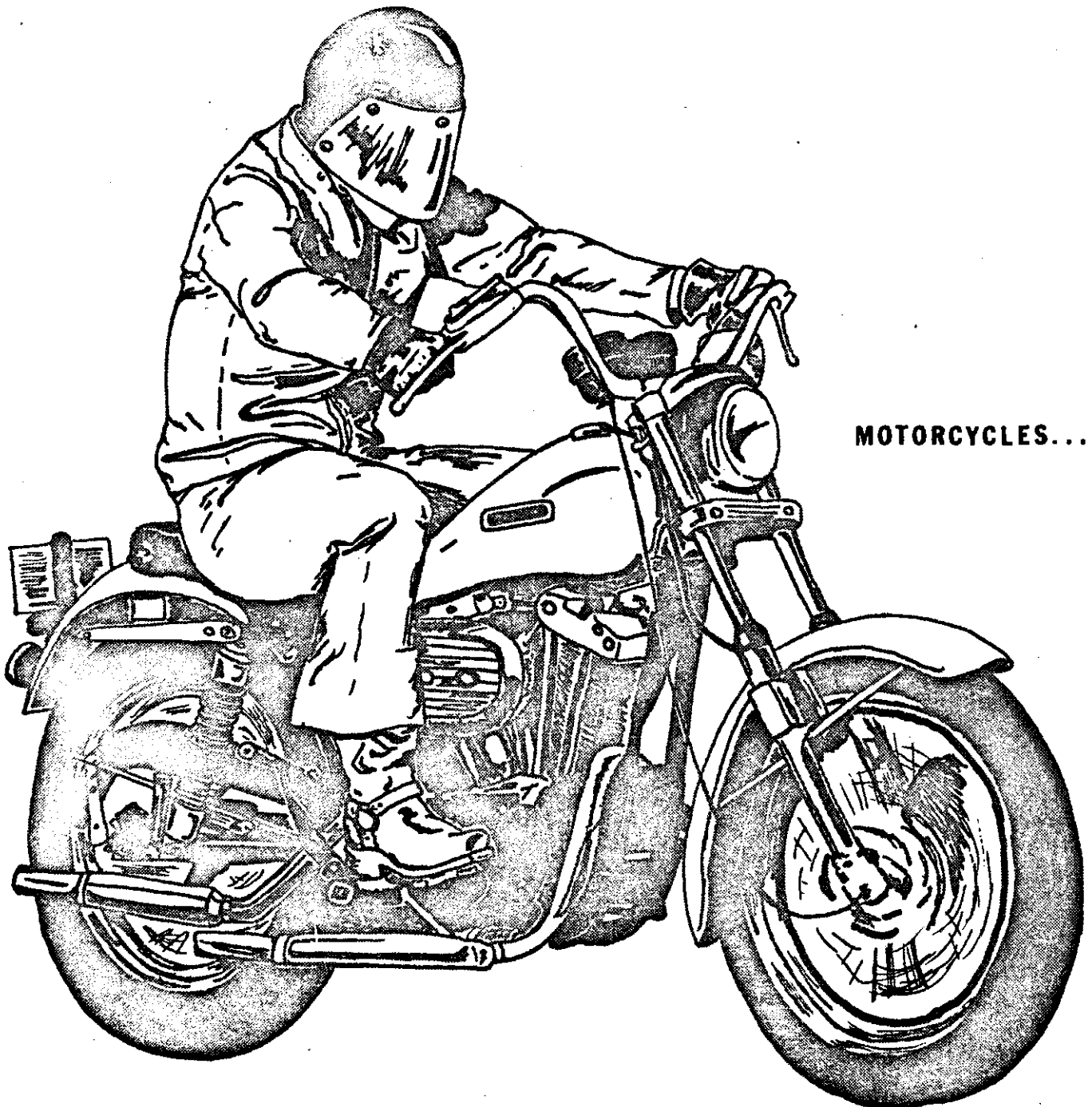


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awards

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER TO These men for being cited for the following awards:

Bronze Star Medal:

- SP5 Bruce Morris
- SP4 Hugh Martin

Air Medal (as indicated):

- CW2 Larry Ingram (49-57)
- SP4 Charles Withers (2-8)
- SP4 Dale Clark (2-6)
- SP5 David Powell (2-4)
- SP5 Robert Davis (2-3)
- SP5 Timothy Roberts (2)
- SP5 Allen Lewis (Basic)

Army Commendation Medal:

- SSG Robert Stone (2nd OLC)
- CW2 Dennis McLaughlin (1st OLC)
- SSG Robert Bross (1st OLC)
- SSG James Prock (1st OLC)
- SFC John Aberle
- SSG Thomas Haddix
- SSG Carl Hardy
- SSG Charles Harris
- SSG Harold Williams
- SP6 Buford Deese
- SP5 Hal Bingham
- SP5 Bradley Bowrey
- SP5 George Flores
- SP5 Hiram Perez
- SP5 Byron Overby
- SP5 Lloyd Thompson
- SP5 Bryan Truman
- SP4 Jerry Davidson
- SP4 Anthony Jelley
- SP4 Gary Kohtala
- SP4 Paul Kostamo
- SP4 Mickey Lee
- SP4 Michael May
- SP4 Michael McKenna
- SP4 Charles Pride
- SP4 Stephen Wuellner
- PFC Mark Knowles
- CW2 William Dearmin

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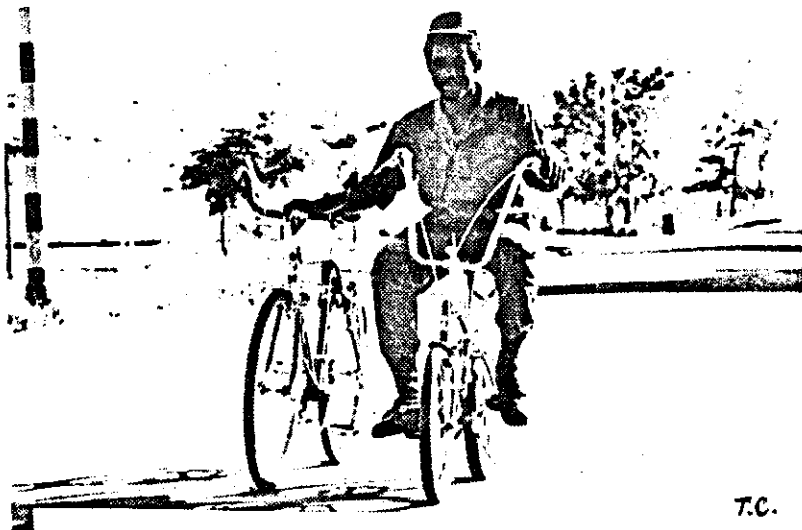
THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION is an important aspect of democracy in the American way of life. In America, the newspaper is a vital aspect for the free society is serves; however, here at Ramasun the KOBRA-7's role is totally cultural.

THIS BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION has taken on a marked and very deliberate change recently and has been said to have taken on a "magazine approach" in content and format. This has been achieved by coming away from the traditional tendencies of dull post "rags."

WE FEEL THE KOBRA-7 has finally reached the adolescent stage by providing the many different types of personalities with a variety of reading material. This is evident alone by our circulation that has more than doubled.

THE SCENE IS SET - the foundation laid. However, the final stage of maturity can only be accomplished with the help of a diverse and equally dedicated writing, photograph, and typing staffs, capable of relating to the interest of our community.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL to have the cultural spotlight continually on Ramasun.....because we're No. 1! *J.C.*



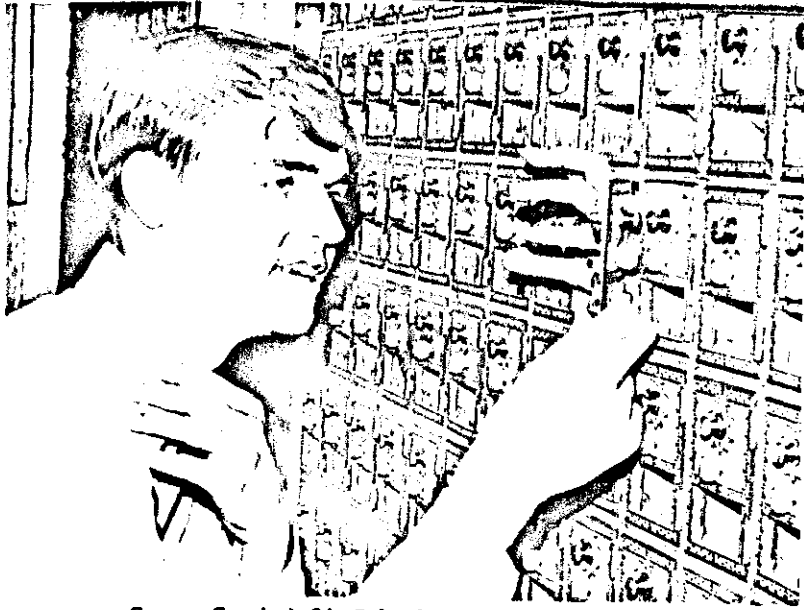
I'VE HEARD of a bicycle built for two... but two bicycles built for one???

T.C.

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Company News Briefs



Gary Crutchfield checks-out his spider and found that it has grown.....Mail?

Soldier Of The Month

IN KEEPING WITH THE TRADITION of Company A's habit of winning the post Soldier of the Month, SP4 Gary Crutchfield again carried the banner of Company A to victory in May. A little background information on our hero tells us that coming away with the honors is no new experience for Gary. He graduated with honors from the 98 Charlie school at Fort Devens.

GARY STARTED HIS MILITARY HITCH at Ft Leonard Wood where he attended BCT. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Ft. Devens for AIT in the 98C20 school and subsequently reported to Sunny Ramasun just 14 months ago. Having come originally from a small town in Kentucky (back in the world) where life is slow and peaceful, Gary plans to see as much of Thailand as he can during this year. Already, as winner of the Company and Post May Soldier of the Month, he has been awarded two passes and two bonds which will go a long way towards his travel achievements here.

SPECIALIST CRUTCHFIELD'S ACHIEVEMENTS reflect highly on his appearance, manner of performance, and personal traits. As such, we are extremely proud of him. Gary's success this month pushes Company A's score of SOM to five out of the past six months and proves what has been said all along: "A Company not only first in the alphabet, but first in the 7th."

culture wins 25

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for SP4 James E. Estes, Electronic Equipment Support Branch. Jim overcame some tough competition to be selected as the H&S Company Soldier of the Month for May. Jim hails from Blissfield, Michigan and was a former sociology major at Siena Heights College. Jim and his bride "Dori" have been married a year. Being the "soci" major that he is, Jim is naturally given to the more cultural things in life. His hobbies center on music, primarily Folk to Classical. His favorite quote: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Jim's plans after completion of his military service is to return to the campus. We're sure the \$25 bond Jim won for being SOM will help offset those campus expenses.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S VD QUIZ #3

16. F; 17. F; 18. F; 19. F; 20. T

hal, scott, bob....

B COMPANY'S SOLDIER OF THE MONTH for May went to PFC Hal Zimmerman, Zim hails from.....and has added a \$25 bond for his knowledge and efforts. Congrats are in order for a job well done.

CO. B'S STRENGTH has been holstered by two new arrivals. Both SP5 Earl Morco, Vandalia, Ohio and SP4 Ben Harris, Detroit, Michigan are returnees from civilian life. We welcome you both aboard the Cobra Team.

CURRENTLY REPRESENTING B CO. and the station in the SUPTHAI Command Tournament are SP4's Lou Renteria, Bob King, and PFC RG Smith. Many have seen the long hours of practice put in and we hope you bring back the cup.

ADDITIONAL TALENTS IN THE SPORTS field were rewarded as SP4 Bob Brisky of tennis fame is at Samae San for the keen competition. Some gray-haired major on site could possibly appreciate this fact.

THE UNVEILING OF SP5 Scott Fensler's new Company B sign will be forth coming. This event for sure will be up for comment. The Hood is Good.

WE STILL NEED MORE HELP to get the B Co. Recreation Area in motion. The plans are drawn, now we need the brawn. See ISG Stanton and join the all volunteer list.

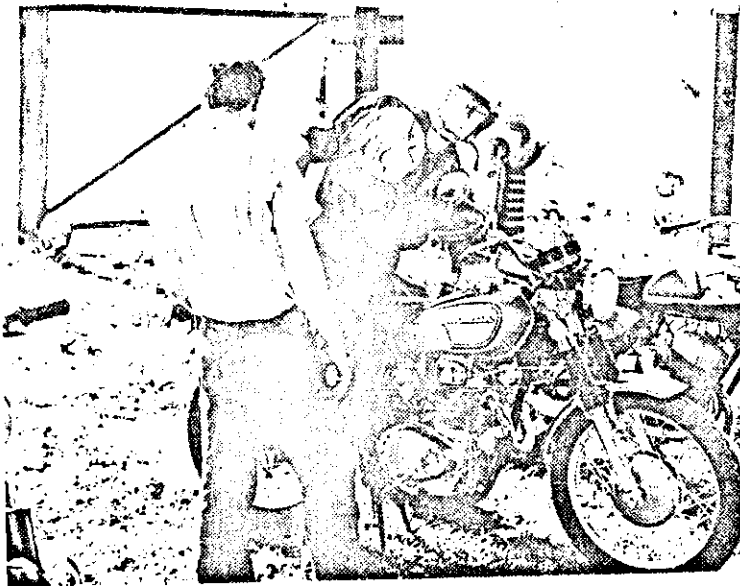
MSG Alley has given up the diamond for greater fame and fortune and is currently settling into the new job as Ops SGT. We here in the OR will miss his clear-eyed guidance to solve our everyday domestic problems. Good Luck with the new job TOP.

RMSC Aids Civil Affairs Projects

by Richard Kirst

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON BUYING a motorcycle, you'll learn very soon that you have to join the Ramasun Motorcycle Safety Club. Before you start worrying maybe you should learn what the R.M.S.C. is all about.

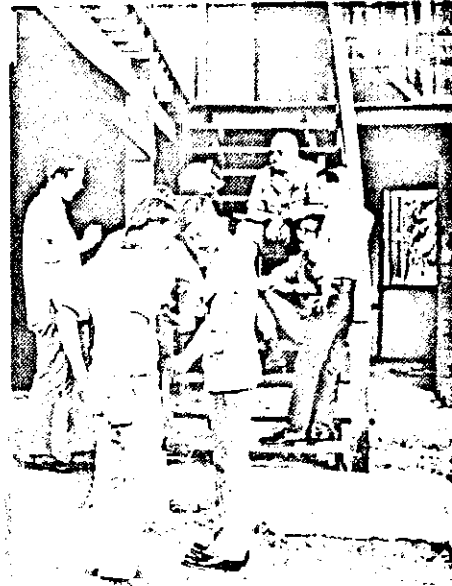
ONE OF THE MAIN PURPOSES of the club is your safety, and the safety of those around you. In trying to insure that safety, all new members must pass a motorcycle test consisting of: two figure eights (no feet are to touch the ground) a forty kilometer per hour panic stop (falling not allowed), a two foot ramp jump, and a slow-speed, opposite direction circuit around the dirt track. As you can see, this is a rather simple test but I'm sure you don't want to ride with someone on the road if he couldn't even do this much.



BI-MONTHLY INSPECTIONS are among the items taken care of at the meetings.

THE CLUB ITSELF IS MORE THAN JUST a title. It consists of members, who are interested in safe riding, and enjoyment of cycling. The enforcement of the rules, and general leadership is conducted by the executive board. This board consists of three elected members and a club advisor appointed by the commanding officer of Ramasun. Presently there are 71 bikes and 81 members. Those who wish to join the club, but don't own a cycle may do so for the price of one dollar. They then have the privilege to ride a cycle belonging to a general member of the club.

You are probably wondering what sort of punishment the executive board can enforce if you commit a safety infraction. Quite simply, your registration is revoked for a certain period of time.



Upon hearing of any violation, the executive board notifies you in writing and you will be asked to attend a board meeting to determine the facts. This way the club has not only kept an eye on the safety of its members, but also as a group. The club recently grounded itself for a one week period due to general carelessness and laxity concerning the rules. Since that time, no one has been called before the board and the club has been able to continue its' outstanding total of 2½ million fatality - free miles.

THE CLUB HAS TAKEN ON AN ACTIVE role in civil affairs within the immediate area. Last week the club members spent the better part of the day cleaning up a half-mile strip of Non Soong along Friendship Highway. They also plan to clean-up other sections this week. Painting of the local temple is also on the agenda pending the procurement of paint brushes.

IT IS EVIDENT that these members of the club are a very conscience group and will continue to contribute to our ever important role in civil affairs in Thailand.



CLEANING UP GARBAGE ISN'T AN EXCITING thing to talk about but these members of the club actually had fun.

FACT SHEET



SAMUAL F.B. MORSE, WIDELY REKNOWN FOR HIS INVENTION OF THE TELEGRAPH AND MORSE CODE, IS LESS KNOWN FOR THE FACT THAT HE WAS AN ARTIST!

HE HAD A PARTICULAR PASSION FOR PAINTING MINIA-TURE PORTRAITS!

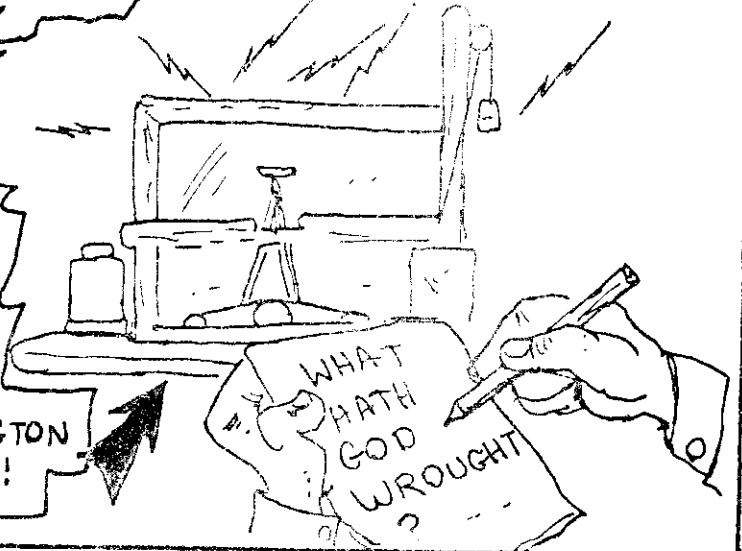
HE HIT UPON HIS TELEGRAPH IDEA FROM A CHANCE CONVER-SATION DURING A VOYAGE BACK FROM EUROPE!



FOR YEARS HE PLEADED WITH UNCLE SAM TO FIN-ANCE HIS VENTURE, BUT WAS SNUBBED UNTIL...

IN MAY, 1844 HE SENT HIS FIRST MESSAGE ACROSS THE WIRE...

... 1843 WHEN CON-GRESS AP-PROPRIATED \$30,000 TO BUILD A LINE FROM WASHINGTON TO BALTIMORE!



Word Search

Featured in this issue's Word Search are the countries of the western hemisphere (which are North, South, and Central Americas). Good Luck!

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Winner of the GUF Award for May 11 was Bill Neiderhauser for attempting to maintain a low profile and a red beret at the same time. Downtown parties too?

Bus Sked

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1100	1,2,3,4
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2230	1,2,5
0030	1,2,5
0100	1,2,5

The 0030 bus run is Mon-Thu evenings. The 0100 run is for Fri, Sat, Sun, and nights preceding legal holidays.

Key for RMS TMP Bus Schedule

1. Back Gate to Udorn RTAFB
2. Front Gate " " "
3. Base Exchange " " "
4. 7th RRFS Flight Line - 6 Aerial/Port
5. Second Circle - Udorn
6. Sri Udorn Hotel
7. Chai Pong Hotel
8. Chareon Hotel
9. Paradise Hotel
10. Udorn Hotel.

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

1. The Charge of the Light Brigade took place in the area of the Crimean.
2. "Gloria" was written by Van Morrison and the Shadows of Knight made the recording famous.
3. Sir Laurence Olivier became a member of the House of Lords.
4. The Rolling Stones changed their lyrics from "Who killed Kennedy" to "who killed the Kennedy's" during the actual recording when word of Robert Kennedy's assassination reached England.
5. "Steamboat Willie" introduced Mickey Mouse.

Winner of the GUF Award for May 18 was Bob Ski who "couldn't resist getting in the last word."

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S WB

Here are the answers to last issue's word search featuring 21 of the 42 countries in Africa. Any winners??

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 E B I G A E R T H A N T H E T E A P O T

Quacky Quiz

1. In rock music, who is "Slowhand?"
2. What was the name of the children's TV puppet show that starred Sherry Lewis?
3. What was the name of the space capsule that sunk in the ocean because of a sprung door latch?
4. Name America's Great Lakes.
5. In what year was the first "fireside chat" broadcast by FDR?

Kobra-7 Interview: Chap. Bundick

For more than a decade, since his graduation from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, Chaplain Boblie Bundick has been spreading the word of God in both deed as well as from the pulpit. He graduated from Hardin / Simmons University in 1957 after completing his B.A. and earned a B.D. and a MRE degree from his graduate school.

Originally from Fort Worth, Texas, Chaplain Bundick received a direct appointment to CAPT. after Basic Training at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. Chaplain Bundick is 38 and has three children.

KOBRA-7:

Do you think that EM treat religion differently in the Army?

BUNDICK:

I don't think you can necessarily classify it the Army; I think I would make a distinction in being isolated from families overseas. Many have a tendency to let some things pass by while they're away than they ordinarily would if they were in the states with their families.

KOBRA-7:

Such as...?

BUNDICK:

Language. One of the sayings you hear quite regularly is that I'm going to have to shape up my language before I go back. And it's evident that many of the moral aspects that Momma wouldn't put up with either.

KOBRA-7:

Maybe it's not as easy in the states?

BUNDICK:

I think a man can live loose morally in the states as easily as he can here. There's no one watching over a man here. I really don't know how to classify it. I do see that there is a difference though in the isolated areas.

KOBRA-7:

What is your definition of morals...that is, do you feel that society or a man's individuality governs morals?

BUNDICK:

I think the group has a great deal to do with one's actions. I feel that for example when one is in his home-setting, his home environment, the setting in which he was reared, that it is much easier for him to follow the mores, and the moral teachings and concepts of his peers and of his contemporaries. When he comes away from this he goes into a totally new group and these same values are not there. It's much easier for him to take on the values and morals of that group.

KOBRA-7:

What determines the morals of "that" group?



BUNDICK:

I don't think you can put your finger on what determines it. Men have the God given privilege, and I do believe it's a privilege, of choice. God has made us that way where we can choose. I think it's wrong if we move to say a man can't choose.....I think this has to be. I feel that there are definite leaders of every group, this of course is an obvious thing.

KOBRA-7:

What determines this groups' morals?

BUNDICK:

The basic moral standard that most Christian nations at least acknowledge is the Ten Commandments. I recognize that we do not totally live up to the Ten Commandments - it's very obvious. It's for this reason that Christ came into the world because man didn't live-up to the Commandments. The sacrifice was made by Christ on the cross to make the way possible for man to be restored back to God.

KOBRA-7:

What is your main role as Chaplain?

BUNDICK:

My prime responsibility is to seek to help men in their relationship to God.

KOBRA-7:

What civil affairs projects are you continuing or hope to initiate?

BUNDICK:

We have continued everything that Chaplain Johnson had going. We are in the process of initiating some new programs. We will be starting a Protestant Bible Study group that will commence the first Sunday in June. This will be held in the Education Center and will follow the Worship Service at 10:45 am. We anticipate working with the children in Non Soong. Playing games, sharing Bible stories with them and generally playing with them.

THIS IS THAILAND**Wood & Ceramics**

WOOD CARVING, mostly making use of teak, keeps many craftsmen employed. Thais, who normally build only in teak, are unrivalled carpenters and furniture makers. Antique shops and furniture shops, with beds, tables and mirrors, often copied from antique models with as much delicacy as the originals, can be found.

THE CERAMIC CRAFTS had almost completely disappeared but have merged from their lethargy under the impulse of a few pioneers, who started off in Chiang Mai with the production of the Thai celadon copying Sawankhalok production of by-gone times. The success was immediate. The Siamese, who make use of numerous objects in terracotta, have remained excellent potters; it had been easy to reestablish a tradition which has not been completely forgotten because temple roofs have always been covered with beautiful varnished tiles manufactured locally. The renewal of old forms which is being attempted today results in unequal work and if some shades of the glazing of Sawankhalok have been discovered once more, the off-grey slightly tinted with blue, ochre or rose which was the mark of the old pieces, has not been successfully reproduced. Some factories have stopped making things by hand; a factory has been established in the suburbs of Bangkok for mass-produced crockery, bringing kaolin from Lampang and Uttaradit. Numerous shops scattered throughout the capital sell local ceramic wares.

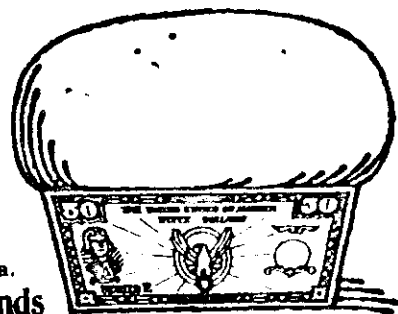
LACQUER WARE has been preserved in the north in Chiang Mai, but lacquered objects can be found in Bangkok in the shops selling local products. Two shops giving the range of most of what is produced have specialized in Thai craft products. These are Narayana Phand, 275 Iarn Luang Road and Thai Home Industries established in a Thai-style building on Oriental Avenue, a few steps from the hotel of the same name.

STRAW AND RATTAN PRODUCTS are one of the more interesting Thai crafts. The diversity and originality of forms, and the care which goes into the work make the baskets, cages, hats, and other objects as curious as they are charming. In all parts of Bangkok shops selling these products can be found. One with a good reputation is that which sells work done by prisoners in Mahachai Road.

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DID YOU KNOW that Dwight D. Eisenhower was the first President to fly in a helicopter in 1957?

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Facts on Laced Grass

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD about all the laced grass that has been showing up locally. It can be a real bummer getting into "Smack" unintentionally or coming up positive on a Golden Flow Test. Marijuana usage is illegal in the Army and under Thai law, however, many people take a chance and take-up anyway.

MARIJUANA HAS A BLAND vegetable-like taste much the same as dried leaves when it is clean (uncut). Colorwise, it is normally various shades of green or a light golden brown. This is also dependent upon how old the grass is.

OPIUM CURED GRASS is very dark, almost black in color, or splashed with dark spots. The grass will be very sticky to the touch and have a very bitter taste, much like aspirin (all opiates have a bitter taste).

IF THE GRASS IS IN a brick or bulk form and has been laced with red rock or white heroin, there will be either red rock on or in it, a red powder on the grass, or a white powder on it. Heroin has an extremely bitter taste and greatly changes the taste of grass. It also will be very apparent that it has been cut, just from the drugs' effect.

THERE ARE also a fairly large number of the pre-rolled packs of joints that have been opium cured, heroin laced or amphetamine steamed. There is a very distinct difference between the effects of marijuana as opposed to the effects of amphetamines, opium, or heroin. Marijuana is a hallucinogen; opium and heroin are strong depressants.

THE GRASS HERE IS FAR STRONGER than grass found in the states and can sometimes act as a depressant. Because of this it may be difficult for an inexperienced user to tell the difference between the clean grass and the laced grass locally available.

WHEN YOU LIGHT your first "jay" you must come to the realization that you can be busted. Under Thai law you have no rights, for the possession of marijuana you can get up to a 200 baht fine and 90 days in jail, for use 200 baht fine and 90 days in jail. The U.S. Army and Consulate can do nothing to get you out of jail after the sentence has been given.

COMMUNICATION

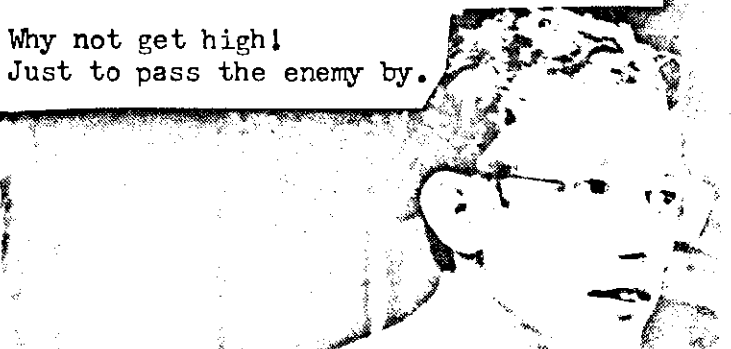
More time, that is all I need now, Weird thoughts keep crushing my brow, You ask, she bothers me how?

I feel so downcast, the thickness of a shadow, stands taller than my past.

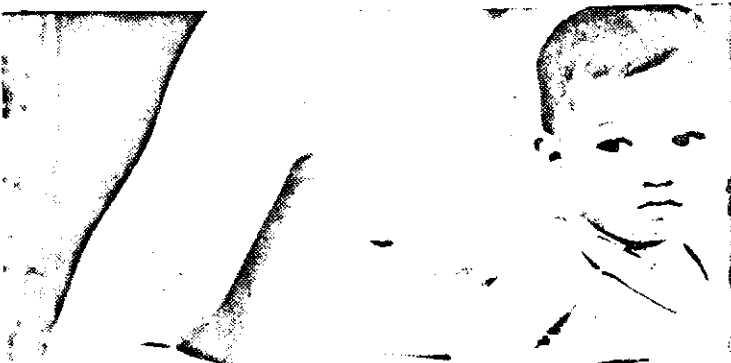
Why the highs and lows in such a short span? All very perplexing, does anyone understand?

Uptight, clean out of sight.
Time, I have been caught in her plight.

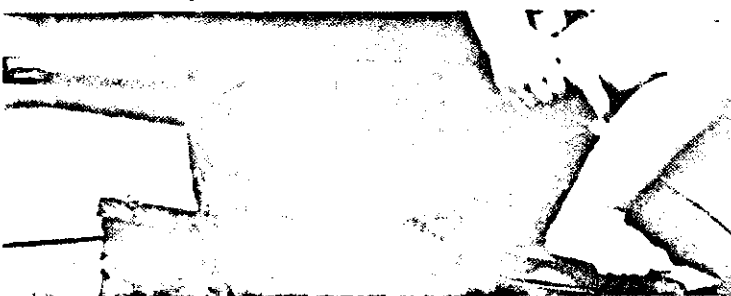
Why not get high!
Just to pass the enemy by.



Let her come crashing down around my ears.
I cry, yet nobody hears.



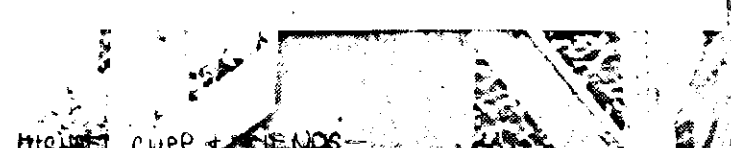
Harrowing experiences crowd each new day,
To make it through each is a triumph I say.



To late to worry about such deep scars.
They number as many as the stars.



Express ideas, words or wisdom and wit
with ease.
Oh, how I wish I could say all of these.



Unique you say. So easy, must be another way. I must escape this bothersome day.



You try, "sorry too busy", take care of your own little pest.
I am involved with my own situations, my own little mess.



Memories of days past, a future wasted:
never born.
Why at the seams am I so torn.



You must identify.
Is it too much to question why?



- Lloyd Thompson

AMERICAN HERITAGE:

MAY 25, 1787

The Constitutional Convention was an assembly of delegates who met in the Pennsylvania statehouse of Philadelphia during the period May 25 - Sept. 17, 1787, and drafted the constitution of the United States, which replaced the Articles of Confederation. The convention was called as the result of a demand for a stronger central government. By 1781, it had become extremely doubtful that the Articles of Confederation would be amended to create an effective central regime that would evaluate interstate commerce and effectively handle foreign relations. In the fall of 1786 the Annapolis convention issued an invitation to the states to send delegates to Philadelphia.

The congress sent forth a similar request and 74 delegates were chosen by 12 states. Rhode Island failed to appoint deputies. Only 55 men actually took part in the proceedings at Philadelphia of these, 39 signed the constitution.

THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION were distinguished in ability, education, and experience, though hardly more so than those of the second continental congress. Especially valuable were the contributions of George Washington of Virginia, who played little part in the deliberations but gave the convention dignity and prestige as its presiding officer.

THE CONVENTION QUICKLY DECIDED TO make a new constitution rather than try

to amend the Articles of Confederation. Its basic segments were contained in the Virginia plan, prepared by the Virginia delegation before the opening of the convention and proposed by Edmund Randolph. This plan called for the creation of a powerful central government, including a bicameral congress with the representation of each state based on its population or wealth.

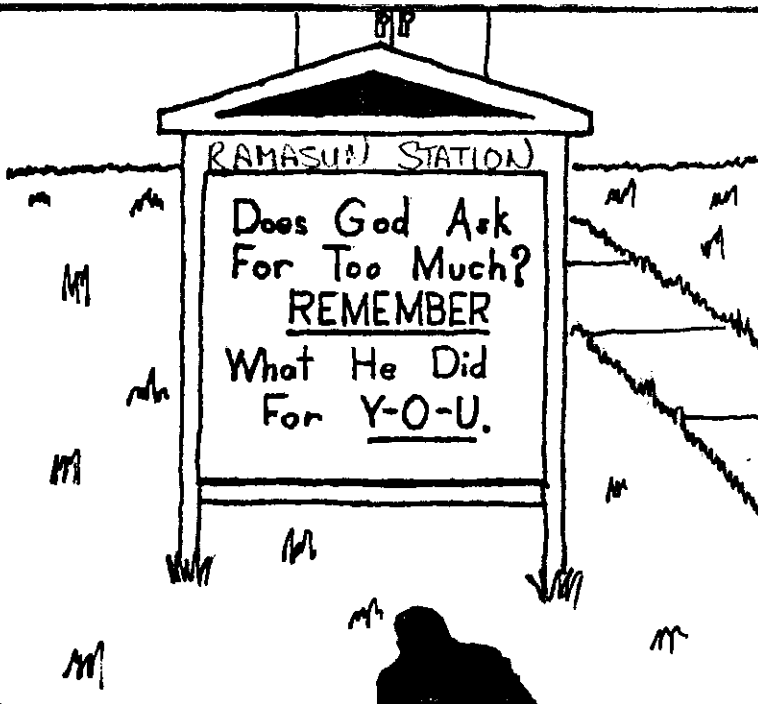
THE BASIS FOR REPRESENTATION in congress proposed in the Virginia plan encountered, however, serious opposition. From the time of the first continental congress each colony-state had possessed (as in the convention itself) one vote; the use of a ratio of numbers or wealth would obviously destroy that system and would give the larger states, especially Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia a heavy representation. Bitter protests came from delegates of the smaller states, who were moved not only by state pride but also, and especially, by fear

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Charlie Chaplain

Ernest G Engelo



Space Available Travel.....Why ?

by Joseph W. McMoneagle

Have you ever thought about taking leave from your overseas assignment utilizing space available travel to reach your destination? If so, then perhaps this article will enable you to prepare for some of the stumbling blocks which you will be faced with enroute.

PASSPORT:

Must be valid and contain visas for each of the countries you plan on passing through. Visas are obtained at the American Embassy in Bangkok and filling out a letter of introduction for each visa you require. Two visas must be obtained for the same country if you plan on passing through that country coming and going. You then take the letter of introduction to the respective country's embassy and apply for your visa(s). The normal waiting period for this visa is 24 hours from the time of application; although the Philippine Embassy makes every effort to process the visa for American military as soon as possible.

A SINGLE VISA COSTS NOTHING and sometimes two may be obtained at no cost.... solely dependent of course as to which secretary in charge is working when you walk in. There are visas with the word "gratis" stamped next to them. If you walked into the wrong secretary then the second and any additional visas will cost approximately \$7 each. When submitting for a visa at the Philippine Embassy you must have in your possession a valid passport and one passport size picture for each visa required. The picture can be obtained at any Thailand photo shop in Bangkok for the nominal fee of \$1.25 for two. You can also obtain your pictures on the spot (30 min.) any time, day or night, for a nominal bribe of \$12.50; that is if his wife doesn't throw a fit when you wake them.

GOING HOME ON LEAVE I had no visa in my passport when processing for a flight space available in Utapao. I was informed by the First Sergeant of passenger service at Utapao that it was no longer a requirement. Upon arriving at Clark AFB in the Philippines, I was promptly put on a Cl41 and sent back to Utapao AFB in Thailand, my original starting point of two days earlier (of course my bags continued right on to Japan without me).

SHOT RECORDS:

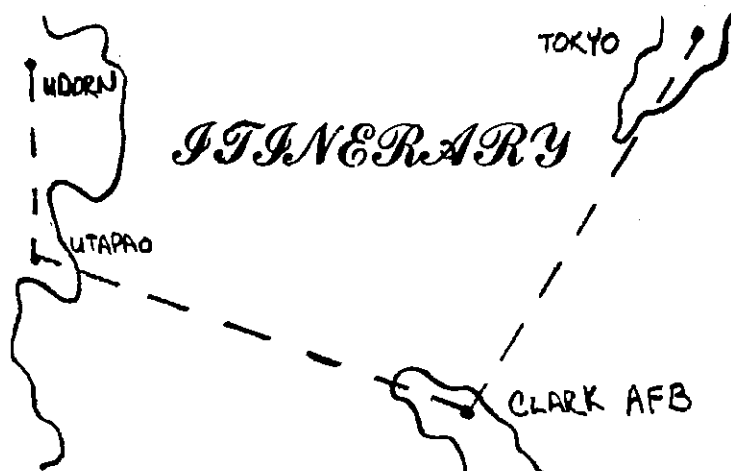
Insure prior to leaving that you have already obtained all of the shots required. When walking up to board the plane you will sometimes be asked to see your shot record. If your shots aren't

up to date, they will confiscate your boarding pass and you will be sent to the dispensary. Also remember that shot requirements and dates are sometimes different in the Air Force. You can have your shot record checked for correctness every place you go.

UNIT ORDERS:

A unique situation exists here concerning unit leave orders and special care must be taken when the orders are cut to insure that needed statements are on them. Some of the problems I experienced seem almost comical now, but not when I was sleeping in chairs for six days in overcrowded terminals.

OUR UNIT IS NOT PRINTED in the body of orders, but is located as a heading and the only reference to its location is "APO SF 96386." Thus as far as the booking clerk at Nicken was concerned, I was not assigned or authorized travel to Thailand. Your orders should also state "EM authorized travel to the following countries while on leave."



CUSTOMS:

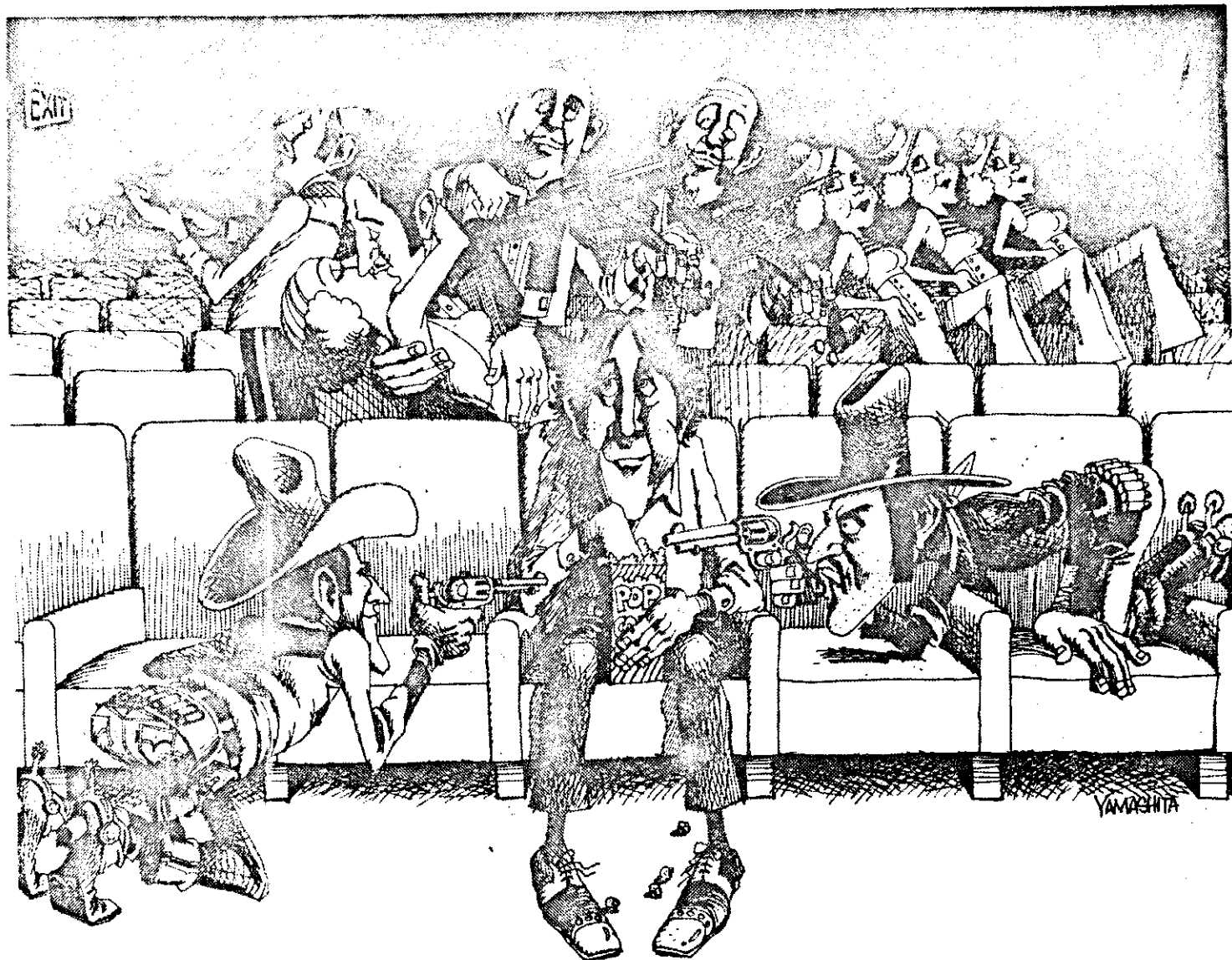
You are required to process through a complete shake-down at every stop regardless of country (US included), the worst being Clark AFB. Here they will dump all of the contents of your brief case and bag on the table and check it thoroughly including your wallet. They are not very neat about it and if you are bumped five times you will be checked five times. Obscene literature is as much an offense as carrying a weapon or drugs. Cameras will be opened regardless of film. A pocket knife is considered a weapon and in cases where your uniform sets off the alarm, you will be subjected to a complete physical search.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- They do not show favoritism at any terminal. The AF personnel I travelled with were in-charge of passenger service and air freight at Korat and still took 11 days in returning.

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RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE



Flick Sked

"picks"

21 MAY *Dr. Phibes Rises Again
 22 MAY *The Barefoot Executive
 23 MAY +*Junior Bonner
 24 MAY " "
 Late Shows - You Can't Win 'em All
 (Tony Curtis - Charles Bronson)
 25 MAY What the Peeper Saw
 26 MAY Z.P.G.
 27 MAY The Legend of Nigger Charley
 28 MAY " " " "
 29 MAY The Andromeda Strain
 30 MAY +Ulzana's Raid
 31 MAY " "
 Late Shows - Panic in Needle Park
 (Al Pacino)
 1 JUN There's A Girl in My Soup
 2 JUN Night of the Lepus

* - Football Highlights
 + - 75¢ Admission, all others 50¢
 Late Shows are at 2030 and 2330 only.

SUN	1430	1830	2330
MON		1830	
TUE		1830	2030 2330
WED		1830	2330
THU		1830	
FRI		1830	2030 2330
SAT		1830	2030 2330

WHAT THE PEEPER SAW

This flick is keyed to turn you on to terror! It tells of the chilling story of a charmingly evil adolescent boy who destroys the love of his parents. The Joseph E. Levine presentation stars Mark Lester as the boy, Marcus, Britt Ekland as his attractive stepmother, and Hardy Kruger as the father who stubbornly refuses to believe anything bad about his son. Marcus plays a strange game pitting stepmother against father, driving a wedge between them deeper and deeper.

THERE'S A GIRL IN MY SOUP

Peter Sellers plays a TV personality who has a roving eye for girls. An accidental encounter with Goldie Hawn, who is having some free-love domestic problems blossoms into unexpected love and compassion between the unlikely pair. At the fade-out Miss Hawn is (probably) going back to her lover because she says "He needs me", while Sellers simply has gone straight.

Compromise P.G. 10

that members of the congress from the large states would combine their votes to dominate it. Clinging to their belief that the votes of the large states would be cast in this manner - although Madison correctly declared that voting would be in accordance with sectional, economic, and social beliefs rather than according to state size - the small states insisted upon equal representation of the states. After some weeks of discussion it became evident that constitutional reform would fail unless concession was made to the small states. As a result the "Great Compromise," in which the Connecticut delegation played an important role, was arranged by votes taken on July 16 and 23. It called for a bicameral congress with proportional representation in the lower house and equal representation of states in the upper house, or senate.

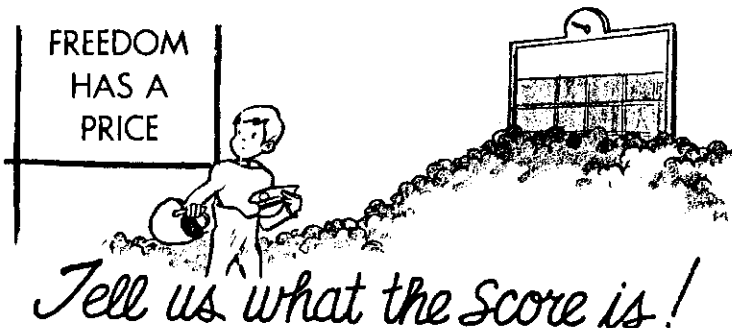
FURTHER AWKWARD DIFFICULTIES arose because of conflicting sectional interests, chiefly those of the south and the north. Northern delegates desired representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to wealth or free population. Those from Maryland southward insisted that Negro slaves be taken into account either as persons or property. On the other hand, northern spokesmen wished to count the slaves in the apportionment of direct taxes, while southerners were not eager to do so. The southern delegates desired pro-

hibition of export duties and laws that might give northern merchants a monopoly of southern maritime trade. Men from the deep south also desired a bar against action by congress to destroy the slave trade. After sharp disputes a compromise was finally reached on Aug. 29. By its terms, export taxes were forbidden; the slave trade was exempted from federal interference for 20 years; and passage of navigation acts by simple majority was permitted.

MEANWHILE, THE CONVENTION REACHED the agreement of various political devices. It enumerated the powers of the central government; provided for a single executive chosen by a complicated system in which the voters, the states and the congress were all to play parts; laid down an outline for a federal judiciary; and adopted a system of checks and balances designed to prevent domination of the federal government by the president, the congress or the judiciary. They declared the constitution as the "supreme Law of the Land." They also failed to insert a full federal bill of rights, in part at least because they thought one unnecessary.

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DELEGATES refused to approve the constitution, it was referred to the states by the old congress, and was endorsed by 11 state conventions by July 1788. North Carolina and Rhode Island withheld their sanction until after the new federal government was put in motion in the spring of 1789.

(Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica)



Travel Tips... from P.G. 11

- Don't aggravate the man behind the desk. You'll never make any plans to the next stop.
- Make sure you put a copy of your leave orders in each suitcase, and each bag is tagged with your next destination point.
- Never leave the terminal for any reason, as there will always be unsked flights at all hours of the night.
- Pair-up with someone and take turns sleeping. This way at least one can watch the baggage and listen for flight information (or at least have the sense to lock-up your luggage in the lockers).

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- If your leave time runs out, don't ask the Army ATCO desk for aid - they won't help you and will not even let you use their phone. (ed. note - AMEN!)

- Do not call any of our related units within the area either. AUTOVAN lines are nearly extinct.

- Last but not least, a subject close to our hearts - have a haircut and a shave and clean shoes-uniform prior to boarding a plane. One man was sent back to the barbers three times (the third under MP escort).

I STRONGLY SUGGEST AND ADVISE for all the hassel involved, and time lost which counts as leave (seven going and 11 coming back), that it is well worth \$650 for the cost of a roundtrip ticket to fly in comfort as a civilian on a great Silver Bird that serves drinks. Then, if you are delayed at least it will be in comfort and at the airlines expense. My total expenses for going and coming totalled in excess of \$345, and I most emphatically could have done without the experience.

Marriage, Occult, Possession, & Satan... PG. 7

KOBRA-7:

How about the orphanage?

BUNDICK:

We will receive an offering for the Children's Home on the first Sunday of every other month. Then we will receive an offering for Brother Cornelius, who does construction work for the Catholic people in Thailand. We will be receiving offerings for the Leper Clinic, the Leper School and other worthwhile projects like this and we feel like the Lord might have something in mind that we could do. Leprosy is a big social problem.

KOBRA-7:

What aspect of your work gives you the most self-satisfaction?

BUNDICK:

Working with people. The contact with the troops that I have.

KOBRA-7:

How do you feel about marriages into another culture?

BUNDICK:

Well, it poses lots of problems. When one looks at marriage there's lots of things that has to be worked out.- when two people come together to be one, which is literally the Biblical concept of marriage. When there are many, many differences, which I refer to as "drastics", drastic differences, it makes it much more difficult to make it a lasting marriage. I just read yesterday where the marriage failure rate in the states is about 40%. But the marriage failure rate, according to the study just completed by USARSUPTHAI is 85%+ on American-Thai marriages. This is more than twice the failure rate of American marriages. This is tragic. This is the reason that command has placed the restrictions they have on these marriages. It is necessary that these hopefuls come to the Chaplain to ensure that they are aware of some of the problems that relate to these marriages...such as prejudice. I have counseled men in the states that have married Thais, taken them back to the states and wouldn't take them out to dinner because they were ashamed of them. These are real live issues. Concept of love, concept of morals, concept of family, concept of country. As I sit here, I'm glad I have had the opportunity to sit in a similar chair in the states and dealt with the problems after the fact of the marriage. As I talk to a fellow here I can see the fellow I talked to that was ashamed of his Thai wife in the states.

KOBRA-7:

Can you perform marriages at Ramasan?

BUNDICK:

A marriage is between the clergyman and the participants and if I have reservations of conscience, there is nothing that can force me to participate because this is something that I do as a clergy-

man that I have to have a clean conscience. I will not participate in a marriage that I feel could not function. I feel that if one comes to a Christian clergyman for marriage, the assumption I make is that they are desirous to make a Christian home. I feel my responsibility is to help that couple to establish a Christian home and I take seriously my role in this and I require counseling to help them understand the roles of husband and wife.

KOBRA-7:

What occupies your free time?

BUNDICK:

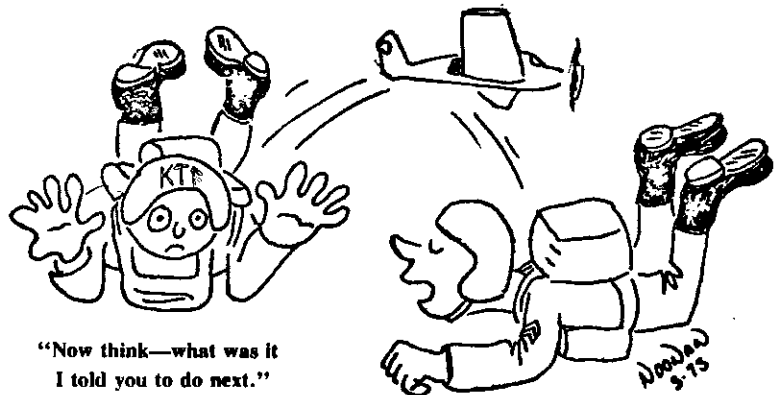
Well, since I've been here I've tried to get a hold of things and have not had a lot of free time. I've done some work in the craft shop. I have not gotten out as much as I'd like to to see the countryside.

KOBRA-7:

Have you read "The Exorcist"?

BUNDICK:

No. I have read several books in the area of the occult. The Bible speaks of prophecy of time concerning the rise in the drug culture and men who would turn away from God. It's amazing that the Revelation uses the Greek word "Pharmakea" the word for pharmaceutical. It's ironic that it's associated with this occult.



"Now think—what was it I told you to do next."

KOBRA-7:

Do you think a person could be possessed?

BUNDICK:

Oh, definitely! The power of Satan is alive and real. Never deny it. Satan is powerful also. I stand to say that God can change your life, God can give you purpose, God can make your life more complete; if so, great power is available, but at the same time, Satan has great power also. He works in this world and all of these various things that are utilized, I have no doubt about, but it is not the power of God...it is the power of Satan.

KOBRA-7:

Do you believe in Astrology?

BUNDICK:

It's another area of the occult. Don't sell short all of these things...to deny them is to close our eyes.

JOHN F. KENNEDY was the 35th President of the United States, the youngest man and the first member of the Roman Catholic faith to be elected to that office, was born May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. On Nov. 22, 1963, he became the fourth U.S. president in history to die by an assassin's bullet when he was shot by a sniper in Dallas, Texas.

THE NEW PRESIDENT set the tone of his administration in an inaugural address that pledged his best efforts to help the "peoples in the huts and villages of half the globe" to help themselves, proposed that the free world never fear to negotiate with the communist world but never negotiate out of fear, and urged Americans to "ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

THE HIGH CALIBER of his cabinet and other major appointments and the boldness and breadth of his legislative proposals won the president wide political support during the early months of his administration. His zest, energy, and wide-ranging interests, combined with the attractiveness of the young family in the White House, also helped produce the atmosphere of a political honeymoon.

FOREIGN PROBLEMS brought this first phase to an end by early summer. An attempt to aid Cuban emigres to invade Cuba and overthrow its dictator, Fidel Castro, ended in failure when the administration declined to back the invasion with full military support. Communist and guerrilla forces in Laos and Vietnam intensified their operations without major counteraction by the United States. The Berlin crisis came close to explosion when the East German communist regime sealed off West Berlin with a wall; hostilities were averted but the deadlock over the city tightened. He won a major legislative victory when congress gave its approval to a program to reduce tariffs and stimulate international trade.

THE PRESIDENT MADE VIGOROUS USE of his executive authority and influence in opposing a rise in steel prices in April 1962. He won the approval of Congress for legislation to expand federal housing activities, raise minimum wages and broaden welfare programs.

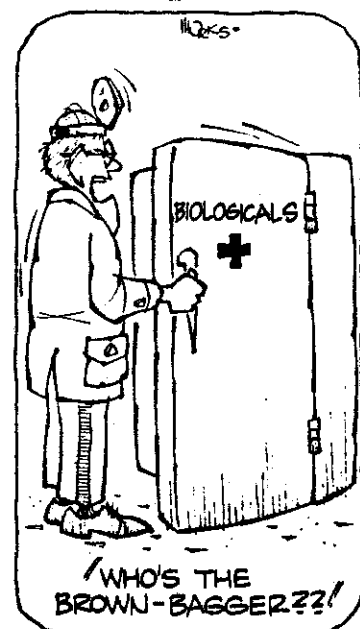
PRESIDENT KENNEDY ENTERED the 1962 election campaign in behalf of congressional candidates who were likely to support the policies of his administration, but his speaking tour was abruptly cut off two weeks before the election when intelligence reports revealed that Soviet long-range missiles and other offensive weapons were being installed on the island of Cuba. The president immediately returned to Washington, ad-



ressed the nation by radio and television to explain the nature of the threat to the nation's security, and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba to prevent the arrival of additional weapons. He called upon the Cuban government and the Soviet Union to remove all offensive weapons from the island at once. After a brief period of tension the Soviet ships carrying additional weapons turned back and Premier Nikita Khrushchev announced that rockets and missiles already in Cuba would be withdrawn.

THE TEST-BAN TREATY, initialled in Moscow in August and formally ratified by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. in September, obligated the signatories to conduct no further tests of nuclear devices in the atmosphere, on space or under water. Its supporters hailed it as a major advance toward lessening cold war tensions and eliminating the harmful effects of radioactive fallout.

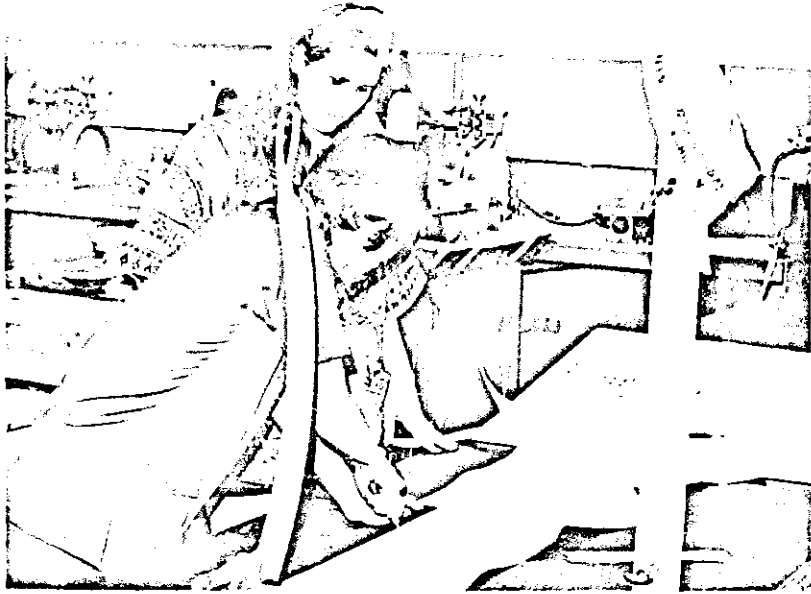
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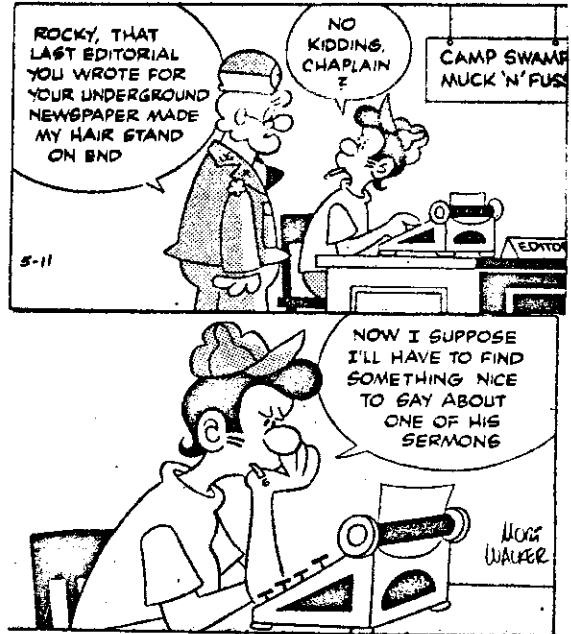
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editorial - bowling



LINDA HARTWIG gets some help cutting leather from the new Photographic assistant at the Special Services Craft Shop.



.....still sweltering.....

German Sports Award Hard To Get

HEIDELBERG, W. Germany (ANF) — Soldier-athletes stationed in West Germany are showing themselves and the German people what they're made of these days.

More and more American soldiers are training and competing for the German Sports Medal, recognized by the West German government and its people as a prestigious athletic prize.

To win the award, one must surpass minimum standards in five major fitness areas: swimming, jumping, strength, running and endurance.

The medal is given by the German Sports Federation in recognition of outstanding physical fitness attained by Germans or foreigners, military or civilians, males or females, and youngsters and oldsters.

Bronze, silver and gold medals are given, depending on one's age. A gold medal can't be won unless the participant is at least 40 years old.

The tests must be performed in front of two designated officials on approved test sites.

The German program is spotlighted in the April issue of Army in Europe magazine.

Recently, a group of men from the 8th Infantry Division, all over 40, took the test. All now have gold medals.

As any one of the 8th Infantry medal winners would agree, the test wasn't easy. Sweat, aching bones and muscles, determination, motivation, family understanding, late meals, months of training and skill are the main ingredients in winning.

'BOX' Scores

Paradise Pool - 12	Tokyo	2	
Playboy	5	Caesar's	1
Golden Gate	5	Golden Horse	1
Erma's	4	Jurpen	1
Venice	4	Moonlight	1
Aloha	3	Nit's Bar	1



CONSTRUCTION HAS FINALLY BEGUN for the expansion of the NCOOM's Ballroom.

SPORTS

REACH

COBRAS CAPTURE TITLE

IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS REQUESTS from troops for a PT program, the command has yielded and will institute project REACH. Reliable sources indicate that the first phase or the initial test will be conducted before the end of the month.

by Dan Guers, Sports NCO

ALTHOUGH ALL ASPECTS of the project have not been finalized, the following describes the highlights of the proposed program: All personnel, officers, NCO's, and enlisted will participate. The program will be conducted during non-duty hours. The 1st phase of the program consists of a 1 1/2 mile run intended to determine an individual's physical condition. Depending upon age and time required to run the 1 1/2 mile course, an individual is placed in one of five categories. An individual in category 4 is considered to be in good condition.

The Ramasun Cobras, led by Tourneys most valuable player Bob King, literally tore up the opposition at the recently held, USARSUBTHAI fast Pitch Softball Tournament. In winning the Tournament the Cobras played a total of three games and won them all by 12 runs or more.

After a day off Ramasun again hosted Bangkok who defeated Samai San to win the losers bracket. With Doc Frazier getting the starting nod the locals went to work posting a 14-2 victory and walked away with the first place trophy.

In the first game against Luipurer Cobras tounded the opposition 22-0. Jess "Doc" Frazier was the hero of the game as he struck out 16 batters and hit two home runs. The second game found Air Forces' Tom Smart on the mound for Coach Lyndes' Fighting Cobras. Smart held Bangkok at bay, while striking 10 with the locals coasting to a 13-1 triumph. The big sticks in this game were Bob King, Steve Bailey, and Mac Brown. King and Bailey both hit two run homers.

CAT	Under 30	30-39	40-49
1.	16:31- +	17:31- +	18:31- +
2.	14:31-16:30	15:31-17:30	16:31-18:30
3.	12:01-14:30	13:01-15:30	14:01-16:30
4.	10:16-12:00	11:01-13:00	12:01-14:00
5.	10:15- less	11:00- less	12:00- less

quiz answers

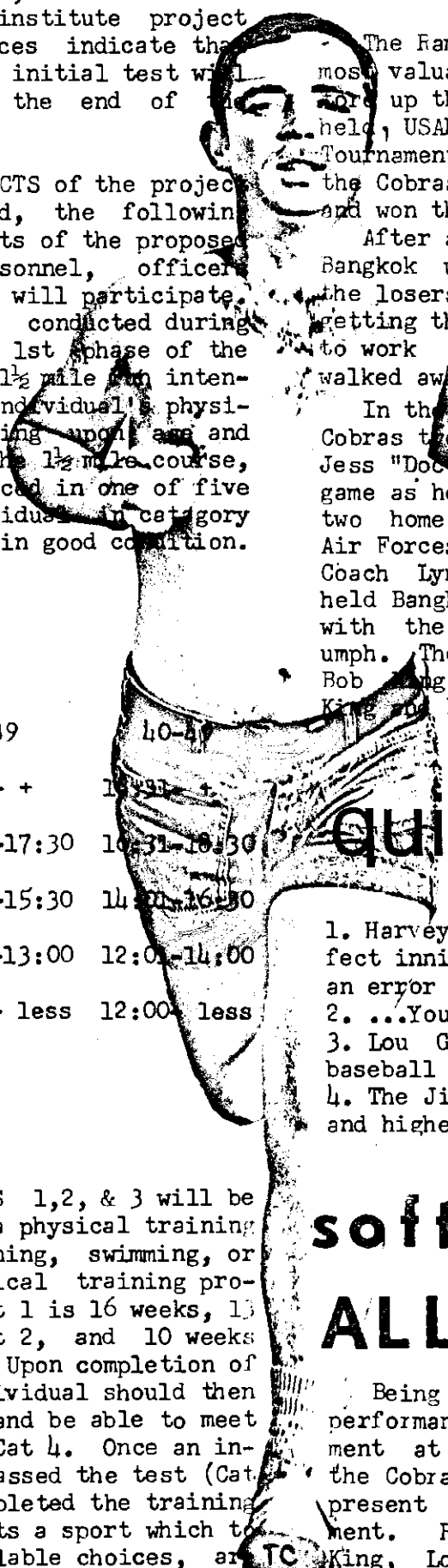
1. Harvey Haddix in 1959 pitched 12 perfect innings only to lose in the 13th on an error and a hit.
2. ...You tell me?
3. Lou Gehrig won the triple crown of baseball in 1936.
4. The Jim Thorpe award is the oldest and highest professional football award.

INDIVIDUALS IN CATS 1,2, & 3 will be required to select a physical training program of either running, swimming, or bicycling. The physical training program for those in Cat 1 is 16 weeks, 13 weeks for those in Cat 2, and 10 weeks for those in Cat 3. Upon completion of the program, the individual should then be in good condition and be able to meet the requirements of Cat 4. Once an individual has either passed the test (Cat 4 or 5) or has completed the training program he then selects a sport which to participate in. Available choices, are jogging, swimming, handball, paddleball, tennis, or one of the station's organized sports.

softball

ALL-THAI TEAM

Being judged on their outstanding performance in the USARSUBTHAI Tournament at Samae San, several members of the Cobra team have been selected to represent Thailand in the USARPAC Tournament. Representing Ramasun are Bob King, Lou Renteria, Tim Wilbeck, Danyl Howard, Bob Smith, Steve Bailey, Jess "Doc" Frazier, Dennis Gordon, and Mac Brown.



KOBRA - 7

PIN UP
#14

... SCREENS,
RUNNING WATER,
OK! AS SOON AS
YOU GUYS FINISH
THAT SHAKEDOWN
IN THERE WE'LL
BE ON OUR
WAY!

AND THEY
ASK WHY I
LIKE LIVING
OFF POST!

PSSST! GI!
WHAT YOU DO
TO MY BUNGALOW?

ANDY

