General, Mrs. Allen makes two-day visit

Gen. James R. Allen, Military Airlift Command commander in chief, arrived at Pope yesterday for his first visit here since assuming command of MAC in July of this year.

General and Mrs. Allen are expected to depart Pope at 8 a.m. today en route to Charleston AFB, S.C.

"The purpose of General Allen's visit is to meet the people at Pope and observe the mission of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing," said Col. James W. Bushey, 317th TAW vice commander. "It is not a staff assistance or a fact finding trip, but an opportunity for the general to meet people and for them to meet him."

While at Pope the general toured various base facilities including the U.S. Air Force Airlift Center, Combat Control School, maintenance complex and flying squadrons.

Mrs. Allen visited the base housing area, the Chapel and the Child Care Center, among other base facilities.

General and Mrs. Allen were also guests of honor at a Noncommissioned Officers' Club luncheon and a dinner attended by Fayetteville civic leaders and Pope and Fort Bragg officials, officers and wives at the Pope Officers' Open Mess. The dinner was hosted by 317th Tactical Airlift Wing commander Col. Edsel R. Field and Mrs. Field.

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Pope rates on top in 21st

Pope had the highest reliability rate in the 21st Air Force in August, according to SSgt. Tony D'Arrigo, command post reports controller.

In August, there were seven delays out of 418 departures for a reliability rate of 98.3 percent. This percentage earned the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing an excellent rating overall.

The comparison was made against six other C-130 wings in the 21st Air Force. The next two highest ratings were percentages of 96.5 and 93.6.

"It seemed like things just went well last month," said SMSgt. Howard Gill, maintenance control superintendent. "Those problems we did have were overcome quickly.

"It take all agencies on base working together to make the mission go. That's what was accomplished last month."

Sept. 13-19

Base slates Hispanic week

Sunday through Sept. 19 is Hispanic Heritage Week--the 14th year that a week has been set aside to recognize people of Hispanic origin.

In 1968 Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing one week in September to be set aside each year as National Hispanic Heritage Week. Activities have been scheduled at Pope to celebrate the week.

Hispanic food will be served at the Officers' and NCO Clubs during lunch hours that week. The Hercules Inn will have the following menues: Monday, Spanish steak; Tuesday, Spanish rice; Wednesday, chili con carne; Thursday, burritos and tamales; Sept. 18, enchiladas.

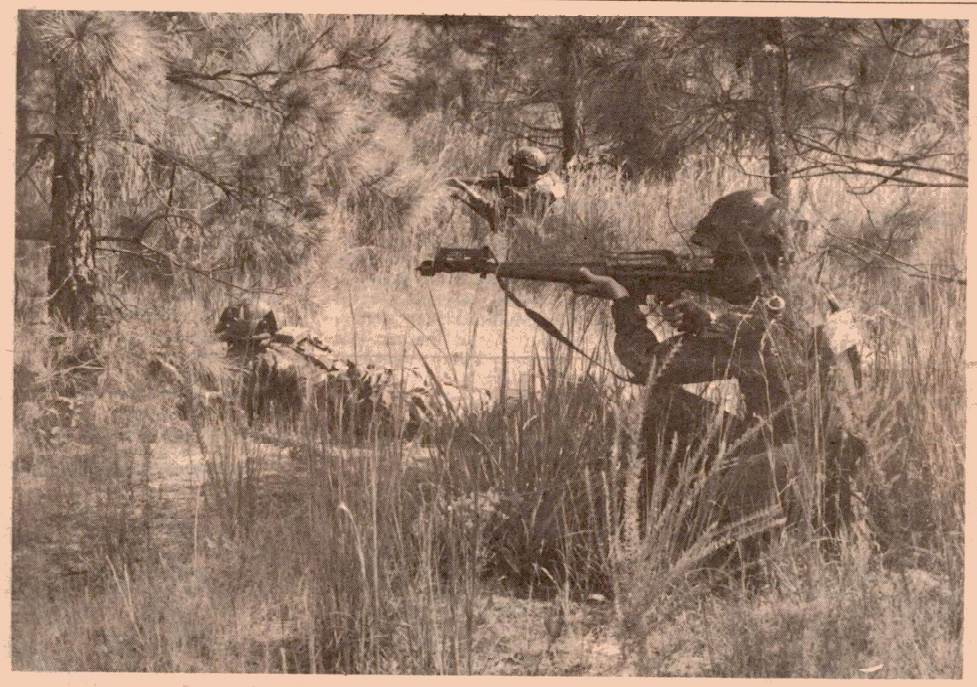
The Base Library will have a display on Hispanic heritage and films about Latin American countries and Spain will be shown at the Recreation Center Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

A Latin dance contest will be held at the NCO Club Sunday for all ranks. Prizes of $50, $30, and $20 will be awarded to the best dancers. Latin American Disco will be played at the club Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sept. 19.

A display of Latin American flags and dolls in native dress will be featured at the NCO Club Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. David Diaz, professor from Fayetteville State University, will be guest speaker at a Luncheon Sept. 18 at the NCO Club. Tickets can be purchased through squadron Equal Opportunity and Treatment representatives or from 1st. Lt. Jose E. Rodriquez, Ext. 2101.

Menu at the luncheon will be sliced ham, beef and cheese, potato salad, relish, deviled eggs, rolls and beverage for $3.



Peacekeeper Challenge '81

Security forces from Pope's 317th Security Police Squadron defend their positions during the tactics competition in Peacekeeper Challenge '81 at Pope last week. The policemen are using M-16 rifles equipped with the multi-integrated laser system (MILES) to measure firing accuracy. Pope's team finished a close second to Dover AFB, Del. in the event. See page 3 for additional photo and story. (U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Tony Ray)

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Reforger

Pope ALCE members go to Goose Bay

By Lt. Col. Charles Hamble

Sixty-eight Pope people have gone to Goose Bay Airport, Canada, to support Reforger '81 exercises by operating an Airlift Control Element team there.

The Goose Bay ALCE is responsible for command and control of 176 C-141 missions airlifting more than 8,500 people to Europe and is the primary control point for airlift flow in both directions.

The flow must be carefully controlled to prevent saturation of onload locations in the United States and in order to comply with silent routing procedures being used by flights going east to Europe. Under silent routing procedures, crews do not make position reports to air traffic control agencies but fly a prearranged track and altitude.

On the ground at Goose Bay, as each aircraft taxies in, it is met by maintenance and aerial port crews. The port people offload the passengers and escort them to a holding area to comply with Canadian customs procedures.

The maintenance people refuel the aircraft and repair any malfunctions.

Meanwhile the operations center has alerted a stage crew to fly the aircraft to the next location. The crew receives

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Pope AFB—"We put the Air in Airborne"

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News Briefs

Dining out

A wing dining out will be at the Pope Officer's Open Mess Sept. 25. The cost is $10 per person and the dress is white mess dress. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Robert D. Springer, Deputy Chief of Staff of Personnel, Headquarters Military Airlift Command. General Springer is a former vice commander of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing. Call Ext. 2581 for more information.

General Patterson to speak at Airlifters dinner

Brig. Gen. Robert B. Patterson, former commander of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, will be the guest speaker at the Airlifters Association Dinner Sept. 16 at the NCO Club.

General Patterson, Deputy Chief of Staff for plans at Headquarters Military Airlift Command, will speak on CX source selection.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The dress is casual and everyone is invited.

There will be a choice of entres: ribeye steak for $9.75 or boneless breast of chicken for $5.50. Reservations must be made by Sept. 14 by calling 4739. No cancellations will be taken after this date.

The Appalachian Band will play dance music after the dinner.

Explosive plaything

A 13-year-old boy had three fingers of his right hand badly injured Saturday when a round of practice ammunition he was playing with exploded at his home in Pope family housing.

The boy lost part of one finger and may lose part of another as a result of the accidental detonation of the nine-inch long M-73 sub-caliber practice round. The ammunition was probably found on Fort Bragg and brought to Pope, according to a Security Police spokesman.

"This is a recurring problem around here," said Maj. John Reichart, wing safety officer. "People find those things and think they'd make nice souveniers. Actually they're very deadly."

Family life seminar

A family life seminar will be conducted by Dr. Gary Bowen, senior member of Family Research and Analysis Inc. at the Base Chapel Sept. 23-24. Dr. Bowen has been contracted by the Air Force to study family life concerns.

The seminars will be given at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days for people in management positions. These classes will be limited to 24 people and sign up is on a first come first serve basis.

The general public is invited to attend Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Call the Base Chapel, Ext. 2676 to register.

40th TAS receives recognition for airlift

Certain Air Force members who took part in the 1976 Van, Turkey, earthquake support operation, including members from Pope's 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, may be authorized to wear the Humanitarian Service Medal, according to Military Airlift Command personnel officials.

Other units involved in the earthquake relief efforts were: the 435th Tactical Airlift Wing, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; 435th Tactical Airlift Group, RAF Mildenhall; the Military Airlift Support Center Europe; 5th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Mildenhall; TUSLOG Detachment 175, Incirlik, Turkey; and the 773rd Tactical Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas.

MAC airlifted much-needed supplies, including tents equipped with heaters, and blankets to an estimated 50,000 homeless victims.

In all, more than 519 tons of equipment were transported into Turkey, most of it by C-130s that set up a shuttle operation moving cargo from Incirlik into the Van airfield.

For more information contact the Awards and Decorations section, Ext. 4308.

Toll restrictors

The 1943rd Communications Squadron is having Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. put in toll restrictors on the base telephone system Sept. 16.

Base people will no longer be able to dial direct on their long distance calls. Anyone who dials "9" and then "1" you will be connected to the base operator. People will still be able to place official long distance calls through them by giving a control number. All telephone control officers have been given control numbers to use for long distance calls. Toll restrictors are being put in to control unofficial calls as directed by Air Force directives.

***FLU SHOT...*Col. Edsel R. Field, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing commander, receives flu immunization from SSgt. Leon McCoy, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Allergy Immunization Clinic, Thursday. Flu season has begun here and should last well into the winter, according to a clinic spokesman. Several patients have been treated at the clinic with flu-like symptoms. Flu immunizations are mandatory for all military people and are available for their family members if wanted. In recent years, reactions to the shots have dropped off with refinements in the serum used, the clinic spokesman said. (U.S. Air Force photos by Laura Carlson)**

Air Force facts

In last week's *Hercules Herald,* an article titled "Chain of Command" was run which contained several errors in fact.

Following is a correct listing of significant Air Force people.

Commander in Chief	**Ronald Reagan**
Vice-Commander in Chief	**George Bush**
Secretary of Defense	**Caspar Weinberger**
Chairman, JCS	**Gen. David C. Jones**
Secretary of Air Force	**Verne Orr**
Air Force Chief of Staff	**Gen. Lew Allen Jr.**
Commander in Chief, MAC	**Gen. James R. Allen**
Vice-Commander in Chief, MAC	**Lt. Gen. Robert F. Coverdale**
Commander, 21st Air Force	**Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler**
Vice-Commander, 21st Air Force	**Brig. Gen. Rano E. Lueker**
Commander, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing	**Col. Edsel R. Field**
Vice-Commander, 317th TAW	**Col. James W. Bushey**
317th TAW IG	**Col. James W. Bushey**
Commander, 317th Combat Support Group	**Col. Jerry Angell**
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Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	**CMSgt. Arthur L. Andrews (Bud)**
MAC Senior Enlisted Advisor	**CMSgt. Harry Davis**
21st AF Senior Enlisted Advisor	**CMSgt. Don Parrot**
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Pope's Sgt. Roy D. Whitson clears water obstacle (USAF photo)

Peacekeeper Challenge '81

Pope security police take second overall team championship

Pope's security police team won the combat patrol and M-16 rifle events in the Military Airlift Command championship of the first ever Peacekeeper Challenge '81 held here last week. The team finished second in the obstacle course and tactics competition.

Pope, which had no individual winners, was runnerup for the overall team championship won by Dover AFB, Del.

Eight teams from the 21st and 22nd Air Force made up of about 80 members competed for a place on MAC's Peacekeeper Challenge team. Those chosen for the team will go on to Peacekeeper Challenge '81, the first combat competition for security police units, federal agencies and allied countries worldwide, which will be hosted at Kirtland AFB, N.M. Oct. 29-Nov. 8.

According to Capt. Eugene P. Hindle, 317th Security Police Squadron commander, "the competition proved to be a highly successful measure of our people's ability to do their day to day mission. It demonstrated our ability to provide the security required by the U.S. Air Force as well as our ability to respond to war emergencies and terrorist attacks."

Although Captain Hindle said he was never satisfied with second best he thought Pope's representitives did well in their finish.

"Our resolve is to win in 1982," he added.

The six-day competition, involved law enforcement scenarios as well as security scenarios.

Winners in the team events were Dover in the revolver competition, McGuire AFB, N.J., in the obstacle course and Dover in the tactics competition.

Pope team members were: SSgt. Billy R. White, SSgt. Lee R. Jones, Sgt. Roy D. Whitson, SrA Malcolm Brown, SSgt. Jerry McGhee, Sgt. Terril G. Knoy, SrA Kevin M. Lange and A1C Kenneth Volk.

To attend 1981 AF Family Conference

Two local women join MAC delegation

Cynthia D. Aitshuler and Linda J. Hayes will represent Pope at the 1981 Air Force Family Conference at Bolling AFB, D.C., Sept. 17-18.

Mrs. Aitshuler and Mrs. Hayes will be among 35 delegates from Military Airlift Command bases to meet with representatives from other major commands to discuss areas of concern to Air Force families.

These areas are economics, moving, community involvement, health, child care, communication, education and research.

The objectives of the conference are to nurture pride and dignity in the family as an intergral part of the Air Force mission, to reinforce the concept of community and the Air Force way of life, to inform about and encourage participation in the Air Force Family Action Plan, and to cross-feed information on major command and base-level family programs.

Sponsored by the Air Force Family Matters Office, the conference will focus on the direction of the overall Air Force family effort. This is the second conference since the AFFM Office was opened more than a year ago.

"An initiative from the first conference was to establish family support centers at all Air Force bases," said Mrs. Aitshuler. "The FSC will become the focal point for all family matters and will service all Air Force people."

Four family support centers are scheduled for an 18-month prototype test in MAC, Tactical Air Command, United States Air Forces Europe and Pacific Air Forces.

Linda J. Hayes (Left) and Cynthia D. Aitshuler (USAF photo)

The FSCs will provide, at a minimum, the following services:

- Information/referral and coordination of family providers will be in the form of crossfeed between chaplains, family services, personal affairs, hospital and crossfeed to take advantage of local community services.
- Relocation service for those going PCS to another base.
- When the member is away or on temporary duty the FSC will be there.
- For referral and aid for families in crisis. These are such things as wife or child abuse, runaway children, death in the family, and drug and alcohol problems.
- The FSC will help people seeking employment.
- In the area of family development, the centers plan marriage enrichment and parenting programs.
- The center will provide courses for the young spouse who is unable to balance the checkbook or use credit cards properly.
- Services for families with special needs will include handicapped children and single member parents who need help.

Military officials explain tuition bills, free lunch policies

Instructions for handling tuition bills issued by area public schools and for applying for free and reduced price lunches were announced at Pope last week.

Tuition bills have been sent to some military families who have children attending local public schools as a result of recent cutbacks in Federal Impact Aid Funding. Maj. Harmon O. Massey, Jr., 317th Tactical Airlift Wing staff judge advocate, said that Pope families who receive any such bills should not pay them, but bring the bills to the Base Legal Office at their earliest convenience.

Families which fall within certain income brackets may also apply for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children attending Pope and Fort Bragg schools. Eligibility standards are based on income levels listed below:

Eligibility Scale For Free Meals Or Free Milk

Per Year	Per Month	Per Week	Family Size
5,600	467	108	1
7,400	617	142	2
9,190	766	177	3
10,990	916	211	4
12,780	1,065	246	5
14,570	1,214	280	6
16,370	1,364	315	7
18,160	1,513	349	8
1,790	149	34	Each Addit'l Family Member

Eligibility Scale For Reduced Price Meals

Per Year	Per Month	Per Week
7,970	664	153
10,530	878	203
13,080	1,090	252
15,630	1,303	301
18,190	1,516	350
20,740	1,728	399
23,290	1,941	448
25,840	2,153	497
2,550	213	49

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the school office.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. A statement of income and family size is required, plus a signed certification by the parent, guardian or other adult household member that the information is correct.

School principals will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision, he or she may discuss it with the principal or make a formal appeal to Ruffin C. Hall, Assistant Superintendent, Fort Bragg Schools, P.O. Box 70089, Fort Bragg, N.C.

If during the school year the family's size, income or employment status changes, the family should contact the school as their eligibility may have changed.

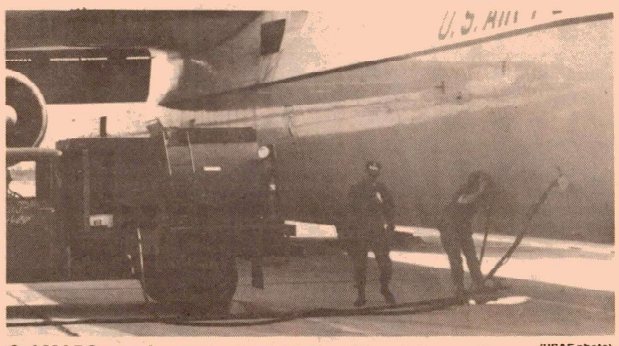
Bicycle rodeo planned

There will be a bicycle rodeo in the area adjacent to the Youth Center Sept. 19 between 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The rodeo is being sponsored by Eric Antley of Boy Scout Troop 759 as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Participants in the rodeo will have their bicycles registered and inspected before they compete in the rodeo. The rodeo will consist of various courses to test the bikers' skill.

All participants in the rodeo will receive a prize. Free refreshments will be offered.



3rd MAPS people service C-141B Starlifter at Goose Bay (USAF photo)

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weather and intelligence briefings prior to arriving at the aircraft.

All of these functions are performed within the authorized two hours and 15 minutes ground time.

The ALCE team consists of 19 officers and 116 enlisted people from Pope, McGuire AFB, N.J., Charleston AFB, S.C., and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Besides the air operation center, maintenance and aerial port people there are medical, intelligence, weather, security police, safety, fire and rescue, supply and transportation people--a complete mini air base.

From Pope, the ALCE cadre is manning the Air Operations Center under the leadership of Maj. Weldon Phillips, Maj. Carl Goolsby, and Maj. Ronald Allison. The operations center is augmented by members of the 39th and 41st Tactical Airlift Squadrons.

The 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, led by 2nd Lt. Victor Stack and 2nd Lt. Tracy Hardwick, has 28 people. Capt. Thomas Phiambolis and three medical technicians have established a flightline clinic to serve ALCE members and passengers.

Lt. Col. Charles Hamble is ALCE commander and SMSgt. Jerry Long is the first sergeant.

Pope recognizes people

Paul M. Lee, son of **Lt. Col. and Mrs. Howard J. Lee,** completed "knob week", a period of freshman indoctrination, at the Citadel Aug. 28. He will now take his place as a member of the freshman class at the military college in South Carolina. Colonel Lee is chief of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing's Inspection Division.

Three members of the Pope fire department graduated from schools at Chanute AFB, Ill., earlier this month. **Willie B. Bell, Jr.,** base fire chief, graduated from the Command and Control Course, **Edward T. Dudding,** graduated from the Rescue Course and **James L. Jones,** graduated from the Arson Investigation Course.

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Hispanic commentary

Values, traits of Puerto Rico

By 1st. Lt. Jose E. Rodriguez
Base Fuels Management

Lying between the Atlantic and the Caribbean, Puerto Rico is the eastermost island of the greater Antillas and is 100 miles long by 35 miles wide. Puerto Rico enjoys a year round tropical marine climate. This means on any given day of the year you can find abundante sunshine, comfortable sunshine, comfortable swimming water, mild temperatures and the refreshing breezes of a dependable easterly trade winds. The average island wide temperature is 84 degrees.

On Nov. 19, 1493, Columbus discovered Puerto Rico then called Borinquen by the Indians. One of his companions, a young nobleman, Juan Ponce de Leon, returned in 1508 with 50 Spaniards and founded the first settlement, Caparra, south of a great bay. This was 112 years before the Piligrims landed at Plymouth Rock. In 1509 the Spanish Crown appointed Ponce first governor. This settlement was moved to the present site of Old San Juan in 1521, so Puerto Rico's capital city is 44 years older than St. Augustine, which is the oldest city in the continental U.S.

Because of Puerto Rico's strategic location at the gate to Spain's Latin American empire, it played a crucial role in defending that empire against competing European powers. In 1898 Spain ceded the island to the U.S., Puerto Ricans becoming U.S. citizens in 1917. In 1948 we elected our governor for the first time and on July 25, 1952, the island became a Commonwealth voluntairly associated with the U.S. by a contract approved by Congress and Puerto Ricans at the polls.

The typical Puerto Rican adult was raised in a traditional, firmly stuctured world, based on respect for a supreme being, for the hierarchy of the community, and for parents. There was a promise of life after death, and established order among living men and a tacit recognition that each man has his "place" in that system.

Thus, one value often ascribed to Latin cultures is "fatalism," the belief that life is controlled by supernatural forces, that one should be resigned to misfortune, and rejoice when some divine decree, perhaps in response to prayer, brings good fortune. The impoverished (and sometimes the wealthy) Puerto Rican will often say "Acepto lo que Dios me mande" (I accept whatever God wills for me). This stoicism chains a man to his destiny. For the poor man, it also serves as a balm against frustration after he has examined the scarce options at hand to bring about change.

"Machismo", the importance given to being a "he-man", is another commonly mentioned trait in Puerto Rico and other Latin societies. It is sometimes narrowly linked with sexual potency, or that man is innately superior to woman, and it affects the whole pattern of family relations. Women are brought up to be responsible, to seek a man who is "serio" (serious), while the value of machismo, although it suggests a protective attitude toward women, also encourages male promiscuity. A girl rarely has more than one or two "novios" (steady boyfriends) before marrying, while a boy may have an unlimited number. The words "novia" and "novio" can mean both bride and groom, or girlfriend and boyfriend, which shows the short bridge between friendship and marriage. Once married, the women avoid being seen alone with other men, because for a husband to be a "cabron" (cuckolded) or a "cuernu" (to have horns put on him) as they say in Puerto Rico. Even for there to be suspicion of such a thing, is a serious insult to his "dignidad" (dignity).

A man, any man, despite his station in life, is thought to be worthy of "respeto" (respect). Even in modern Puerto Rico, men treat each other with more formality than one finds here in the United States. Any "falta de respeto" (lack of respect) toward a man violates his dignity. The poor man who stoically accepts God's will does so not only because he is resigned to his fate, but also because to whimper and whine is undignified. Involved here, too, is the concept of "verguenza" (shame). One of the supreme insults to a traditional Puerto Rican is to call him a "sinverquenza" (a man without shame), implying that he lacks moral standards and dignity. Of course, one can say this with a smile to a friend (just as one says "s.o.b." in the U.S.) and get away with it.

Perhaps due to the values of respect and dignity, Puerto Ricans are a sensitive people, who avoid direct confrontations if someone's feelings may be injured. Doing things "a la buena" (in a nice way) is the preferred method to settle any dispute. A directly negative reply to

some request is also avoided when possible. One rarely says no or yes. Instead, one says, "Let's see" and lets the matter drop, trusting that the hint has been caught. There is also a soft-hearted sentimental attitude, which some people call the "ay bendito" complex. "Ay bendito is short for "blessed be the Lord," but its meaning is closer to "ah, woe is me," and it serves as a handy lubricant for potentially abrasive situations. This does not mean that Puerto Rico is a paradise of soft-hearted saints. But the sentimentalism of the "ay bendito" softens much personal conflict and makes possible many small favors and amenities, which people rarely seem to find time for in the "developed" nations of the world. If one searches back into the earliest chronicles by Spanish visitors to their colony in Puerto Rico, the word "hospitality" is mentioned time and time again. "Esta es su casa" (this is your house) is the common greeting when a vistor arrives.

Today, the word "jibaro" has two meanings. Among the urban poor, who strive to move up to socio-economic ladder and who do not wish to look back, the "jibaro" is a hick, an ignorant, naive man, not to be envyed. But the Puerto Rican who has made it, or who always had it made, often likes to describe himself as a "jibaro" at heart. He is saying, in effect: "I may wear a tie and shuffle papers, but I am still a solid person, with the stain of the plantain that cannot be removed from my soul." The Puerto Rican who has successfully moved to the city realizes, with some nostalgia, that he has lost something by gaining something else. To him, the "jibaro" is the man with both feet firmly planted on the soil, the man whose lack of schooling does not deprive him of a native shrewdness and wisdom that has something to do with to timelessness of nature. The "Jibaro" image embodies patience, hard work, dignity, and an intuitive intelligence--traditional Puerto Rican virtues.

Air Force musicians perform in Fayetteville

"Tops in Blue" musical variety show made up of the U.S. Air Force's most talented members will be at the Cumberland County Auditorium Sept. 17 for a special free public appearance.

Every year, airmen take part in talent contests at Air Force bases around the world. The winners of these contests then go on to further competitions to determine the best Air Force performers to make up the traveling showcase, "Tops in Blue."

This year's show is a salute to the 10th anniversary of "Tops in Blue" and will feature musical remembrance of the decade. Some of the selections include "Midnight Train to Georgia," "You're the Best Thing," "Staying Alive," "Don't it Make My Brown Eyes Blue," and "Let Me Make Love to You."

Special buses will be at Pope AFB's Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17 to pick up base residents who wish to go to the show. The buses will leave at 6 p.m.

Doors will open to all military and their family members at 6:30 p.m., and to the general public at 7 p.m. Seating will be completed at 7:25 p.m. No entry will be allowed to the auditorium after the show begins at 7:30 p.m. The show will last about one hour and 45 minutes.

Some of the Air Force performers in this year's "Tops in Blue" show

Lighting director for the show is Michael Cross who is stationed at Pope as a firefighter.

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Museum trip slated for Sept. 26

Active Air Force people assigned to Pope and Fort Bragg are eligible to take part in the wing's monthly Air Force Museum flight. Those taking part in the trip will leave Pope Sept. 26 at about 8 a.m. and return to the base about 5 p.m. The museum is located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and the flight will be on a C-130 Hercules. Approval for individual members will be made through the Public Affairs Division and each member's supervisor. Anyone interested in the flight should contact Public Affairs, Ext. 4183 for more information or reservations.

CX moves one step closer to reality

Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr announced last week that McDonnell Douglas Corp., Long Beach, Calif., has been selected as the Air Force's prime contractor to develop the CX cargo aircraft.

The CX would be a long-range, air-refuelable transport with the primary mission of providing intertheater airlift of outsize cargo directly to airfields in potential conflict areas.

"We are one step closer to having the CX," said Col. Jerry D. Livingston, U.S. Air Force Airlift Center vice commander, who viewed the selection favorably, calling the McDonnell Douglas prototype "the most airlift for the money."

Colonel Livingston believes that the CX will survive President Reagan's budget review and eventually be approved by Congress.

"The major impact of this process will probably be a delay in the purchase of the CX which we hoped to have by 1986 or 87," he explained. "This will probably slip by a year or two."

Secretary Orr's announcement concludes a seven-month proposal evaluation and source selection review that began in January 1981 following submission of design, management and cost proposals by McDonnell Douglas; The Boeing Co., Seattle, Wash.; and Lockhead Corp., Marietta, Ga.

Secretary Orr said that based on Congressional authorization and subsequent to Department of Defense direction the Air Force intends to award Douglas Aircraft Company a fixed-price incentive firm type contract for CX full-scale engineering development and the production options following final contract negotiations.

There will be no contract award until the Secretary of Defense has approved the plan for satisfying DoD airlift requirements and has furnished required certifications to Congress as contained in Public Law 96-342, Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1981. The dollar amount and other contract information will be announced when the contract is awarded.

The Air Force request for proposals, issued in October 1980, stressed the need for designing an aircraft that could be integrated with the Air Force's other airlift assets to enhance the responsiveness and flexability of the nation's conventional military forces. The proposals were evaluated for operational utility, life cycle cost, design approach and adequacy of the development and production program.

The first production CX's will be delivered to the Military Airlift Command in the late 1980s. The CX is part of an Air Force airlift improvement plan that also includes enhancement of current airlift capabilities and expanded cargo capability for the civil reserve air fleet.

Former 317th Tactical Airlift Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Robert B. Patterson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Headquarter MAC, will speak on the CX when he addresses Pope's Airlift Association Sept. 16.

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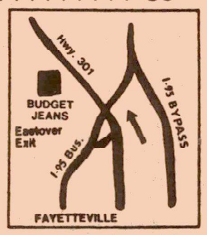

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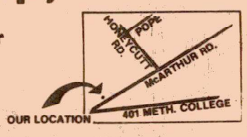

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Wednesday: Penitentiary (R) 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Theater closed.

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Friday and Saturday: "South Street Exit" plays top 40 and variety music from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday: Membership appreciation buffet from 1-5 p.m. Members and spouse or date free. Small charge for guests and children 2 years old and up.

Monday: Game night. Free nursery service to members. Pinochle tournament at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Western night. Appalachian Band plays country and western music from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Green fees and golf carts at a small charge for members. Cards available at the cashier's window.

Effective Sept. 14-21 taking reservations for Christmas parties for Pope members only. Sept. 21 for Pope and Fort Bragg members.

Dial 497-6955 for menus and entertainment.

Rec Center

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: The Recreation Center will be closed for Pope Fest '81.

Monday: The Pope Players present, "The Ugly Duckling," a one-act play for all ages (free at 7:30 p.m.). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday: Flea market starts at 11 a.m. and lasts until dark. Free jazz dance class runs from 8-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Newcomers' orientation and new wives welcome begins at 7:50 a.m.

Patio jam session starts at 7:30 p.m. Use our musical instruments or bring your own.

Thursday: Tops In Blue, the finest entertainers in the Air Force will perform live at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. Free bus transportation from Pope will be provided.

Deep sea fishing trip planned for October. Fee of $24 includes transportation, boat, tackle and bait and must be paid by Oct. 2.

If you are interested in the **American Jazz Dance Class** pre-register at the Rec Center.

Child Care Center opens for Tops In Blue

The Child Care Center will remain open until 11 p.m. Thursday to give everyone the chance to see "Tops In Blue" at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium. Reservations for use of the Child Care Center are encouraged.

Cleaners close

Effective Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. the laundry/dry cleaners located in Bldg. D-2524T, Gruber Road, will be permanently closed. All laundry/dry cleaning will be picked up at the laundry/dry cleaners in Bldg. D-3534, Messina Street.

Exercise class

A ladies exercise class is offered at the Base Gym Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Officers' Club

Every Thursday is **Mongolian Barbeque** night at the Officers' Open Mess. Admission is $5.95 for adults and $3.95 for children.

Live entertainment is featured in the lounge every Friday night from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Gong Show V

Pope's fifth Gong Show is planned for Tuesday at the Noncommissioned Officers' Club at 9 p.m. Acts of every description have already signed up and there is room in the show for even more acts according to emcee, Sunny Williams. To sign up an act, call the NCO Club. Judges for the event will be disc jockeys from area radio stations. There will be live dancing to disco music after the show.

Pope Fest '81 Schedule of Events

The Morale, Welfare & Recreation Division at Pope will kick off the annual Pope Fest '81, Sept. 11-13, in Transportation Park on Armistead Street, between the Noncommissioned Officers' Club and base exchange gas station.

The festival is open to the public with free admission and entertainment throughout the three-day event.

Some of the food and snacks that will be available at the Pope Fest include cotton candy, burritos, watermelon, egg rolls, chicken fillet, barbecue, hot smokies, assorted baked goods, hot dogs, french fries, pizza, popcorn and more.

Some of the entertainment offered includes a play presented by the Pope Players, Pope Promenaders square dancing, the Oasis Tapestry dance troupe, the Gospel Echoes singing group, the Second Helping variety band and a mini-olympics sponsored by the Child Care Center.

Rides and concession booths will also be offered. Call Ext. 2143 for more information.

FRIDAY

1-10 p.m. — Games, ferris wheel, rides, clowns, food concessions and arts and crafts sales. Free admission.
6 p.m. — "The Ugly Duckling" play by the Pope Players.
7 p.m. — "Mini Olympics" sponsored by Child Care Center. Call 394-4323 to sign up.
7:30 p.m. — "Pope Promenaders" square dance and exhibition.
9 p.m. — "Oasis Tapestry Dance Troupe" featuring Mideastern dancing.

SATURDAY

10 a.m.-midnight — Games, ferris wheel, rides, clowns, food concessions and arts and crafts sales. Free admission.
1 p.m. — "Mini Olympics" sponsored by Child Care Center.
6 p.m. — "The Ugly Duckling" play by the Pope Players.
7:30 p.m. — "Gospel Echoes" and "Gospel Echoes, Jr.", singing groups.
9 p.m. — "Sunburst" variety band.

SUNDAY

1-8 p.m. — Games, ferris wheel, clowns, food concessions and arts and crafts sales. Free admission.
2 p.m. — Awards ceremony for "Mini Olympics" on stage (beside Transportation Park).
3 p.m. — "The Ugly Duckling" play by the Pope Players.
4 p.m. — Gene Kobisky plays accordian.
5 p.m. — "Second Helping" variety band.

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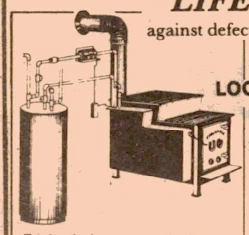

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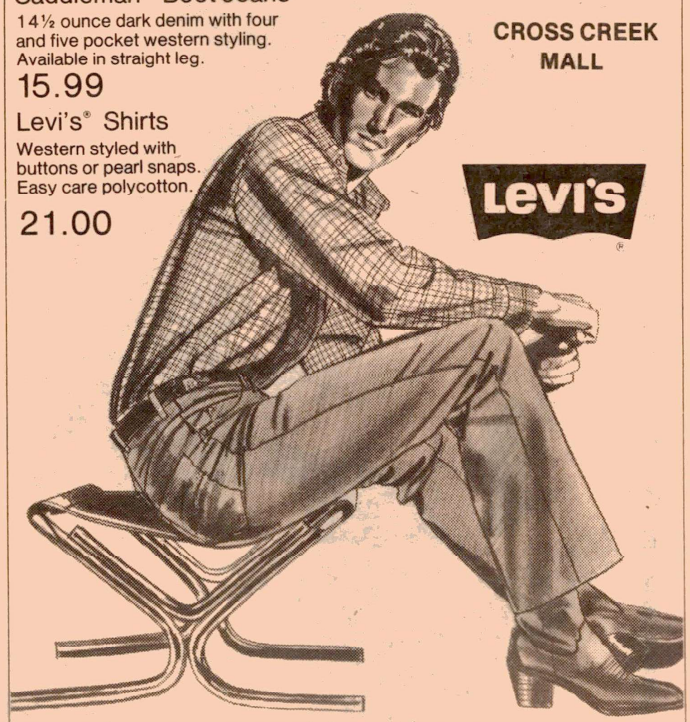

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