



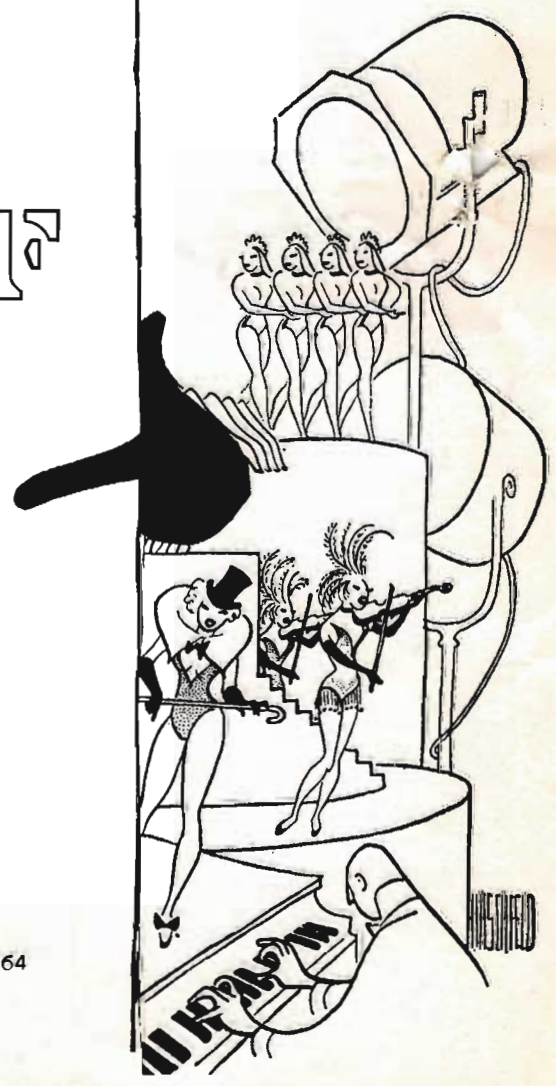
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The Boston you see today is the capital city of the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with a population of over 2,550,000, in its Greater Boston area which covers 1062 square miles. Boston has grown from its small pioneer settlement into a great modern manufacturing and commercial center. It boasts of two hundred universities, colleges and schools, of which the major ones are Boston University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Radcliffe, Simmons, Tufts, Wellesley, Boston College, New England Conservatory of Music, Northeastern University and Massachusetts School of Art. Two hundred and twenty-four libraries supply more than four million books to the public, and there are five museums which are open to visitors. Can anyone question the title "City of Culture"?

Province Steps located on Province Street between Bromfield and School Streets. All that remains of the magnificent 17th century Home of Peter Sargeant.

At very least, we're not forgotten. 19 members sent us this clip from:

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The Mail-Order Spooks

The request sounded legitimate enough to the Public Information Officer of the U.S. Army's 24th Division, stationed in West Germany. And so for months a copy of *Taro Leaf*, the unit's weekly newspaper, had been neatly stamped, sealed and mailed off to the "Combined Allied Forces Information Center," c/o Post Office Box 14940 in Hong Kong. Since the newspaper was freely handed out in Army commissaries, and even Munich and Augsburg hotel lobbies, nobody at the 24th Division gave the matter a second thought. Neither did anyone at VII Corps headquarters, which happily accepted a similar subscription request for its newspaper, *Jayhawk*, from the official-sounding CAFIC.

Then an alert officer read about it in *Stars and Stripes*, which reported with innocent pride that *Jayhawk* "can claim some of the most distant readers among unit publications. It's a long way to Hong Kong, but Combined Allied Forces Headquarters there has renewed its subscription for 1964." A quick check revealed that there was no such thing as CAFIC. Indeed, it turned out that Hong Kong's P.O. Box 14940 was simply a mail drop for Communist Chinese spies. Though the newspapers contained no military secrets, Peking's intelligence agents apparently read them avidly for hints of U.S. army morale, announcements of troop movements, maneuvers and other tidbits that might fit into a larger mosaic of U.S. military effectiveness.

Last week red-faced officials announced that some revisions had been made on their mailing lists, and that tighter controls would be observed in the future. Peking had lost its subscriptions, and *Taro Leaf* and *Jayhawk* had lost some of their most avid readers.



Here's EUSTASIO (BOZO) CICENEROS at Schofield Barrack, circa 1941. Does anyone know him or his whereabouts? Please advise. One of our members wants to know.



BILL LEMON, 2 Barclay, Huntington Station, N.Y. writes us in an obvious - and justified - fit of pique saying: "...While reading Vol. XVII, number 1, I came across your Speaking of Flam, we've been flim-flammed with 2 - not 1, but 2-bouncing checks sent in by a member in lousy standing out of Huntington Station, Long Island, N.Y. If you get into that neighborhood, shy away from any civilian wearing a 15 year old Ike Jacket with a Taro Leaf on the sleeve. I have lived in this neighborhood for the past 9 years and during this time have attended all kinds of meetings and functions. Never have I met anyone who ever mentioned the 24th Division. I don't know who this character is, but I wish to say that this ex GI is not the one who would send in a bouncing check. I have a lot of friends in the Assoc., in other parts of the country, and would appreciate a line that Bill Lemon is not the one referred to....." Well, Bill Lemon, let's start it this way. You are a man! You are because you had the intestinal fortitude to write as you did. You are because we are lucky enough to know you personally and we think we know a man when we see one. Too, that Bill has many friends among us, we know. That Bill is NOT the "character" in question, we happily report here. That we had any other addresses at Huntington station, when we wrote the item, simply did not occur to us. For any embarrassment we have caused Bill Lemon, we publicly offer our apology and beg his acceptance. Happily, we reflect upon 7 years of editing this paper. If memory serves, this is the first time we've had to eat crow.

At long last we have it - the difference between a "fort" and a "fortress". It's really quite simple; if it has breastworks, it's a fortress.....

We have found a third Republican in our Club - VINCENT LA ROCCO of 208 Beech St., N. Massapequa, Long Island, N.Y. He's active in party activities there. Here's a clip from the party paper, of which Vince is Adv. Mgr.



VINCENT J. LaROCCO

Vincent LaRocco has been a Committeeman in the 151st E.D. - 4th A.D. for the past year. He resides at 208 N. Beach St. with his wife Barbara and three children, Dolores 12, Gloria 8 and James 4 and has been living in N. Massapequa since 1939. Vince was born in Brooklyn in 1923 and graduated Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades. He served 3 years with the 24th Infantry Division in the Pacific and participated in six amphibious landings; he was subsequently awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge etc. Vince served eleven years with the N. Massapequa Fire Dept. and rose to the rank of Captain; he is now an Honorary Member of the Fire Dept and is the President of the Exempt and Benevolent Firemen's Assoc. of N. Massapequa. He is a member of the Holy Name Society of Maria Regina R.C. Church. Vince works for the South Farmingdale Water District. Vince became active in the Republican Club 13 years ago and served as a Block Captain.

Sec'y. Henry reports that our Revere Fund holdings now go to 314 shares. Now worth \$3921.86. In his last report, at the Louisville Convention, the holding was worth \$3421.44. That's an increase of \$500.42 in just six months.....Welcome back as a member:

JAMES RUSSELL, of 357 Grotto Ave., Pawtucket R.I..... We try never to fail to ask a member when we meet him what he would like more of in our



copy. Invariably he answers with one word "Pictures". Well we're certainly obliging the majority with this issue. Luckily we've come onto a few oldies such as this one of LT. COL. DONALDSON, S-3 of "DIVARTY" in '42.

How many of you will miss on this one? It's LES WHEELER at Hawaii when, as a Major, he was serving Div. as Asst. AC of S, G-3... "I'll see if I can dig it up for you", said Tom gravely....."I think they're the best tamales I've ever eaten", said Tom hotly.....



.....We read the other day that the Battle of Lexington, which dramatically changed the course of world history resulted in 18 American casualties. We'll be sure to take you over to Lexington, and Concord too, if you join us for our Boston Convention next August....Two hunters had been sitting in a duck blind for several hours when the first flock came flying by. Harry, who always claimed he was the best shot in town, blasted away but nothing fell. Astonished, he turned to his companion and said, "Jim, you've just witnessed a miracle. Somewhere in that flock of ducks flies a dead one!"

Headquarters USAREUR and Division traded officers recently when LT. COL. HAROLD G. DEMOYA assumed command of 3rd Bn. 19th. Col. deMoya's previous duties were with the G-3 section at USAREUR. Former battalion commander LT. COL. GERALD C. BURCH, has been assigned to G-2 of Heidelberg Hqs. The new commander has served with the 82nd A/B Div, and the 2nd Inf. Div. in Korea. A '46 West Pointer, Col. deMoya returned to the Academy as tactics instructor. He also was a ROTC instructor at VMI. Col. deMoya is a graduate of the C&GSC and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Once the simple decision - to stop smoking - is made - and we made ours - the smoker has merely to survive the tortures rivaled only by the withdrawal symptoms of a mainliner. The first week produces a great craving, mental confusion, intense restlessness, lethargy, mental confusion, nervargy, mental confusion, nervand tremors, mental confusion....You know what we mean!!.....JAMES L. KIDD writes in from 12403 Orell Rd., Valley Sta., N.Y. He responded thusly when we sent him a complimentary issue: "Thank God for all men of the 24th, for they were the finest men I ever knew". Thanks Jim; now how about joining up? More typewriter doodles:

Phi Beta Kappa	AAAAA
Divided hen house	Co-op
2 big owls on a fence	OO-OO
2 baby owls on a fence	oo-oo

The "Freedom Trail" starts in Boston - here is where it all began - here are some of the nation's most famous historic shrines - Boston Common - the State House - Park Street Church - Old Granary Burying Ground - King's Chapel - Site of First Public School - Old South Meeting House - Birthplace of Ben Franklin - Old State House - Boston Massacre Site - Faneuil Hall - Paul Revere House - Old North Church - to name but a few - and all within 5 minute strolls of the Somerset. Historically, the Freedom Trail runs from the Mayflower Compact and the Charter of 1628, past the spire where Paul Revere's lanterns hung at the Old North Church, through and beyond the great anti-slavery speeches of the abolitionists Garrison and Sumner at Park Street Church. During this span Boston has won much for freedom. In Boston, the Charter of the Massachusetts Bay Company was transformed from that of a business organization to that of a working democracy. As the focal point of the American Revolution, Boston was foremost in protesting the tyranny of the British Crown, until it finally became necessary to take arms. Everyone knows how on April 18, 1775, Warren sent out the call to action. Revere and others carried it, and the fighting part of the American Revolution began. Everyone knows how Warren died at Bunker Hill, how Henry Knox brought the cannon from Ticonderoga and how Washington had them put on Dorchester Heights (now South Boston) to drive the British away. And since those days Boston has remained a monument to freedom. It has become embarrassingly tarnished in spots - but we've got the polish out; maybe by August, the dirty spots will be out of view - if not out of mind.

AUGSBURG. An officer who was instrumental in establishing the Army's first counter-insurgency course has assumed command of Bn. 34th. LT. COL. WALTER C. COLEMAN, former E.O. of Division's 2nd Brigade, replaces Lt. Col. Earl K. Buchan, who has been assigned as Div. Deputy Chief of Staff. Prior to his coming to Division in Sept. '63, Coleman was chief of the counter-insurgency section of the Army School at Oberramergau. While an instructor at the Army Special Warfare School at Bragg, from '58 to '61, he played a key role in organizing the first counter-insurgency course to be offered by the Army. Coleman is a graduate of the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff College.

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Mexican weather report:
chilly today - hot tamale.

We mentioned elsewhere Curley stories that you'll be sure to hear when you visit us in Boston in August. Perhaps it'll be the 1949 story when he ran for reelection as Mayor.

He had spent most of the term he was completing as mayor in a Federal prison serving a sentence on a charge involving a government war contract fraud. One of his opponents was a favorite son of South Boston, Patrick J. ("Sonny") McDonough, now a member of the Governor's Council. McDonough heard that Curley was hiring another South Bostonian named Patrick J. McDonough to enter the race in order to confuse and split his following. Hurrying to a probate court, McDonough made his nickname, Sonny, enclosed in quotation marks and parentheses, a part of his legal name so that it would distinguish him on the ballot from Curley's impostor.

That night Curley encountered McDonough on the stage at a crowded rally in South Boston, glared at him and said in a voice loud enough for everyone to hear, "I understand you've changed your name".

"Yes", McDonough said. "But I didn't change it to a number."

Curley became livid.

.....This one is credited to BILL DAVIDSON who sends us this photo of the Chicks' CO - COL. C.C. JONES - during Hawaii days.



← ARNOLD J. WEBB was his name when he was stationed at Schofield. Does anyone have a clue on where he is today?



Lobby of the Somerset Hotel.