

# Kagnew Gazette

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## NEW GAZELLE DEDICATED BY COL. CHARLES

### Another Means by which to Convey the Many Improvements to Kagnew Station

Kagnew Station in the past eight months has been the scene of many changes and improvements. The purpose of these improvements has been to make Kagnew Station a more desirable Post, at which to serve. However, there remained until now one major improvement to be made, i.e., — a printed newspaper. The answer is a monthly newspaper to keep Kagnew Station personnel informed concerning the various activities of the Post.

The Gazette staff, pleased with the opportunity to publish a printed newspaper, immediately set out to fulfill this obvious need. The *Corriere Eritree* in Asmara agreed to print the Kagnew Gazette with appropriate picture space. This and following issues will be distributed the last Friday of each month. Hence, another milestone in the history of Kagnew Station has been reached.

A representative of the Gazette interviewed Colonel Charles for a dedication introductory. This modest gentleman was reluctant for his name to be mentioned in the dedication, since he felt that credit should be given where credit was due. A good reporter, however, like a good dentist, gets what he goes after. Colonel Charles reply to our request was, "This newspaper is another in the series of improvements concerning the welfare and esprit de corps of troops at this station which has come about in the past few months. We have a new service center with many activities and a library that has been remodeled, books added and brought up to date; lights for the softball field and a fifteen piece band to add to the color of our entertainment. The chapel has been completely renovated with drapes and new furniture. It now appears appropriate that we should have an up to date newspaper so all concerned will have a better method of obtaining programs and information pertaining to these activities. I wish to express my appreciation for the fine job the editors of the Gazette have done in the past.

However, their efforts were limited due to the fact that they were restricted to the use of a mimeograph machine. This new paper is providing a technical medium comparable to the efforts of the editors.

The name Kagnew Gazette was chosen for the paper after much debating and studying. We dug through the history of Ethiopia and Eritrea and found the true meaning of Kagnew which left no doubt in our minds that the paper should be named as such.

After reviewing the following facts we are sure you will all agree that Kagnew Gazette is an appropriate title for this publication. Kagnew is the Ethiopian word meaning, "to bring into harmony", and, "to bring order out of chaos". The word Kagnew first appeared in Ethiopian history during the battle to Adawa in 1888. Kagnew was the name of an Ethiopian general's horse that, riderless, galloped towards the attacking Italians, heartening the Ethiopians in repulsing them. Successive attacks by the Ethiopians, led by the General mounted on Kagnew, defeated the Italians. Ethiopian legend states that St. George rode the horse in its first charge.

In 1936 when Ethiopia was again invaded by the Italians, an airplane named Kagnew, flown by an Ethiopian, inflicted considerable damage before being destroyed. After the war the name was given to a battalion of the Imperial Body Guard of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I. This was a select battalion, manned by picked personnel, and considered to be the best in the Army.

In 1951 the Kagnew Battalion was sent to Korea as a part of Ethiopia's support of the United Nations, where it distinguished itself in the field. The Battalion boasted that its men were never taken prisoner, but preferred to die fighting.

And that's the motto of the Kagnew Gazette — to be fighting giving you the best possible news available.

### LATE WORLD NEWS

#### Washington, AFPS/AFRS

Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland today challenged President Eisenhower's expressed willingness to negotiate with the Chinese Communists.

Not mentioning Eisenhower by name, Knowland issued a statement replying directly to the points and arguments raised by the President at his news conference this morning.

Knowland said: "In the long history of the Soviet Union and of the shorter history of Communist China, there is nothing to demonstrate that the Communist pledged word is worth the paper it is written on."

He went on to say that he found it hard to understand how the United States could negotiate with Red China "without the interests of the People of China being deeply involved." There is no need to negotiate a cease-fire, he said, because nothing can be achieved merely by the Communists stopping shooting. Knowland believes the Communists are now merely following a long established technique to prolong negotiations (as at Panmunjon) for the purpose of building up their striking powers.

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#### Hamburg, Germany, AFPS/AFRS

The world's largest tanker, the 47,000 ton "Al-Malik Saad Al-Awal" owned by the Greek shipping magnate Aristotle O. Onassis, leaves Hamburg Sunday for the Persian Gulf.

The "Olympic Maritime" Company here representing Onassis, announced that the ship has been chartered by the Socony Vacuum Oil Company of New York.

No mention was made of Onassis' former plans to have the ship become the flagship of a Saudi-Arabian tanker fleet.

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#### Kampala, AFPS/AFRS

The legislative Council today passed unanimously a bill forcing all Kikuyu, Luo and Herero tribesmen to leave Uganda within three months.

The measure was approved after G.B. Cartland, Acting Chief Secretary of the Uganda Administration, reported that a Mau Mau "cell" system has been established in Uganda and its scope has been widened to include the Embu and Herero as well as the Kikuyu tribes. Also he stated that Mau Mau "courts" have been functioning in Uganda and it has been discovered that tribes from Kenya have been bringing arms into Uganda.



Col. Orman G. Charles, Kagnew Station Commanding Officer, and Gazette Staff members (L. to R. — Pvt. James W. Goodrich, 8604 DU, Associate Editor; Sgt. Tyler C. Curtis, 8604 DU, T&E NCOIC; Cpl Brian Mather, 9434th TU, Editor; and William E. Lavash RMSN, Navy Comm Unit 3, Sports Writer) look over proofs for the first edition of the new Kagnew Gazette.

### Col. Hoffman, Maj. Merritt Assume New Positions

Lt. Col. Edgar F. Hoffman and Maj. John M. Merritt have been assigned new duties at Kagnew Station. Col. Hoffman is now the Post Executive Officer and the Deputy Post Commander for Logistics, and Maj. Merritt is the S-3 Officer and Deputy for Operations. The changes are due to the departure of Lt. Col. Orville L. Gentry from this installation. Col. Gentry, former Executive Officer and Deputy Commander for Operations, left Kagnew Station last week.

Col. Hoffman was assigned to this command in July 1954 as S-4 Officer and Deputy Commander for Logistics. The new Post Executive Officer entered the Army in March 1941 and was commissioned February 1942. During World War II he served in the Liege-Numer from the Battle of the Bulge to the end of the war. In 1949 the Colonel retired to civilian life and established his own contracting business in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was recalled to active duty in 1951 and was assigned to Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of the Southwestern Signal Corps Training Center. Here, the Colonel called upon his broad experience both as a Signal Corps officer and as a civilian contractor to swiftly and efficiently rehabilitate the post.



Col. Hoffman was graduated from Signal OCS in 1947, and attended the Command and General Staff College in 1954.

Maj. John M. Merritt, who has been at Kagnew Station since last July, has a military career spanning thirteen years. Before assuming the position of S-3 Officer at this installation,



the new Deputy for Operations served in Washington, D.C. Since World War II he has been assigned to Army War Crimes groups in Dachau, and served as Battalion Executive Officer and S-3 in Munich, Germany. He also served as an Intelligence Officer with the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. The Major's WW II duties include

### AFRS GETS NEW LOOK; NEW STUDIO ANNEXED

It was only a couple of weeks ago that a lighted "On the Air" sign, sole sentinel of Kagnew's Radio Station, AFRS., meant little more than "open mike" in the confined chamber which has served for many months as the station's studio, control room, office and record library. But within the last fortnight an amazing metamorphosis has overtaken the quarters of the "Voice of Asmara". Granted, the "voice" itself has not changed, but the physical surroundings from which it has originated have undergone considerable transfiguration. AFRS has assumed the proportions of a live, dynamic, functioning Radio Station.



Pvt. Bob Weisenstein gets the nod from the control room announcer as he prepares to air a program from the newly remodeled Studio A.

Perhaps it hasn't been too difficult to notice, from the listener's standpoint, that big things have been taking place at AFRS. Pointedly so in fact, for the listener has been subjected to manifold experiments over the air. He may have found the profound silences, the disturbing static, and the undulating volume distracting to say the least.

Now, as a result of the hard, tedious work put into the station by, primarily, the AFRS staff itself, in addition to a magnanimous helping hand from Captain Joseph Pignataro, the Post Engineers, and technical assistance from Naval personnel, Kagnew Station boasts a broadcasting unit that has all the facilities, all the flavor of professional radio.

Here, by means of comparison, are the improvements that have been accomplished, adding substantially to the physical quality of the station. First of all, AFRS now boasts two studios with the addition of a Studio A — fully soundproofed, and containing equipment suitable for the presentation of all regular programs aired by the station. The new studio furnishes almost duplicate equipment, thus expanding the broadcasting facilities to double what they were previously; instead of two turntables there are now four; instead of one microphone there are now three; and the possibilities opened by the new studio are extensive.

### U. S. Bans Polio Vaccine

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 29, AFPS/AFRS.—The U.S. government has banned all Salk polio vaccine produced by the Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, California, pending investigation of paralytic polio cases among at least six children inoculated with it in mid-April. A seven-year-old girl in Pocatello, Idaho, died yesterday of Bulbar polio, nine days after being inoculated.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, U.S. Surgeon General, reaffirmed the government's faith in the Salk vaccine at a hastily summoned press conference. He stated that the vaccination program throughout the United States will go ahead as scheduled. He added that his own small son will receive a vaccination in the near future.

The Public Health Service asserted its "complete faith" in the Salk vaccine, emphasizing the fact that the children might have been on the way to getting polio before they got the shots. Since they were only vaccinated in mid-April, the serum had very little time to develop any immune effect. The Service said the order banning all vaccine produced by the Cutter Laboratories was issued solely as a precautionary measure.

The Cutter Laboratory, one of six firms manufacturing the vaccine, complied immediately with the government's instructions to withdraw all lots of vaccine manufactured in its laboratories from distribution. The company has asked all Health Departments and others concerned to discontinue use of its vaccine immediately.

Hundreds of children of U.S. military personnel at Clark Air Force Base, Manila, were given the Salk anti-polio vaccine Tuesday. About 5,000 children between 6 months and 16 years old, will be given the vaccine at Clark, Camp John Hay and the U.S. Military Port of Manila, an Air Force spokesman said.

The serum was flown to Clark from Alameda Medical Depot, Calif.