

Gen. Clay Says U. S. Must Remain in Germany Until Picture Is Clarified

By Esther Van Wagoner Tufty

BERLIN—American occupation of Germany will not be "quickie." No responsible British, French or American official will predict a departure date, but all agree it will not be soon.

In an exclusive interview, MILITARY GOVERNOR FOR GERMANY, General Lucius D. Clay spelled it out this way: "We must stay in Germany with reduced forces and retained authorities until we are certain what type of Germany we are going to get."

If you expect to get a decent Germany you have to treat Germany with reasonable decency," said the General, adding, "You can't knock Germany about without the people deciding their only chance for a future is by fighting."

Some Real Progress This conviction is what's behind the bipartisan American policy "to stay with the occupational job long enough so Germany can become a vital and peaceful part of Europe."

Some real progress has been made toward getting a democratized Germany. Its more apparent in Berlin than elsewhere in Germany. This may seem strange back home where Berlin was considered the capital of Nazism. Actually, the German capital was the last to succumb and is today the leader in democratic spirit. Hitlerism was born and flourished in Bavaria, not Berlin.

With undebatable relish, General Clay talks of some "accomplished gains."

Prestige Has Been Socked "This has been the worst year for the Communists," said Clay. Democracy won in the elections in Italy. Finland refused to bow to Communist pressure. Democratic revolting broke out in Yugoslavia. The blockade of Berlin failed.

The prestige of the Soviets has been socked. "We forgot," Clay said, "just a short year ago we were worried Communism would come into power."

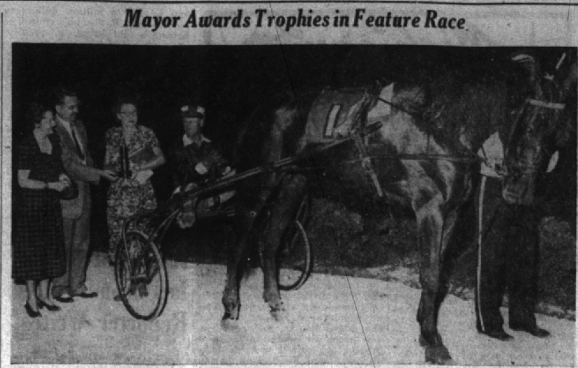
Every day in Berlin brings forth new anti-Communist speeches, statements, actions by German leaders who are risking their lives, political and otherwise, convinced their own people prefer democracy to Communism.

Encouragement is also seen in the custom of the Germans never "to follow failure" and Nazism failed. (That can not be forgotten in this bombed-smashed city.)

But the job is far from done. No Federal Government The trick is "to get real democratic government functioning in each of the states, and then democracy will be difficult to eradicate." The general, who hails from Georgia, puts a lot of faith in states rights philosophy.

At present, there is no federal German government. Instead, on top sit the four representatives of the victorious countries. Of course, they don't sit together. The Russians walk out, as usual, and now one fourth of Berlin is run Soviet style using even a different currency. Today the "states" run along as best they can, reluctant to pass legislation with nationwide importance. The British, French, and American zones operate together as a Western bloc.

Has German Respect It's obvious in Berlin, and out in the state, that General Clay is with the respect of the Germans. So much so they ask worriedly: "Will Dewey, if elected, keep General Clay in Germany?" They wonder what the election in the



Mayor M. F. Mallender of Birmingham awarded the trophies for the Birmingham Trot at Northville Downs when this Michigan standardbred center was honored at Michigan's night harness track. With him is Mrs. Mallender (left) and Mrs. Douglas J. Walker, owner of the winning horse Hi-Lo's Hope from Byron Center, Mich. The sulky driver is Jack Williams.

Birmingham, one of the centers of Michigan Standardbred fanatics, was honored recently at the "new Northville Downs when the Birmingham Trot was the feature attraction. A large turnout of Birmingham horse-lovers was on hand for the event.

The Trot was made up of two thrilling heats, probably the most exciting being the second event over the 1 1/16th mile distance when Hi-Lo's Hope, owned by Mrs. Douglas J. Walker of Byron Center, Mich., came on in the

stretch to win in a very close finish from favorite Louise H.

Drives With Broken Leg The winner was driven by Jack Williams, who put up a splendid effort despite the fact that he was driving with a broken leg. He injured the limb in a spill at the

Mason City Fair in Michigan recently. He walks on crutches and has his leg in a cast.

Mighty Velo, owned by the popular Detroit Standardbred fancier William Dee, won the first half of the Birmingham Trot. Louise H. was second again.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

One Great American Trait

I always think it does a newspaper editor good to get out from behind his desk and see how folks in other parts of America look, and think, and act.

And that's what I've been doing these past weeks, touring the country from Michigan to Texas, California to Maine. It's a mighty encouraging experience. Not only because of the different points of view you run into—but because of the tolerance which reconciles those different points of view.

I mean the tolerance of a Pennsylvanian farmer for the habits of his city cousin; the tolerance of folks who vote one way towards those who vote another; the tolerance of those who prefer spring water towards those who enjoy a moderate beverage like beer.

From where I sit, it's that great American trait of tolerance—respect for individual tastes and liberties—that makes this country strong. Let's never lose it!

Joe Marsh

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