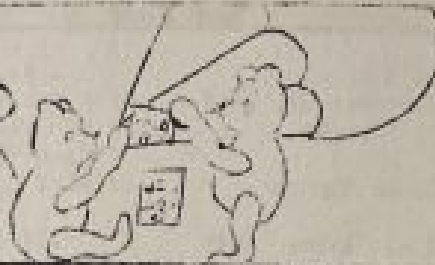


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# FACTS

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## STUDENTS HOLD ELECTION

On election day, Nov 2, 1948, at the Thomas A. Roberts Dependents School a mock presidential election was held by members of the junior and senior high schools to familiarize the students with actual election procedure.

Under the guidance of Mr. A. H. Kyrios and Mrs. Jane Goll, members of the senior and junior high faculty, the election proceeded in true state-side fashion.

The program opened with a short speech on the electoral college by master of ceremonies, Chris Riddlaborger, followed by campaign speeches for Mr. Truman and Mr. Dewey by two speakers from the junior high, Roy Wood and Gretchen Taxtor. Next on the program was a speech, "The case against Mr. Truman", by Peter Mulleney and "The case for Mr. Truman", by Robert Overton.

To conclude the program all students of the junior and senior high schools took part in voting for the two presidential nominees. Voting booths were set upon the stage and students went to the first checker Jane Rein, gave their names and addresses and received a ballot. They then voted and passed their ballot in to the second checker, Dana Durand; student supervision of the voting was handled by Robert Baker in the role of a policeman.

The final results of the election were 20 votes Dewey and 15 votes cast for Truman. However, regardless of the results, the democratic privilege of voting had once again been manifested.

## TAR RECEIVES KARLSRUHE VISITOR

Mr. Clinton C. Nichols, Assistant Chief of Secondary Schools, and Chief of Audio-Visual Aids and Music of the Dependents School Division, European Command, visited Berlin during the week of November 1-5, 1948.

Before coming to the E.C. Mr. Nichols was Supervisor of Elementary Education in New Jersey and Vice-President of a State Teachers' College, Maine.

During the war Mr. Nichols served as Lt. Commander in the Navy and as the Director of Education in the Pacific.

While in Berlin Mr. Nichols made a thorough inspection of the school and gave the report "very good indeed".

TAR has also had another visitor from Karlsruhe this fall, Mr. Richard R. Moyering, Chief of Secondary Schools for D.S.D. He was here for the opening of school, and helped to get this school off to a very good start.

## EXCHANGE VISIT MADE TO GERMAN SCHOOL

On November 8 the students and two teachers of TAR high school went to visit the Dreilinden Hochschule in Nichtelessee. The classes attended by the Terians were geometry, chemistry, biology, English, Russian, and history.

Mr. Kyrios and Peter Mulleney did a little special "shining" for the Berlin high school - Mr. K. taking advantage of one more opportunity to talk "the electoral college", and Peter conversing with the Dreilinden Russian instructor in the Russian language.

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Though Berlin is blockaded it is good to see that Tarlans are not blockaded in "carrying on" to make this year at the Thomas A. Roberts School a record one in maintaining high scholastic standards expected of American boys and girls in the EC. and in preserving that healthy TAR school spirit which has so characterized the Berlin high school since its beginning.

It is no accident that your school has always ranked among the very best in the EC. Its position is due, in fact, in no small part, to certain excellent qualities which you as students have always exhibited; to wit - school loyalty, sense of responsibility for doing your work, friendliness, courtesy, initiative, adaptability, and cheerfulness.

You, with these fine traits are the nucleus around which your school is built. Contributing to its best possible development are your teachers, parents, local supply and administrative personnel, your school officer, Major Overton Chairman of the School Board, Col. Rahn and the entire DSO Staff at Karlsruhe.

Also, you are secure in the fact that you may enter any school or college in the states because of the TAR's affiliation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

All of these things you know. Other things you have faith in - - that basketball season will begin soon with all you boys playing on the team and all you girls cheering (can any school boast of more perfect participation?); that Tar Cartoon activities - - Sadie Hawkins' Day and such - - will keep the weekends in Berlin gay; and eventually, who knows there may be a trip out of Berlin - Not to stay of course, but just to assure the seniors that you are safe, well, and happy in Berlin, and that you intend to continue to hold standards and spirits at TAR as high as your student numbers are low.

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C O M E L Y

As I came to the edge of the woods,  
Thrush music - bark!  
Now if it was dusk outside,  
Inside it was dark.

Too dark in the woods for a bird  
By sleight of wing  
To better its perch for the night,  
Though it still could sing.

The last of the light of the sun  
That had died in the west  
Still lived for one song more  
In a thrush's breast.

Far in the pillared dark  
Thrush music went -  
Almost like a call to come in  
To the dark and lament.

But no, I was out for stars:  
I would not come in.  
I meant not even if asked,  
And I hadn't been.

STUDENTS ENJOY SOCIAL TRIPS

The members of IAR, this year have had the privilege of making several interesting trips in connection with our cultural and educational program.

First on the agenda this year was a trip to O.M.G.B.S. to see an exhibit on the work being done for the German children by the Education Branch. The trip included a very informative and entertaining lecture on the air-lift by Mr. W.T. Babcock of Berlin Sector.

Next trip was to a modern art exhibit in a newly opened building at Auf den Grot and Kronprinzen Allee. When we approached the "modern" art it was lots of fun to look at all the paintings and try to figure out their meanings.

Once more being able to procure school buses we went out to the Charlottenburg Schloss art exhibit where we saw many interesting paintings and sculpture by masters representing "Five Generations of German Art".

Our very latest trip was to the Berlin British School. Only the girls went this time as our special purpose was to observe the Greek dancing classes, which we enjoyed very much. Then we all tried to figure out what on earth is a "bucness".

Our thanks go to those responsible for scheduling trips and arranging transportation.

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During a free moment or two, there is time to pass a few views on less formal matters. The German girls were eager to know: Do you like Berlin? Do you have parties? Do you dance at your parties? And - - this a whisper - - Is our lipstick kissproof?

All students reported an interesting and profitable trip feeling, that such exchange visits should be made. They had previously had visitors

TEEN CANTEEN REORGANIZES

The Berlin teenagers have held three meetings in the past month at the Teen-Canteen for the purpose of reorganization.

The first meeting was held on Nov 11 to elect officers. Paul Cox was elected president; Donna Rigden vice-president; and Jack Carson, secretary-treasurer.

The second meeting was held on Nov 22. During this meeting the constitution was revised, and several special members voted in.

The third meeting of the Teen-Canteen was held Nov 5 at the IAR High School. The business conducted included designating a quorum in the constitution giving money to GYA, voting in the teachers as honorary members, giving the Teen-Canteen money to the vice-president, discussing admittance of 7th and 8th graders to the canteen in answer to the I.T.A.

Classes Organize at IAR

About three weeks after school started, when every one had settled down (we hope) to school books, bells, and tardy slips, the first class meetings were held for the purpose of class elections. Due to the fact that the sophomores and freshmen have home-rooms together their officers were elected together. The officers of the freshman-sophomore class were: president, Donna Rigden; vice-president, Jim Milner; secretary, Alice Smith; and treasurer, Judy Ashworth. The officers of the junior class were: president, Rex Swanton; vice-president, George Moore; secretary, Frances Myer; and treasurer, Peter Mullaney.

from: University, Dreilinden High School, Schedow Schule, RIAS, Mix and Genest, and Gertrauden Schule.

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

What would you do if the Blockade were suddenly lifted?

Paul Coe: No comment

Joyce Curran: I'd head for Frankfurt in General Clay's plane - with his permission, of course.

Mr. Lee: Oh, probably say, "Hoopie"

Jack Carson: Lovely, lovely.

Judy Ashworth: Nothing. I'd just stay here and be happy.

Mrs. Kunzendorf: I'd go to the Western Zone and see my mother.

Alice Smith: I'd probably celebrate for a week.

Ray Cooley: I'd be sad, I want to fly out of here.

Mrs. Gruenewaldt: I'd say, "What".

George Moore: Eh, what would I say?

Jane Bain: Well . . . I'd have Daddy order all the men in the Zone to Berlin.

Mr. Kyrios: I'd do the same thing I'm doing now.

John Letranek: I'd go see some old Piesboden buddies.

Jim Milner: I'd be happy in one way and sad in another.

Miss Chute: I probably wouldn't badge from Berlin.

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What is this we hear about the teachers being "all up in the air" for a whole day. We hear Miss Chute was just "plane" scared.

## FEEKIN' LEGGY

Feekin' leggy has really been at the peephole recently and is full of news and views: R. O. and J. A. were in a contestship, that is . . . A peek into the English room at lunch time after O. R. and J. R. came out revealed that it was totally and definitely BUTTY . . . Georgie's party was a big success - at least J. and J., Inc. enjoyed it, and the food, AND the punch. - - a. S. finally got what she wanted most. Congratulations. . . One of our mighty Junior boys can't make up his mind on who will be the lucky girl. Take it easy kid. - There are only six of us. Sawe one for a rainy day. . J. . . has finally stopped playing with matches . . . It's quite a problem to figure out whom Paul Coe has his eye on, J. A. perhaps? . . We hear I. M. is going steady with some darling girl . . . G. M. becomes a real cave-man on the bus every morning . . . A. S. is going to have a little competition with her C. A. O. His only remark on this was "Put a skirt on it and I'll love it forever" . . . J. C.'s imagination is getting the best of her when she starts thinking of going to proms with boys she has never met and of taking off in Gen. Clay's plane for Geissen . . . Leave it to B. O. and J. I. to get mixed up on what they were making in chemistry class. Just what were you supposed to be making. F. M. is neglecting her studies and is making the best of the long evenings. Lower Boy and Col. J. C. are winning a private little war on their bus every morning. We hear that they will receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. There seems to be quite a conflict between two of the girls about a certain junior boy. Who is going to rope him?

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Mr. Lee: I don't see how it is possible for one person to make so many mistakes.

Joyce: It wasn't a single person. My father helped me.

## TAR's Calendar to Date

Even though Berlin is blockaded TAR's social life isn't. Not four days passed after school started until we had a party.

Sept 7 - School bells rang again today, but only seventeen of us straggled back to "ole" TAR.

Sept 8 - Today we really got down to books and these two new men teachers. Watch out girls!

September 10, 1948: Jean Kirkland, hostess. The whole gang went to the first party of the school year.

Sept 14 - Freshman Week officially began today along with war paint, shoe polish, and air raid.

Sept 17 - Our first school trip. Off to O.N.G.B.S. to see an exhibit on the Air-lift. Swell time!

Sept 17 - Kangaroo Court. We "Freshies" finally made high school, but not until a few of us had been hung.

September 17, 1948: Jane Rain, hostess to a gals Freshie party.

Sept 24 - An other exhibit, but this time on modern art at Krogenrinzen Allee and auf dem Grot.

September 24, 1948: Steve (Fishie) Fishbein, host. What a party, WOW!

September 31, 1948: Jack Carson, host. Even the faculty came to his party.

Oct 1 - We all boarded buses again today for a trip to Charlottenberger Schloss. Some palace, and what a tomb. Ruh, boys!

October 7, 1948: Donna Rigdon, hostess. Wonderful "Backwards" party!

Oct 13 - A double header - In the morning, we high school gals, along with Miss Chute and Mr. Lee, paid a visit to the British School. Some of us almost decided to take up Greek dancing. Instead we took up a few fellows from the British School to witness the liquid air experiment at TAR in the afternoon. Mr. Busch gave a fine performance - Students fell out of their seats from excitement, and the Flask literally burst with pride - or was it from a Chemical Cause!?

October 14, 1948: "Canteen Clean Up": Everyone was there and boy did we get the work done quick!!!

Oct 22 - Turn about is fair play. Forms IV and V of the British School came over for Assembly. Freshmen and Sophomores gave class plays and a new star was discovered. Guess who! Lugsy.

Oct 22 - One of our 'ole' buddies came back to TAR. Glad to have you back Chris!

October 23, 1948: George Moore, host. Dancing and FUNCH!.

Oct 25-29 - During the week we played host to different German school groups and G.Y.I. groups.

Oct 28 - Boys had scrimmage with British boys.

October 30, 1948: Canteen "Halloween Party". Even though the band didn't get there some people had fun.

Nov 1 - Mr. Nichols came up from Karlsruhe along with praises for TAR (we hope).

Nov 2 - Who will be the next president of the U.S.? That was the question around TAR Tuesday. We had a election ourselves, along with speakers, checkers and a "real" policeman!! Though predicted wrong here at TAR, we elected Dewey, we can't always be right!

Nov 5 - Exercise Polar Bear. It's a good thing we wore our coats.

November 5, 1948: Ray Cooley, Host. What cake!

November 10, 1948

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A BANANA COMES TO BERLIN *Good!*

Did any of you people see that very nice man in the "Navy" blue suit wandering through the halls a week or so ago? And you wondered who he was? Of course you found out, but it was the sophomores who "discovered" him and his "charm" first. This is how it all happened.

One day Mr. Nichols dropped in on the sophomore English class to share a bit of wit and wisdom. During the discussion between class and visitor, one bright young sophomore said to Mr. Nichols . . . for it was he . . . "Do you have bananas in Karlsruhe?" and Mr. Nichols answered "Well, I'll tell you, I haven't seen a one in Karlsruhe, but when I was in Frankfurt they seemed to have plenty. I inquired how much they were and when told they were 40¢ for a bunch, I said, 'I won't pay it', and walked away, but about four steps was enough and I turned back and bought a bunch of eight. I've eaten 7 of them already but if you really would like one, the other is still in my room, (if the said hasn't eaten it) and I'll bring it to you tomorrow." A sigh went around the room and everyone started hoping the banana was still in his room.

Next day promptly at 13:00 the door to the sophomore classroom opened and in came a banana with Mr. Nichols attached, and hot on his heels came Mr. Kyrios (amazing the way news spreads)! The banana was a beautiful yellow one, with long black stripes and about 10 or 11" long. The banana was declared a special deluxe treat, and so the English class ceased in its long hard study of dis-grooming to devour it (with aid from Miss Chute and Mr. Kyrios).

Mr. Nichols was a Lt. Commander in the Pacific for 4 years, hence if you ever mention blue and someone says "Navy" bank on its being Mr. Nichols (and don't be surprised if he has a ba-

nanas in each hand). In which case, there'll be

"Sophomores to the right of him  
Sophomores to the left of him  
Sophomores in front of him  
Sophomores in back of him  
Volleys of cheers ringing so clear  
Our king of bananas is once again here."

Think how dull life at TAR would be if . . .

Chris were a Cheese instead of a Riddleborger,

Jane were a Sun instead of a Rain,

Our principal were a Romp instead of a Chute,

George were Lass instead of Moore (talkative that is),

Our Math and Science were directed Windward instead of Leeward,

Our Social Science Prof were uninterested instead of Kyrios,

Bob were a Carpenter instead of a Baker,

and . . . if Mr. Busch were a rush How would we ever learn Biology?

Rumors are Flying - Strictly Rumor

Rumor 1: Blockade will be lifted by 30 November 1948.

Rumor 2: No more food to enter Berlin.

Rumor 3: Dependents all being sent home.

Rumor 4: If Rumor 1 fails to materialize Berliner will come through.

Rumor 5: After 1 January 1949 all American Dependents of High-School age will attend the School of their choice in the Zone.