I haven't talked to Santa Claus since I was a kid — until the other day when I interviewed him. After all those years of him asking the questions, the table was turned. I finally learned what it is like to be the world's favorite jolly old man.

I talked to Santa at the Rock Hill Mall in Singer's Storeroom. Although he had removed his beard, white hair, and hat, I detected a twinkle in his eye. After some persuasion, he granted me an interview. Because he preferred his true identity to remain anonymous, he asked that I call him Santa.

I tried picturing myself sitting in a chair for several hours, having little children come up and cry in my ear. To find out what being Santa Claus is really like, I asked, and was told, "It's rough."

Santa works five hours each day from eleven until five with a one-hour break from two until three, hours which "pretty well shoots the whole day."

When he isn't in his Santa suit he enjoys a life of retirement. He said he took the job "more or less to just get out." When the mall secretary said that she needed a Santa Claus, he said he would "try it, although he had never played Santa before. He enjoys the job although he admits that this is his third and last year." His only complaint is with his costume. Everything is fine except for the hair and beard. "Something about it itches," he said.

The kids want everything, but especially toy "race tracks with cars that spin around," Santa said. Most of them will come up and spill out what they want, some of them asking for an organ or piano just like it was a little horn." Once in a while they will ask that he bring their "daddy shoes" or "momma dothes." Then there is little hesitation among kids today.

One of his strangest experiences occurred when two brothers came up. "One of them spilled out what he wanted and directly ran out of things to say," Santa said. "I asked the other one what he wanted and he said, I want to talk to you as soon as he shuts his mouth." Another time a boy came up to him and said, "I want you to bring me something "cause my daddy's in jail." Santa asked why his father was in jail, and the boy replied, "Well, they said he stole a television, but he didn't." Another interesting thing is that some of the kids don't tell their parents what they want at home, so the parents "stand up there and listen," to find out what their kids want.

How does it feel to have little kids look up to you because you're Santa Claus? "It makes you feel like Santa Claus... It's a funny kind of job. I can come in here with my Santa suit on and the kids follow up everywhere. When I take it off to go, they don't know me."

He gives advice for anyone interested in becoming a Santa Claus: "You got to like the kids. You got to love them... Some of them will grab you around the neck and hug you and you can't get loose. You also have to have all the answers, like where your reindeer are, or if you are really Santa Claus. In closing he said that he would tell anyone interested in being a Santa Claus "like it is. It's rough."
A day at the toy store

By RON HOUGH

Well, troops, it's Christmas (A sarcastic roar from the crowd: Oh, wow! We never would've known!). The jolly season-decorating trees, putting up lights, hitting the bottle. All that stuff is fun! However, what about shopping?

I had a picture the other day of a poor unfortunate of a guy going to buy his kids some toys.

"...we have the doll that develops a rash."

But this cat isn't your average nerd-of-all the people who claim never to watch TV, this guy actually doesn't.

So, picture if you can this scenario:

December 23rd, a large department store in Suburbia, USA. Christmas cards (mum, of course) are in the background, and what seems to be four million people crammed into 20,000 square feet of floor space. Here we find our protagonist, a young middle-aged gentleman, tucked out in his genuine Levi's, Adidas sneaker, and corded Janssen sweater. He is in the process of snaring a frustrated salesperson.

"Uh... ma'am, can you..." "Miss, could you..."

"Sorry, sir. Back in a sec."

"Ma'am, what's good for a little boy these days?"

"Well, sir, we do well in Star Wars toys..."

"Great! What have you got?"

"Uh... well... we've sold out of Star Wars stuff."

"Anything else?"

"Cute Emperors toys..."

"Good. Give me someth..."

"Sorry..."

"Tell me..."

"We had some good Race sets and..."

"Great. What about for little girls?"

"Well, sir, we have the cow that gives milk..."

"The WHAT?"

"The milking cow, sir... it's a big hit!"

"Oh my God!"

"Uh... we have the doll that develops a rash."

"Do what?"

"And we've got a doll that sneezes, and one that says 'whoopsies,' and..."

"You've got to be kidding!"

"What. How about a microwave oven?"

"A microwave... This is unbelievable!"

"We've also got..."

"Hold it! Have you got anything normal-like a Barbie doll, or a train set, or a G.I. Joe, or something?"

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As you go your separate ways this Christmas season,
The Johnsonian staff wishes you a safe journey and a joyous holiday.

DECEMBER 11, 1978
Paintings and sculptures on display

The Springs Traveling Art Show, featuring multimedia works done by Carolina artists selected from the Springs Annual Exhibition, is on display in the Winthrop Gallery of Art, Nov. 28-Dec. 17.

Gila Gilmore of Charlotte, North Carolina, received the Purse Award. Best in the show, and was winner of $2,000 for her painting entitled "The Birken Cathedral."

Edmund D. Lewandowski, chairman of the Department of Art, said Gilmore's prize-winning painting invites viewers into the living room.

The prize-winning sculpture piece belonged to Shae Selby of Kingston, North Carolina. Beckley's work entitled "Married I" won the merit award. Lewandowski described "Married I" as a steel wied piece which reflects good timing skill in the use of a hard unique material.

Lawrence Merenstein of Charlotte, North Carolina, was Honorable Mention for his painting entitled "It Was My Birthday."

Merenstein, Lecturer in Art, said he only has a few days to have a painting in the art show.

"It Was My Birthday" results in the recognition of my life on one given day, thus it was my birthday," said Merenstein.

A couple of Winthrop students examine one of the interesting pieces at the Springs Art Show in Rutledge. (Photo by A.P. Smith)

New sorority pledged

Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority was initiated into the Winthrop's campus Monday evening, Dec. 4, in Dinkins Student Center.

The members include Kathy Gay, vice-president; Sharon Harrington, secretary; Kathy Herwig, treasurer; Debra Herring, Historian; and Gwen Rhodes, president. Also included are Rhonda Robbins, Laura Ann Stoenbum, Diane Taylor, and Sandy Thompson.

Stephanie Carlois, Field Representative from National Headquarters in Woodstock, Virginia, was present for the pledging ceremonies.

The group presented their petition to establish the sorority in campus to Dean Cummings, Dean of Students in September.

The sorority helps in school functions such as the blood drive. Dr. Gary Stone will serve as the Faculty Adviser for the sorority.

Urscheler only guilty of poor judgement

Dr. Mary T. Littlejohn said, "According to the part of Dan Urscheler with regard to student payroll was brought to me by Dean Cummings and I investigated the matter thoroughly and can state very clearly that no one had any kind of benefit of any kind can be confirmed."

Littlejohn said this in suspension of the announcement by Student Government President Dan Urscheler and the possibility that he would resign for kickback. Kickback refers to receipt of money for favors or favors from one party to another.

Urscheler said that it was something that happened on the spur of the moment. "I misjudged the hours worked by a student assistant," he said. "I did turn in her working hours. I found out that day that the time sheet was to be in that afternoon and she wasn't in town."

Urscheler said that he added extra hours to the time sheet for overtime she had accumulated by working nights. "This was in June, and we were working on the guidelines," he said.

Urscheler said that the girl had loaned him money about this time. "Someover overheard that she had loaned me money, misinterpreted it, and thought it was a kickback," he said.

Dean Richard H. Cumming, Dean of Students, said the incident was investigated thoroughly with all parties concerned. "I don't see any wrongdoing," he said.

Littlejohn said: "The matter is one of careless failure to observe proper procedures in handling student time sheets and nothing more."

She said that Urscheler was firmly reprimanded and was expected to follow proper procedures in the future.
Intramural Scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS
as of Nov. 30

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Followings the win over Voorhees (their third in a row), the Eagles scratched back from a 33-39 deficit to tie the score at 68-69 with 1:35 left to play. They started off the ball and called a timeout at 6 seconds to set up a one last shot. Following the delay, the ball was thrown inbound at 6 seconds to Winthrop point guard Rick Riese.

Rieber's James Hill stole the ball from Riese and was dribbling down for the winning lay-up when he was fouled in desperation by Riese. With no time left on the clock, Hill missed the shot that would have made the second to give his team an exciting 70-69 victory.

"The score was at least had an overtime," said Riese. "I just messed up." However, without Riese, Winthrop would never have been in the game. His great defense in the second half which included a team record of four steals helped spark the second-half rally.

In addition to Riese, other double-figures scorers for the Eagles were Donnie Creamer, 15, and Ronnie Creamer, 13. Ronnie Creamer led all rebounders with 14. Winthrop Coach Niel Gordon pointed out that it was not Riese's late turnover, but rather a poor first-half performance which did the Eagles in. "That first half against Lander was the worst we've played all year," said Gordon.

It was the second Winthrop loss to Lander in two weeks. The Eagles were led by their all-district center Alonzo Harrison, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds. In this game, Harrison, who netted the first game against Winthrop with an injury, showed why he is considered the key to the Lander team. Two nights later, Winthrop suffered another defeat, this time to Newberry College.

The Eagles played District Six's No. 1 rated team in front of a hostile crowd. The Newbereans were still mad over Nield Gordon's leaving them two years ago and taking five players with him. The large, standing-room-only crowd that squeezed into tiny MacLean Gymnasium saw Winthrop 66-50 in a game marred by many mistakes and poor shooting.

Winthrop took an early 7-4 lead, but fell behind 13-11 in the first half. From that point on, Newberry never trailed.

Winthrop's poor 49 percent shooting performance did not help matters any.

The Eagles had only two double-figures scorers against Newberry, as Donnie Creamer and Ben Bennett had 12 points each. Winthrop's key player Ronnie Creamer, who leads the Eagles in both scoring and rebounding with averages of 19.2 and 11.0 per game respectively, only contributed 6 points.

"I don't think the crowd bothered us," said Donnie Creamer. "We took the shots, but they just wouldn't go in." Donnie then summed up Coach Gordon's and the team's sentiments when he said, "Our defense is playing good, but the offense just isn't moving, and it's everybody's fault-guards and big men. We're just going to have to get together on offense next game."
THE RECORD CELLAR

Having a special sale for Winthrop students only. All you have to do is present your Winthrop I.D. to one of our cashier's before your purchase and we give you $1.00 off the regular price of any album, eight track* or cassette* in our entire inventory. (Sale items and items regularly selling for less than $4.99 are excluded) -- no limits on purchases.

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To THE JOHNSONIAN Editors and Staff... You're the Greatest! Merry Christmas Love, Sula

There is a Spirit of Christmas . . . all year round! To all those dear to me . . . Merry Christmas. I love you. Steve Fees

Drums Christmas Card Merry Christmas to the audience. Thanks for all the laughter, tears, applause, and support. We wish we could have shared all the good times we had with you, from sneakering slumber parties after all the cast parties so that B.B. wouldn't find out to experiencing new bars in Charlotte with the most hideous people. Since we couldn't, we give you an invitation to join us next year.

Season's greetings to Lucy Gordon, a lovely lady whom I hope to meet very soon. From that tall guy and a secret admirer. Terry

Merry Christmas to Lisa Floyd, a good friend, an incurable gossip, and a crazy cooee. May you find Mr. M. under your Christmas tree! Love, Cookie Terry

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An elf speaks out

By SIDNEY A. BREEZE

TJ (walking into Santa's workshop, where hundreds of elves in green outfits are milling about making toys, wrapping presents, and checking lists): This is Santa's Workshop, where busy little elves are making toys for the little children of the world. Let's talk to one of Santa's helpers. (Leans down and interrupts one little elf who is checking off Christmas lists): Uh, excuse me, sir.

ELF: Waddaya want?

TJ: My name is Sidney Breeze, from THE JOHNSONIAN, the Winthrop College newspaper, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. I wonder if I could have a few minutes of your time.

ELF: Can't you see I'm BUSY?

TJ: Yes, I can see that, but--

ELF: Wait 'til break time, huh?

TJ: When is that?

ELF (indignantly): I don't know. When ol' Fatso decides to let us have one.

TJ: You mean Santa?

ELF: Yeah, yeah—you call him ol' Fatso.

TJ: Ahem, yes.

ELF (calling to his mother elf across the room) C'mon, mom! If Bobby doesn't get that choo-choo train, ol' Fatso's going to give you his case and say 'look, lady, I don't have time to answer your questions.'

ELF: Outa the way, big fella-

TJ: -where I'm waiting to get a--

ANOTHER ELF: -Outa the way, big fella-

TJ: -uh, yeah, well-

ZEKE: Come on, let's move it, ya pillowheads!

TJ: Uh, this is Sidney Breeze here in Santa's Workshop--

ELF: Aaauuuugh! Get off my foot!

TJ: Sorry—uh, so long!

TJ: What are your favorite shows?

ZEKE: Oh, let's see—I like "Chips" and "Bat Man" and acts and-- and ol', uh, yeah, the "Muppet Show," "Hawaii Five-O" and "The Andy Griffith Show" are a couple of my favorites, too. No, don't you like it?

TJ: No?

ZEKE: You see, all us elves here are like persons. We mean, work, work, work and no play.

TJ: Well, doesn't Santa take care of you?

ZEKE: He's in that little bickery with Old Sooner. Not only is it crowded, it's COLD.

TJ: Don't you have a heating system?

ZEKE: Oh, n-n-o-o-o.

TJ: Boy, you must really love being here.

ZEKE: Dark room. If we got paid, I wouldn't mind it so much.

TJ: What would you do with the money? There doesn't seem to be much around here to spend money on.

ZEKE: THAT'S the truth. This place is Deadsville, man. No doctor, no movies, no X-rated book store--NOTHING! I tell you, if I got paid, I'd save up a whole stack of bucks, split from this place, move to Miami, maybe own a condo with a tree house.

TJ: What do you suggest?

ZEKE: Commercial.

TJ: You seem to be an awful lot of ideas in your head.

ZEKE: Yeah, well, I'm so job-happy.

TJ: I can tell.

TJ: Buy me a couple of racehorses, dabble in the stock market--

ZEKE (to Sidney Breeze): Hey, how do you like my choo-choo train?

NOTE: If you would like to hear this interview, tune in to WCRO AM 640, Monday night, Dec. 11, at 9 p.m. It might be wise for you to have this copy of the interview In front of you, as the elves' voices are rather high and difficult to understand. In addition to the interview, Zeke and the rest of Santa's elves will present a concert of Christmas music.
Santa Says....

By MARSHA ATCHISON

It has come to the attention of THE JOHNSONIAN that Santa is having some trouble filling Winthrop students' Christmas wishes.

To Betty McCoy, who wants "an engagement ring and a man to go along with it"; to Gwen Jackson, who wants "the love that I once had"; to Linda Jacques, who wants, "a phone call from David for Xmas"; to Elaine Lyman, who wants a "macho man and everything else I can get"; to Susan Griffin, who wants "a steady that's ready," and anonymous who wants "the man who has everything," Santa says he's got lots of free time after Christmas.

To Johnnie Veece, who wants "a ring and not the kind around the bathtub," he's gotten "ring around the collar."

For the folks like Noel Vance who want "a car, a driver's license, and a license to go"; to Beverly Burton, who wants "a new car and a day off from work"; to Edna Adams, who wants "a 1978 Caprice Classic"; and to Michael Kennedy, who wants "a new bicycle," Santa says he'll rent you the reindeer and the sleigh at weekend rates that will best Avix. His motto is: "First come, first serve."

To Phyllis Antall, who wants "a new image, I'm sick of Dolly Parton one," and to Eileen Coughlan, who wants "infused books, deflated hips, or anything else on special," Santa has a poster of a huge hand from the ad to make sure your wish list. He says if you're creative, you can get the dearest residues.

To Diane McLean who wants "fun, fun, and the money to get one," to Mohammad Ne-Kousoh and Mohammel Klaqoodi who want to "go home and see their families in Iran," Beth Tucker who wants to "go out with my boyfriend to Hawaii"; Santa says, "See the Wizard of Oz, he takes care of that kind of stuff."

To Kevin Alexwise who wants "a bring home concert with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops" Santa says to catch the reruns of American Bandstand on TV.

To Bill Gregory who wants to "stay out of friend's Island, Bay Point, for a year"; to Pete Bradley who wants to "go to Florida and find a place to live"; and to Tony Neil who wants "rent money for the rest of the year." Santa suggests you all consider cohabitation with each other.

To Tomoko Takahashi who wants "to go back to being 19" and to Bart Stier who wants to "make 'The Time Warp'" it worked for Rocky Horror.

To Robin Smith who wants to "go home with my family all together," to Janine William who wants "a whole together, a guitar, and new clothes," and to Neil Adams who wants a B.A. degree and more happiness for his family" Santa says that "if you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with."

To Jeff Robinson who wants "16 kegs of beer and one glass" Santa says he'll bring 30 kegs if you bring another glass.

To Dwight who wants "a better rapport with Molly Brearfield"; to Kathy Kral who wants "my report card after Christmas"; to Sheila James who wants to "pass this semester"; and to Eric Harper who wants "to pass my writing class to take 102;" Santa says, "In a success and I didn't get a college degree!!!"

To Deborah McCracken who wants "more mice" he says leave out some cheese and maybe you'll get lucky.

To Mohammed Fell who wants "to celebrate Nooroze here"; to Margie Steele who wants "peace and happiness for the world"; to Theresa Black who wants to "return to traditional Christmas and skip the commercialism"; to Bill McKinnon who'd like "the Industrialists to stop polluting the air"; to Norris Blackmon who wants "happiness and prosperity"; to Jan Elliott who wants "Dr. Gilbeau home and well for Christmas"; to Dr. Davis who wants "Christmas to bring peace among the people" Santa says he'll try his best.

To Able Adams who wants a "hot fudge sundae at Mr. Kevin's" and to Critter who wants "a family plan, mine has been broken in three places" Santa says playing house between adults is lots of fun too!!

To Nina Benjamin who wants a "3/4 box to put Carl in" and to Carl Feenstra who wants "a chance to snuggle up to" Santa says, you don't need him, you've got each other.

To Sergei who wants "an unbreakable body for a skiing trip" Santa sends "all the way to Russia, the king's men" to put her back together again. If they can't do it, send her to Prince who wants to be taller.

To Baldy Kishan who is "the Socrates, I want nothing" Santa says, you're a college boy. Besides, Santa's all over Santa says he's like Mary Carter, who wants "happiness and peace with my people."

Oh, by the way, Santa says Merry Christmas, this is all in "Ho-Ho-Ho."

A Christmas Magnolia?

By MARGARET CAROLL and BONNIE JORDAN

Winthrop College celebrates a southern style Christmas every year with the traditional lighting of the magnolia tree.

The tree, located on the lawn in front of Tillman adjacent to the fountain, is no ordinary tree. It towers to a height of more than fifty feet and is covered with more than three hundred and fifty lights and a star.

The huge magnolia blossomed into a colorful array of green, red, blue, and yellow at 4:30, Dec. 1, when Bill Calp, director of the lighting ceremony, fired the Winthrop students' Christmas parade.

L.P. Calp, Calp's father, cut down the tree in 1934 when the tree was first lighted. He designed the tree and had all the lights wired from the top of the tree. The lights were strong and took part in the first lighting. The lights are strong in a mysterious fashion so as not to hurt or damage the growth of the tree.

The magnolia has been a part of Christmas tradition here at Winthrop for 15 years and has been lighted every year with the exception of 1978, when there was an energy cut-back.

Since its first lighting, the tree has grown and has become popular throughout the state.

Oh, by the way, Santa says Merry Christmas, this is all in "Ho-Ho-Ho."
NEWS BRIEFS

Ministries celebrate Christmas

Wesley/Newman/Westminster will prepare for Christmas with scripture, poetry, and a meal Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, according to Rev. David Valles, director.

BSU will sponsor a hayride and caroling Monday, Dec. 11, leaving from BSU center at 7:00 p.m., according to Dena Lucy, assistant director.

"BSU will celebrate Christmas with a student led program, Thursday, Dec. 14, at 5:00 p.m. at the BSU center," Lucy said.

Book and Key initiates

The Book and Key Honor Society initiated ten students Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 8:00 p.m. at President Vall's home, according to Dr. Dorothy Medlin, advisor.

In accordance with Phi Beta Kappa, the national liberal arts Honor Society, the ten new initiates are all seniors and have shown excellence in the liberal arts, Kathy Kirkpatrick, who was already a member of Book and Key and serving as secretary-treasurer, presided over the initiation ceremony.

The new initiates were Elizabeth Alexandria Broughton, Cathy Rochelle Campbell, Theresa Suzanne Davis, James Elliot Donahue, and Louisa Ellisson. Also initiated were Jody Guy, Lisa Marie Johnson, Susan Denise Pinochet, Norma Marie Rushing, and Sonia Hannah Russell.

New officers were also elected. Guy will serve as president, Davis as vice-president, and Ellisson as secretary-treasurer.

The previous members of Book and Key are Charles Dwayne Elmore, Kathy Kirkpatrick, and Diane Marie Meyers.

Eaglettes chartered

The Winthrop College Eaglettes' charter and constitution were approved in the third reading at the Nov. 30 SGA meeting, according to Kelly Gordon, Eaglette chairman.

Gordon said that the 45-member athletic service club has had an active initial semester. On Oct. 29 the club attended the 1978 Eagle Club Rally. Along with being in charge of decorations, members presented a skit entitled "Support the Eagles."

"The skit was a success," said Gordon. "We hope to start working up similar programs to present at the halftime of some home ballgames."

According to Gordon, other activities for the club have included hosting at home men's basketball games, making spirit banners, attending away ballgames, and helping the cheerleaders with the first pep rally.

"We'll begin more fund raising and spirit projects next semester," said Gordon. "Now that we're officially recognized by SGA, we hope to become more active with campus activities."

Senior Order meets

At the Dec. 4 meeting of Senior Order, members discussed the possibility of the club changing from Senior Order to Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, according to chairman Kathy Gibson.

"ODK is a very active school service organization," said Gibson. "To be a member, you have to be a junior or senior in the top 35 percent of your class academically, and be involved in any of five phases of campus life: athletics, government, social and religious organizations, publications, or the arts."

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-Joyce Odell

"A diamond."
-Anna Yancar

"Money."
-George Lee Singleton

"I'd like for my son to come home from Germany."
-Joie Keever

"Rims for my car."
-Robert McGriff

"A pair of Nike tennis shoes."
-Mary Josey

"A new Jerry Lopez Lightning Bolt Surfboard."
-Gene Knight

"A positive outlook by everyone on the residence hall program."
-Cynthia Cansana

"I'd like a degree."
-Mark Huguley
Winthrop in a day

Prospective students and their parents visited Winthrop College Saturday, Dec. 2.

High school students talked with faculty and representatives from the career center and different department heads at Winthrop. Music was provided by the jazz band and coffee, juice, and doughnuts were available.

The group went upstairs to watch a slide show of the campus and some historical photos. President Vail, SGA President Dan Uncheler, and Tom Webb, Dinkins director, said a few words to welcome the visitors to the college.

After the slides, the students were able to meet with different departments and discuss any questions they had. The Student Advisory Board escorted groups to Thomson cafeteria for a Winthrop lunch.

At 1:00 the Advisory Board gave tours of the campus. A bus driven by Dale Dow, Admissions Counselor, here at Winthrop, provided transportation for a tour of the college farm.

Another Winthrop Admissions Counselor, Margaret Williamson, said, "Winthrop Day was a success, and I wish to thank everyone who participated in it."

The Difference

A New York City traffic control officer once remarked that "some women have a wonderful sense of right and wrong—but little sense of right and left!"

Myths, both old and new, have a certain persistsence. Such persistence, however, does not give them any greater validity. One modern myth of great persistence is that the Americans and British blundered badly in not helping the Russians to enter Berlin in the spring of 1945. According to one version of the myth, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was the author of the blunder.

Recently, the popular columnist Jim Bishop has laid the blame at the feet of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Western Allies' supreme commander. In this, Bishop follows the lead of General James Gavin, the brilliant paratroop commander, whose memoirs were published in September. In one sense, Bishop and Gavin are quite correct. Eisenhower did make the decision not to try to put the Russians to Berlin. But was it a blunder?

Today, of course, Berlin is isolated, some hundred miles within the borders of what is perverely called the German Democratic Republic, a brutal Communist state built upon the foundation of the Soviet zone of occupation in Germany.

Bishop and Gavin—and those who share their viewpoint—contend that this situation would not exist if only Eisenhower had decided differently.

This view is not substantiated by the facts. The critical decision—or series of decisions—had come earlier. In September 1944, an American committee had drawn the lines for the future occupation of Germany. This plan called for the post-war division of Germany into three occupation zones to be administered by the major Allies: the Americans, the British, and the Soviets. The German capital of Berlin would be similarly divided into three sectors for occupation purposes.

At the Yalta Conference in February 1945, the Soviet dictator Stalin accepted the Anglo-American plan for the occupation of Germany. The Soviet leader also acquiesced in one. However, the British and Americans: the creation of a French occupation zone in Western Germany and of a French sector in Berlin.

The British particularly de- stroyed French involvement in the German occupation zones. They felt that their effort to reestablish France as a continental power and as a potential counterpoise to Soviet strength in Europe was all of this means is that by early 1945 the lines for the postwar occupation of Germany had been established. The Western occupation would be divided along those lines. The lines established by military operation at the final weeks of the war would be irrelevant.

This was the situation. And it was in the light of this situation that General Eisenhower decided not to try to beat the Russians to Berlin.

Under the circumstances, Berlin had come to represent more than a prestige objective, even though the Germans, in their final days of resistance, would fight to the bitter end.

Eisenhower's subordinate, General Omar Bradley, remembers that taking Berlin might cost 100,000 casualties. Bradley added that this was a very stiff price to pay for a prestige objective, especially when we're not to fall back and let the other fellow take ours. In the case of Berlin, as in other instances, Eisenhower made his decision. Whoever took Berlin, the Soviets would control Western Germany and the capital would lie deep in the Soviet zone.

However, unfortunate this would prove to be, the Soviets had lost 20 million dead and had contributed greatly to the final Nazi defeat. Under these circumstances, Moscow could not be denied a voice in the postwar occupation.

Cocktail Colored

The popular cocktail drink, "Tom Collins," was named after a 19th century bartender at Limer's Old House in London. The Londoner was famous for his gin slings—all drinks that resembled Collins: mixtures of gin, lemon, sugar and soda water.

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