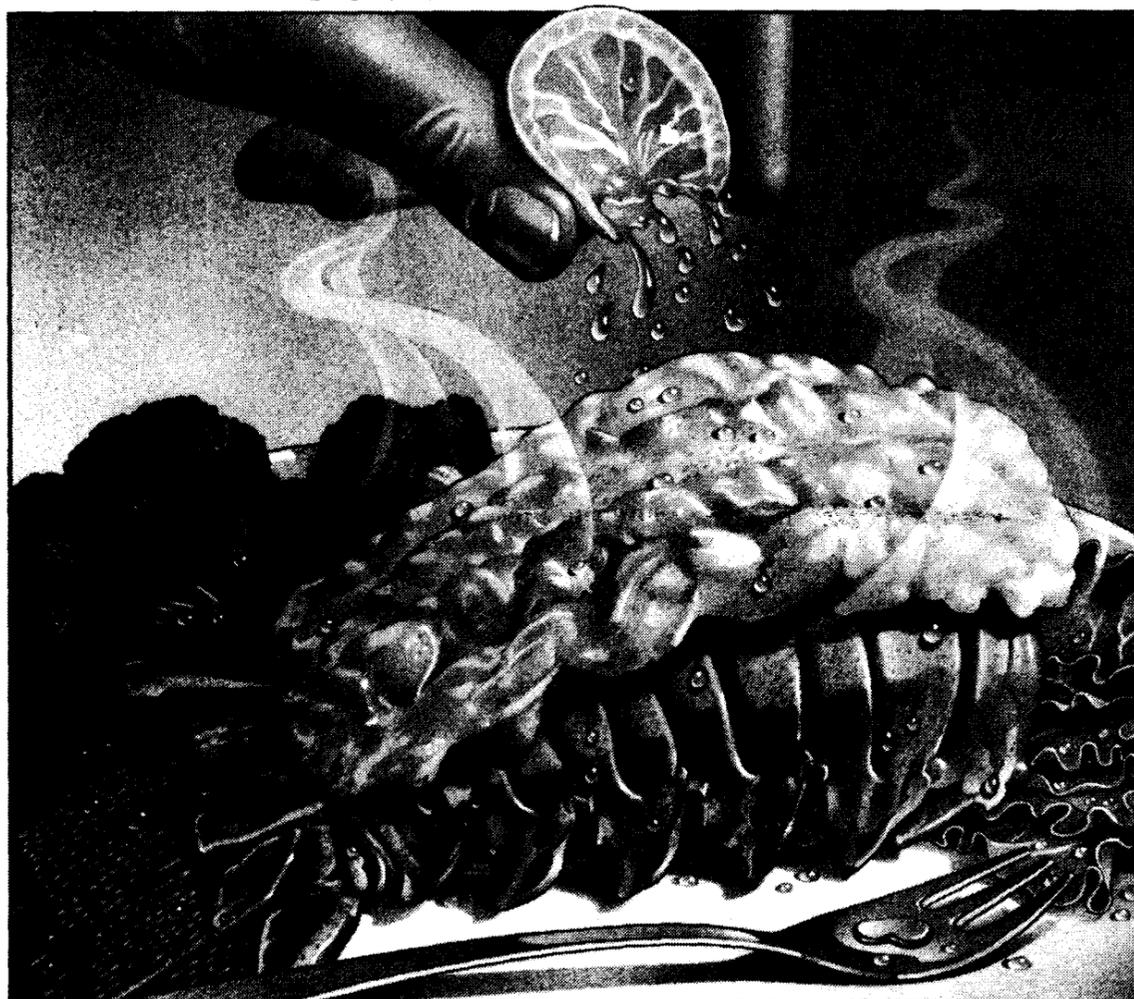
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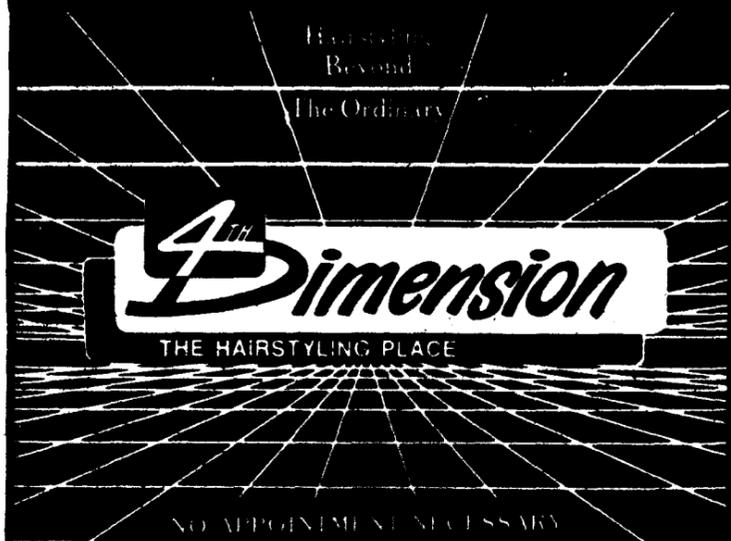
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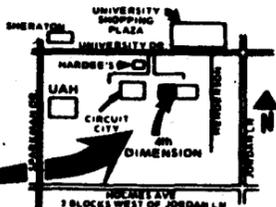
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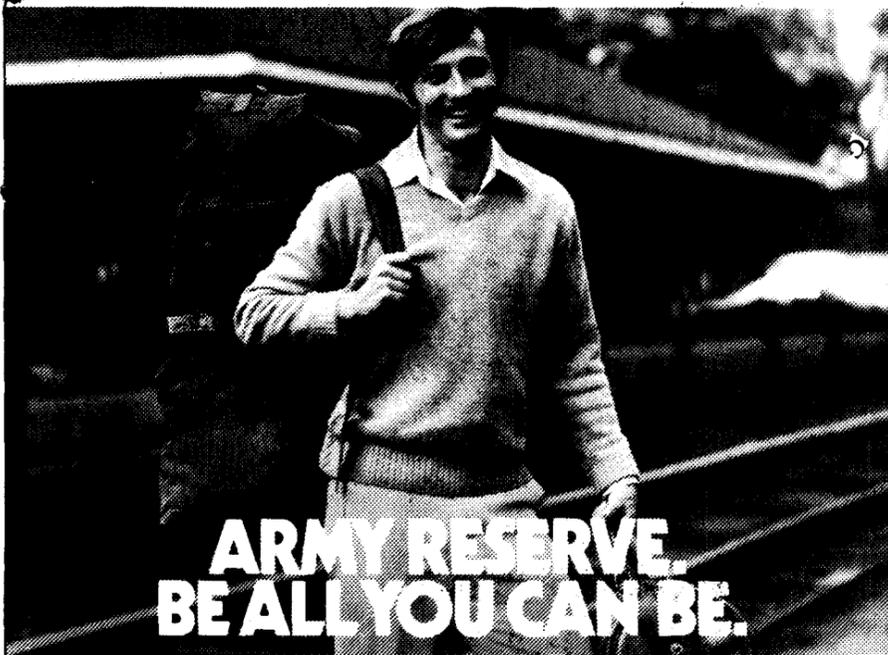
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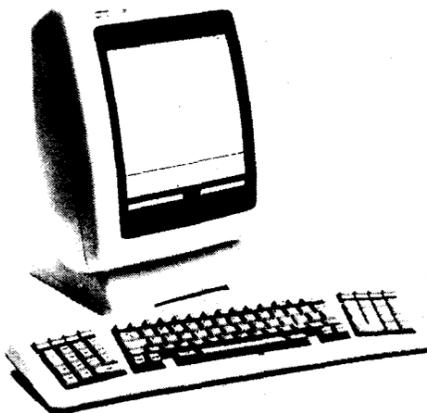


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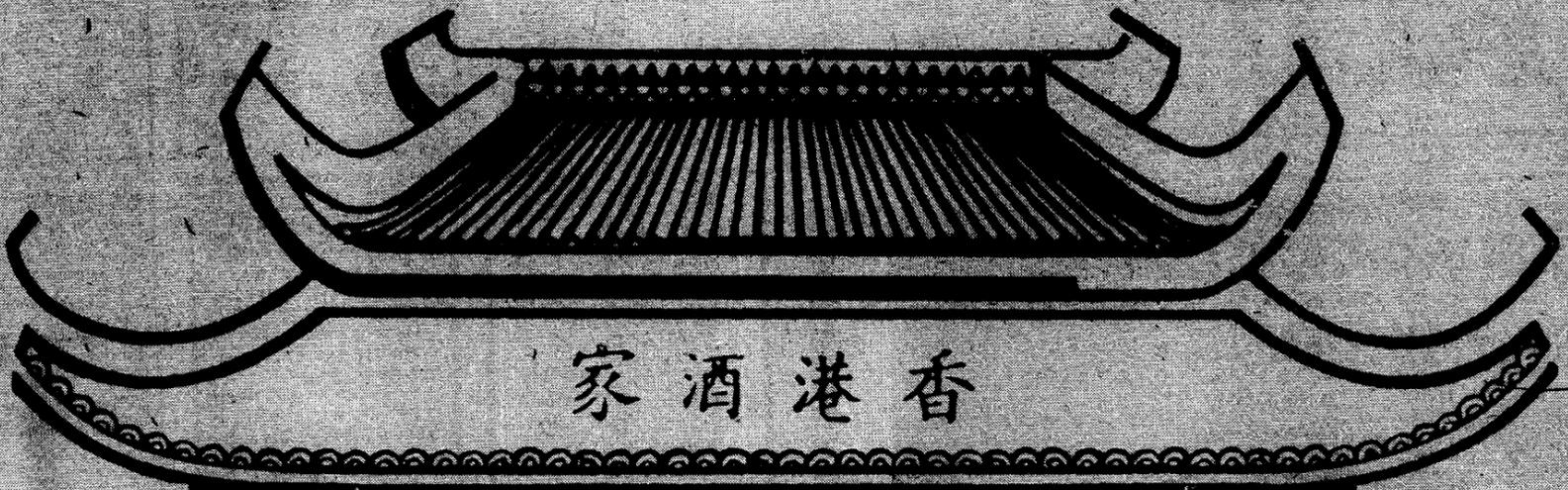
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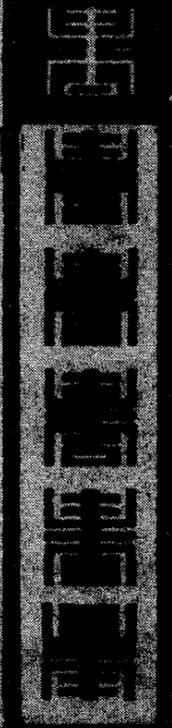
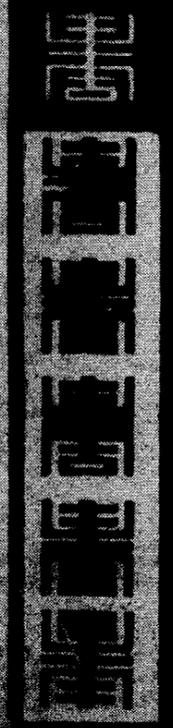
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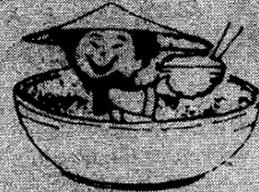


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