

'Los Angeles—Bridge to the Stars'

# Construction Starts on Berlin's Ninth Volksfest

BERLIN (Special) — Construction on the ninth German-American Volksfest—"Los Angeles—Bridge to the Stars" has begun with a ground-breaking ceremony

at the U.S. Army, Berlin sport center field here. The first shovelful of earth, turned by Brig. Gen. Samuel McC. Goodwin, commanding

general of the Berlin Brigade, and Dr. Wolfgang Rothkegel, deputy mayor of Zehlendorf, signified the start of one of the most ambitious German-Ameri-

can programs to be sponsored by the U.S. Army. During the ceremony, the Volksfest architect, Viktor Mueller-Staedt, a Berlin movie set and

stage-design architect, displayed a model and diagrams of his conception of what the Volksfest presentation will look like when completed for opening on July 25.

Following the ceremony, Mueller-Staedt departed for Los Angeles to talk with city officials to gain a better insight to work from in producing the backdrop for this year's Volksfest theme.

Two checks for DM 6,000 each were presented to Goodwin during the ceremony by directors Kurt von Luchmann of Schulteiss Brewery and Gerhart Romberg of Coca-Cola in Berlin. The money is to be used to defray Volksfest expenses. Goodwin in turn presented a miniature flag of the city of Los Angeles to Rothkegel.

When completed, the 1969 Volksfest will highlight the double theme of the film-making industry in Hollywood and the aerospace industry of the Los Angeles area. There are to be two large tents plus three spherical structures erected on the grounds to house the displays and other activities during the period the Volksfest is open from July 25 to Aug. 10.

One of the large tents will house an extensive Hollywood exhibit, including a large number of motion picture artifacts. Present plans call for a continuous showing of early silent films and a four-part exhibit illustrating the history of movie making.

The Apollo 8 command module is to be sent to Berlin for display at the Volksfest. The space capsule will share the spot with an extensive array of aerospace hardware in one of the enclosed areas.

A 36-foot-high mockup of a Saturn V rocket will dominate the center of the Volksfest grounds. A portion of this display will come from the industrial manufacturers in the Los Angeles area and the remainder is to be shipped to Berlin for the conclusion



**BREAKING GROUND**—Costumed characters look on as Brig. Gen. Samuel McC. Goodwin, commander of the Berlin Brigade, and Dr. Wolfgang Rothkegel, deputy mayor of Zehlendorf, turn the first shovelful of earth to start construction on the Volksfest.