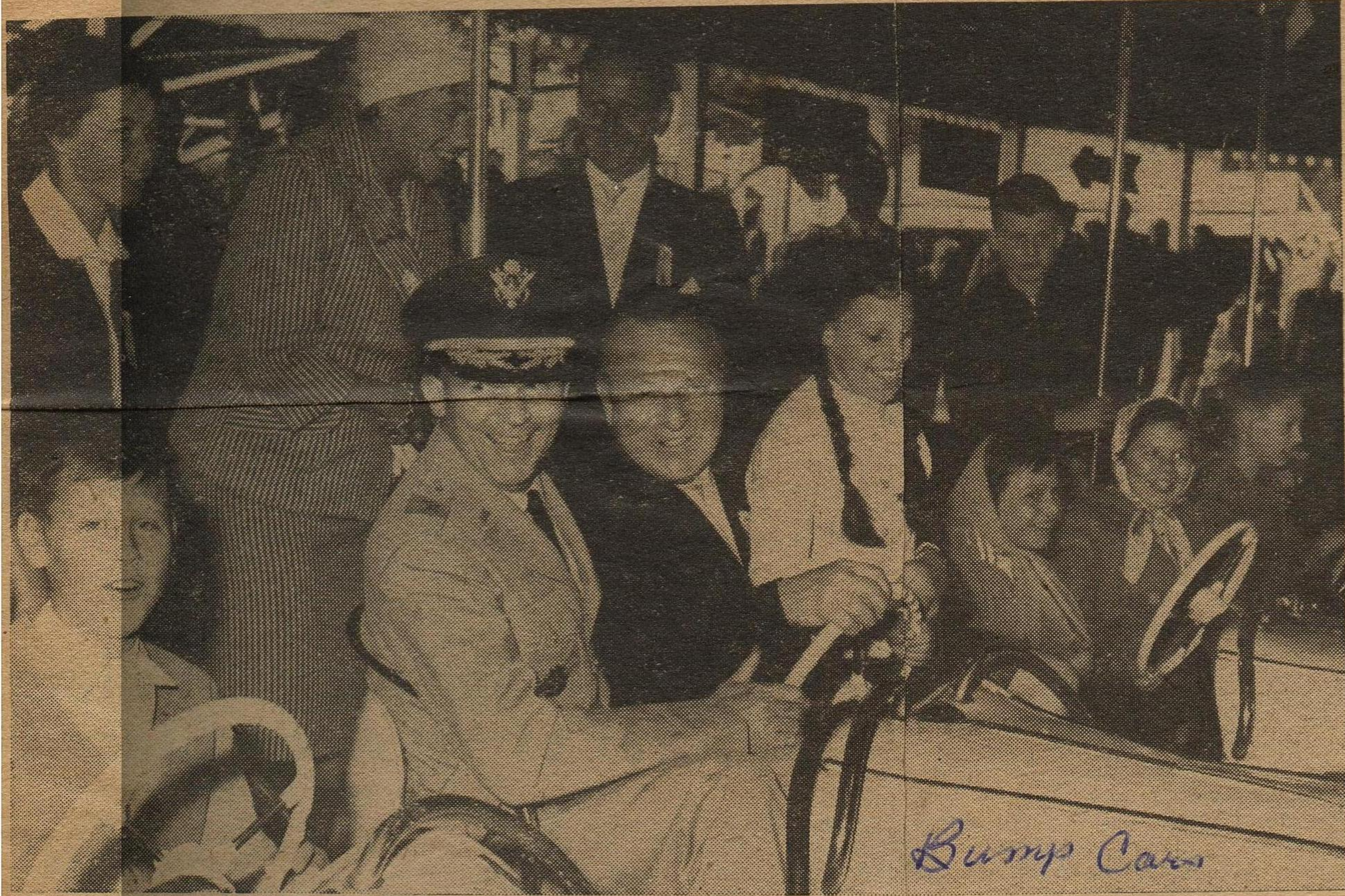


First G-A Volksfest Proves Successful Gala Carnival Jammed Daily Since Opening



Brigadier General Frederick O. Hartel, Commanding General, Berlin Command, joins Zehlendorf District Mayor Willy Stiewe for a miniature-car ride on opening day at the First German-American Volksfest. The fest, slated to become an annual event, has drawn huge crowds in its first week of operation.

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Volksfest officials estimate that by Sunday night when the gates close, over 250,000 people will have attended this first German-American carnival in Berlin.

The Volksfest got underway last Saturday when Brigadier General Frederick O. Hartel, Commanding General, Berlin Command, and Zehlendorf District Mayor Willy Stiewe jointly sent a fireworks display into the sky depicting the national colors of both the United States and Germany.

Already termed a tremendous success by one and all, the carnival is slated to end Sunday night following nine days of spectacular entertainment.

Ends Sunday

Tomorrow night is planned as one of the biggest events of the Fest with free entertainment scheduled from 2 p.m. until 9 in the evening. One of the main highlights will be a special fireworks display that will light up the night skies at 10:45 p.m. Special entertainment is also scheduled for Sunday night.

General Hartel, in his welcoming address during kick-off ceremonies last Saturday, took special note of the friendship and understanding between Germans and Americans when he said: "It is always difficult for our Armed Forces to be stationed away from home in another land, where customs are different and strange to our way of life, but here in Berlin this does not appear to be true. The natural scenic beauty and charm of your wonderful city, together with the understanding and friendship of its fine people have made all of us feel at home. This German-American Volksfest will enhance this friendliness between the German and American communities and therefore, we are grateful for the fine support you are evidencing by your presence."

AYA Guests

Throughout this past week, 150 orphans of the various homes in the American Sector have been guests, every afternoon, at the carnival. As guests of the American Youth Association and the Wollenschlaeger Carnival Group, the orphans have been picked up by Army buses, taken to enjoy the rides and other attractions, and returned afterwards.

Among the many attractions now at the carnival are some of the finest available in Germany today featuring ferris wheels, autoscooters, ghost rides, raffles and refreshments.

Attendance has exceeded all expectations and officials agree that there is little doubt that there will be another Annual German-American Volksfest.

As Albert Hemsing of the United States Information Service stated, "there is no special reason for this Volksfest. It is just that we Americans like to join our German neighbors and friends in having fun. Our relations, which over the past 16 years have become a close, friendly alliance, are often cited on more serious political occasions. But German-American friendship in Berlin has become a very human thing: we work together, we stand up for each other, so it's right that we celebrate together!"

First Annual German-American Volksfest To Open July 29 Under AYA Sponsorship

Planning has reached the final stages for the First Annual German-American Volksfest to be held at the Sport Center field beginning Saturday, July 29, through Sunday, August 6.

Operating under the sponsorship of the American Youth Association, the event is expected to attract a

crowd of approximately 50,000 Germans over the nine-day period.

Featuring a German carnival on the baseball field, the affair will be operated by a volunteer committee, now being established, with admission to the field being controlled by the AYA.

I have to sell tickets with Randy this Thurs. so does Bev with Lee.

Individual Batting

| Player | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | PCT |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Sabolyk, Red Sox | 26 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 0 | .385 |
| Wilcher, Yankees | 29 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 0 | .379 |
| Brown, Indians | 26 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 0 | .346 |
| Dunwoody, Yankees | 26 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 0 | .346 |
| Meyer, Yankees | 26 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 0 | .345 |
| Breuer, Senators | 27 | 13 | 9 | 0 | 2 | .333 |
| Wiegert, Yankees | 25 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 1 | .320 |
| Wagner, Red Sox | 22 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 | .318 |
| Ehst, Yankees | 26 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 0 | .319 |

Cubettes Drop Opener

The "Cubettes" and the "Teddy Bears" take their second field trip this weekend, this time to Butzbach where they will play games Saturday and Sunday.

Last week-end both girl's softball teams traveled to Bremerhaven where they met the Corvettes and the Junior Bremerhaven Team. The Cubettes received two overwhelming defeats at the hands of the Corvettes, 30-0 and 11-0. The Teddy Bears were also defeated but by smaller margins, 21-7, 13-12.

Cubettes Defeated Again

The Cubettes in a repeat performance of their double defeat of two weeks ago at the hands of the Bremerhaven Corvettes dropped another two-game series, this time to the girl's softball team at Buchatz, with scores of 29-9 and 33-14.

This week-end is an off-weekend as the Cubettes have no games scheduled.

Cub Nine Opens Play

Berlin's baseball Cubs jump into league play this week when they travel to Bremerhaven for a single game with the Blackhawks.

The Cubs are playing in a league for the first time, competing in the Central Germany Pony League.

Their second game will be at Darmstadt on May 27.

Only ten payers will make the trip to the Port City with assistant coach Bob Smith. Previous commitments forced almost half the players on the roster to remain behind.

Those going are Mike and Dick Cleveland, Richter Klaus, John Shiner, Mark Waple, Harry Dennis, Skip Brown, Jerry Branson, Charles Warnock, and Tom Cottrell.



A trio of American youngsters (from left to right), Charles Johnson IV, Dave McGill, and Rich Roemmer, listen to Olly Ahlswede, workshop director of the Schulfarm Insel Scharfenberg, explain the mechanics of one of the shop's lathes. The American youngsters spent three days on the Schulfarm as guests of the Berliners during German-American Friendship Week.

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Kids Rock to Record Hop; AFN Show Plans Return



Approximately 80 teen-agers flocked to the American Youth Activities House Friday night to take part in "Record Hop," American Forces Network's touring rock 'n' roll show.

Private John "Kayo" Mullen emceed the three hour show, one-half hour of which was taped and broadcast over AFN Saturday afternoon. He claimed that local teen-agers provided a very cooperative and lively audience.

The first part of the program was dedicated almost solely to fast popular music of the rock 'n' roll

variety as the show got off to a jumping start. But then during the last half-hour the "masters," Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole and company took over to provide the background for some slow dancing.

"Record Hop," which is slated to return to Berlin August 14, has appeared in Frankfurt, Kaiserslautern, Munich—where nearly 600 children turned out—and several other cities in Germany and France. The show is produced by Private First Class George Chornenki. Specialist Four Charley Winbery engineers it.



LAST MINUTE BRIEFING — AFN-Berlin's first Musical Roundtable show is set to tape as the popular series, that ran for 13 weeks last year, is revived. From left to right seated around the table as the panel of experts for the first show are Paul Moor, Central European Music Critic for Time Magazine, Archie Blyer, President of Cadence Record Company and Phil Everly who, with his brother Don (right), has become a top recording personality famed for their recording of "Wake-up Little Suzie." Between the Everly Brothers is Carol Willoughby. Standing behind the table are AFN-Berlin program director Mark White and Chief Engineer, Sergeant First Class Bill Colt. The recorded Musical Roundtable will be aired sometime early in March, followed by a recorded show featuring the Chor-dettes. Other big names in the Music World will be invited to take part in the show in the future, to bring local AFN listeners the latest news and opinions from the world of music.

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