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Select Berlin School House For Dependents' Children

Selection of the public school for minor dependents of US occupation personnel was divulged by the American School Board here this week when the school building at 6—8 Im Gehege, former Gertrauden Schule was chosen.

The school's locale and initial groundwork plans for the model to be established in Berlin were approved by Maj. Gen. Frank A. Keating, Commanding General, BD Headquarters.

Equipped to provide for 450 grammar school students and 150 high school students, the School was chosen for its central location and excellent facilities from a group of 12 buildings that were reviewed by the School Board.

The large modern school requisitioned by OMGUS provides 38 school rooms, eight lavatories, nine laboratories, three lecture, halls, a

large gymnasium and playground.

Accommodating pupils of both elementary and high school level, it will be called the American Public Grade School, and the American Public High School of Berlin.

The ultimate School Board shall consist of five members, three to be elected by popular vote of the members of the American Community, one to be appointed by the Deputy Military Governor, OMGUS, and one to be appointed by the Commanding

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The term of office of each member shall be one year from the election date or appointment. The first regular school board will be constituted on or before August 1, and subsequent elections will be held on or before May 1 of each year.

Subject to ET directives, the School Board will be responsible for employment of all personnel required for the efficient operation and administration of APS, Berlin.

Their final approval will be necessary for the curriculum of each school, textbooks, provisions for libraries, school buildings and upkeep, student welfare — including adequate recreational and health and the development of community school activities.

While the War Department has stated that it assumes no obligation for the schooling of dependent children, USFET recommended reconsideration of this policy and has submitted a request for funds to support the program.

Non-appropriated funds available to the ET will provide interim funds to carry on initial phases of planning and procurement until such time as specified funds are available.

As an operating agency of USFET, a Dependents Schools Service has been established to plan in detail the school program and to supervise its operation. In serving as the coordinating agency on all school problems, periodic field visits to community schools will be made by supervisors.

In the general outline of the proposed school system, the model schools are to meet or exceed American standards in offering a well-rounded curriculum. Each military community where children of school age are present will have a civilian-staffed school varying in size and type from a one-teacher school for elementary grades to a "graded" school from kindergarten through 12 grades.

The Dependents Schools Service has provided an advisory service to aid parents and students in securing information on private schools and colleges in other countries such as Switzerland, France or England.

A central teacher and placement agency has been established to select teachers, giving first preference to those now in the ET; others will be recruited from the States.