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Fire fighters douse welding shop blaze



Joe McConaughy, right, confers with Ed Welch as the two RIA fire inspectors examine the damage caused by a Jan. 8 fire in the welding shop, Bldg. 230. Arsenal fire department officials

did not consider the welding shop fire major as most damage was confined to the roof.

Flames were discovered atop Bldg. 230, the Arsenal welding shop, early Wednesday morning, Jan. 8. RIA fire-fighters were joined by the Moline and Rock Island fire departments to douse the flames. The fire was first reported by RIA pipefitter Bob Pettit who noticed the flames at 4:52 a.m. The fire was brought under control by 5:15 a.m.

The fire's damage was confined mostly to the center portion of the roof. However, heat from the blaze caused minor damage to the wiring of one furnace, used to preheat metal parts before welding operations. No injuries were reported and a dollar figure on the damage was not available.

The welding shop was back in operation the next morning except in the area directly affected by the fire. The work performed in this area was moved to another Arsenal location.

The fire's cause has not yet been determined. An investigation board made up of Arsenal officials from the fire department, safety office, facilities engineering and the operations directorate are examining the matter.

The last major fire at the Arsenal was in 1979 when the Army Management Engineering Training Activity (AMETA) building suffered \$850,000 in fire damage. RIA fire officials say the welding shop fire was not considered major.

'Values' is Army theme for 1986

ARNEWS—Secretary of the Army John O. March Jr. and Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. have announced "values" as the Army's theme for 1986.

The Army's leadership issued a two-page proclamation Dec. 30 explaining the new year's topic:

"Values will be the Army theme for 1986. We are proud of the progress made in the past year to strengthen leadership, the theme for 1985, throughout the total Army. Previous themes have developed into a solid flow of ideas and programs, each building on the preceding ones. As a result, we have strengthened the Army's winning spirit, physical fitness, excellence, families and leadership.

"Now we turn to the fundamental values of our military profession. From values we draw purpose, direction, vitality, and character — the bedrock of all that we do in the total Army. To the extent that we can strengthen the values of our soldiers, civilians, and families, the Army

will be a stronger institution and will be far more ready to fulfill the missions entrusted to it as we face the broad spectrum of threats to our national security.

"The values to which we subscribe spring from, and even transcend, those of the society we serve. They become the framework for the lifelong professional and personal development of our soldiers, leaders and civilians.

"Our profession involves matters of life, death and matters of public trust for the responsible care of human as well as materiel resources provided to us. In times of danger, it is ethical elements of soldierly conduct and leadership which bond soldiers and units together enabling them to survive the rigors of combat.

"In peacetime as well as in times of danger, rock solid, ethical underpinnings help us to resist the pressures to compromise integrity, to cheat, to shade the truth, or to debase patriotism for material gain.

"The Army ethic comprises four enduring values: loyalty to country and the Army,

loyalty to the unit, personal responsibility, and selfless service. It is beneath these overarching values that our soldierly and ethical standards and qualities — commitment, competence, candor, courage, and integrity — are nurtured and given opportunity for growth. This has to happen in peacetime because in war there is no time.

"Values are the heart and soul of a great Army. We ask each of you, as members of the total Army, to embrace these values and make them a part of your personal and professional lives. We urge you to find ways to temper them like steel. By strengthening the values of our profession, each of us in our own way can make our Army better, and by so doing contribute to the health and security of our great nation."

"Values" is the sixth area of emphasis since themes were designated in 1981. The other themes have been "Yorktown-the Spirit of Victory," "Fitness," "Army of Excellence," "Year of the Family," and "Leadership."

Commander's corner

by Col. John Gamino

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
1815-1902



Energy conservation, lighting

Energy conservation can be achieved with painless results if lights, appliances and equipment are turned off when not needed. A considerable amount of energy is wasted in office areas in the early morning and late afternoon when all lights are on and there are few people in the area.

Office managers must assure that employees use only necessary lighting. At the end of the shift, turn off all lights. Custodial personnel will turn them back on and off as needed in their work. Everyone should become familiar with the location of switches or circuit breakers which control the lights in their immediate work areas.

Equal Employment Opportunity

On Jan. 20 we will commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King. This reminds us of his great contribution in advancing the cause of justice and equality. While such observances focus our attention on equal employment opportunity for the time being, we must strive to assure that the effects are lasting.

The RIA Equal Employment Opportunity Program is designed to assure that every employee and applicant for employment has equality of opportunity and treatment in all employment actions and situations. EEO programs do not provide for preferential treatment but are designed to eliminate discrimination, provide recourse for those who are the victims of discrimination, foster people awareness and provide an atmosphere which will do away with discriminatory practices.

Our ultimate EEO goal is the elimination of all discrimination to the point where a special program is no longer required. Don't lose sight of the fact that we are always helping an individual and that we want all individuals to rise to their maximum potential.

Unofficial postings

Lately, I have noticed a proliferation of postings on doors, walls, elevators and windows. I wish to remind you that unofficial bulletin boards are provided for the posting of personal notices in various locations throughout the island, and should be used for this type of information.

Boards in or near the cafeterias are also available for advertising sale items and personal information. Bulletin boards in the main corridors of our office buildings are for official postings only. A little care by each of us will greatly enhance the appearance of our administrative areas.

Expiration date on badges extended

Editor:

We hear so much talk about security at the Arsenal and yet I'm re-

porting to work with an I.D. badge that expired on Dec. 31, 1985. What gives?

Red Bear in a White Hat

RIA Security officials say the expiration date on badges expiring Dec. 31, 1985 will be extended through May, 1986. Perhaps as early as Feb. 3 rebadging may start. The process will be similar

to the redealing procedure held this summer. Security representatives will come out to various Arsenal locations to take photos and issue new badges. The new badges will be good through 1991.

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Are we using our resources efficiently?

Editor:

This letter concerns the answer to the telephone letter in the previous Target expressing a concern about monitoring telephone calls. I agree with the secretary who wrote the letter. The new procedure seems to be "overkill".

She very accurately pointed out the waste of resources involved with this new approach. It's not difficult to see that all of the time, effort, and money spent in the whole thing will far outweigh the potential savings.

The Telecommunications Officer, quoted the AMC commander who urged "efficient use of our resources." So, is the establishment of this new monitoring system, and all the subsequent expenditure of resources in carrying it through, really using our resources efficiently? You don't have

to be a cost analyst to figure that one out.

It sounds to me like the Telecommunications Center found themselves with a new toy and figured they had to play with it. I agree 100 percent with putting a stop to the guy who runs his real estate business from the office phone or the gal who calls her next door neighbor to gossip for an hour. But for the average employee who needs to make a quick call to the sitter to say she'll be late; or call the wife to tell her she'll have to pick up junior, etc., is really not abuse of the government phones.

I think the answer is greater emphasis and surveillance on the part of supervisors to keep the real abusers off the lines, and doing the work they're being paid to do.

Whatever happened to good common sense?

name withheld
upon request

Let's stop biting the hand that feeds us

Editor:

Regarding the letter from the secretary complaining about using a pay-phone and trying to justify office-phone abuse—I am a single working mother with two children and I fail to see what that has to do with phone abuse.

Nobody would be able to "build an empire" with all the money wasted on monitoring office phones if people would just do what they're suppose to and stop trying to get something for nothing. Just look at all the paper-

work, time and money that secretaries' offices would save if they quit abusing their office phones.

That secretary should consider herself lucky to be able to use a pay-phone. I have access to two pay-phones and can't use either one. You see, I'm hearing impaired and cannot hear on a phone unless it is equipped with an amplifier, and no pay-phones on the island are equipped with this device.

Come on people, let's stop biting the hand that feeds us.

Cindy Long
SMCRI-AO

Retirement system still in transition

Editor:

In reply to a letter of mine some months ago you stated that the transitional retirement system would be defined by Congress no later than Jan. 1, 1986. Has any action been taken on this matter?

Also, given the current intention to

eliminate all permanent overhire positions over a three year period, what incentive is there for those of us in such positions to continue to provide quality service and products, knowing that our reward is going to be the "big boot" at some later date?

Richard Frank
SMCRI-ADW

According to RIA Civilian Personnel officials the supplemental retirement legislation has been placed on hold and Congress will again begin working on it in April. Until then they have extended the current status of those employees hired after 1983 to continue as is until the new legislation is passed.

Regarding your concern about displacement of those on overhire

spaces — when a Reduction-in-Force is conducted employees are displaced based on length of service, the nature of their appointment (career, career-conditional, temporary) and their veteran's preference status. The fact that an individual may be assigned to an overhire space is irrelevant to displacement, hence, it should not be a disincentive to performance.

Summer jobs for profs from black colleges

Rock Island Arsenal's Civilian Personnel Office is making a special effort to provide temporary summer employment to faculty members of historically black colleges.

Participation in this effort can be mutually beneficial for faculty members and the Army. The faculty member benefits economically. The Army benefits by receiving the individual's service.

Additionally the program helps bridge the gap between community understanding of Army missions, functions, objectives and manpower needs. The effort also helps the Army

in recruiting as college faculty members may refer students to the Army for future employment.

Candidates represent many diversified professions. Organizations interested in participating in this special summer employment program should submit written requirements to SMCRI-PTR-R by Jan. 31. Requests should indicate the position title, series and grade; special qualifications; and standards essential to performance.

For more information contact Hat-tie Martin at ext. 21272.

Personnel back on old phone system

The Rock Island Arsenal Civilian Personnel Office has done away with their telephone switchboard and is now back on the individual line system.

You can dial personnel offices and employees directly by using the "21"

prefix and then the extension. For example, the extension for Connie Leach, chief of Technical Services Office is 320. She can be reached directly by dialing 21320.

The new employee locator number is 21330.

Employees spread yule cheer among forgotten generation—the seniors

The Procurement and Production Directorates collected \$800 in donations this year to make Christmas something special for the residents of Lend-a-Hand, a Davenport Senior Citizen Center. The money was used to purchase a complete stereo system, a 100-cup coffee maker and to distribute small cash gifts during the center's annual Christmas party.

In addition, approximately 300 trays of fruit, 400 dozen cookies and 35 gallons of apple cider were donated

by employees and distributed at the senior citizens' center. According to Ray Baumbach of the AMCCOM Production Directorate, about 30 employees helped serve the Christmas goodies and sing carols.

This is the thirteenth year the Procurement and Production community sponsored a Christmas party for local senior citizens. The party alternates each year between Lend-a-Hand and the Oak Glen Nursing Home in Coal Valley.

Computers—topic of robotics meet

"State of the Art of CAD/CAM Driven Assembly Robot Systems with Vision" is the topic of the Jan. 21 meeting of Robotics International. Joe Smith, project manager of CYBO-TECH Industrial Robot Systems, based in Indianapolis, will be the guest speaker.

The meeting will be held at the

Clayton House. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by the keynote speech at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for members, \$6.50 for retirees and students, and \$10 for non-members.

To make reservations contact Donald Lesiak at 322-6799 before Jan. 17.

Emergency phone book free at PX

The Rock Island Arsenal Post Exchange will distribute the "Children's Emergency Phone Book," free to children of military personnel aged 6-11 on Jan. 11. The phone books are designed just for kids. Included are spaces for police and fire emergency numbers, places for friends photos and phone numbers. It also shows your child how to call the operator and emergency operator.

There is also a page for your child's

photo and personal information including allergies, medications and fingerprints. The RIA Security Office will have a table set up at the PX for those who want finger print records of their children.

The PX will distribute 150 of these phone books to customers. The program is provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service as a community service to its patrons.

Blood pressure screening, Bldg. 390

The Officers' Wives Club in conjunction with the American Red Cross will offer free blood pressure screenings on Jan. 16. The screenings will be held in the bid opening room, 3rd floor, Bldg. 390 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It takes approximately 3 minutes to get a blood pressure reading and fill out the required forms. The information is used by the Red Cross to compile the blood pressure statistics for the county.

Civilian Recreation

1986 calender of events

Jan. 4	Iowa/Illini basketball, Champaign
Feb. 2	Illini/Purdue basketball, Champaign
Feb. 14-17	Annual Wisconsin ski trip
Feb. 22	Illini/Ohio St. basketball, Champaign
Mar. 1	Hawaiian Luau dinner theater at Fort Atkinson
Mar. 17-21	Annual Las Vegas trip
June 6-8	3-day weekend in St. Louis for Cardinals vs. Cubs
June 14	Cardinals vs. Cubs in Chicago
June 21	7th annual joggers fun run
June 29	6th annual show-n-shine and outdoor crafts sale
July 26	Cubs vs. Dodgers in Chicago
Aug 15	Annual barbecue and dance
Aug 15-17	NASCAR 400 race car trip to Jackson, Miss.
Sept 20	Illini/Nebraska football at Champaign
Sept 27	4th annual volkssmarch
Sept 29	Milwaukee craft fair
Oct 11	House on the Rock
Nov 8	Illini/Iowa football, Champaign
Nov 29	Holiday craft show in Milwaukee
Dec 6	Christmas shopping trip in Chicago
Dec 12	RIA night at Circa 21

Some other events which are planned but not yet scheduled for 1986 include RIA nights at the Quad City Downs, the Dubuque Dog Track, John O'Donnell Stadium, riverboat dinner dance cruises and Chicago Bull and Blackhawk games and matches. The Civilian Recreation Office is also trying to get tickets for Iowa basketball and football games in Iowa City. Many more events will be added as the year goes on. Watch the Target for more information.

Nominations for council seats

Nomination forms for Civilian Welfare Fund council members are now available in the Civilian Recreation Office. The forms require 25 signatures from coworkers and their supervisors approval. The nominations must be returned to the Civilian Recreation Office by Jan. 31.

There are two vacancies—one for HQ AMCCOM employees and another for Arsenal employees. The three-year terms begin in April. Council members establish, plan, coordinate, supervise and control operation of the civilian employee general welfare and recreation fund, activities and facilities.

DoD productivity week announced

The week of Jan. 13-17 is designated as Department of Defense Productivity Week. The Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger will present productivity excellence awards in a Pentagon ceremony on Jan. 15. The awards will be presented to 19 Army employees including eight members of a Pine Bluff Arsenal quality circle. The eight employees will be honored for a quality circle project which reduced the M17 gas mask reject rate and resulted in net annual savings of

\$1,017,727.

Also planned at the Pentagon is an exhibit of significant Army productivity programs. A display of the Rock Island Arsenal REARM project is included in the exhibit. Additionally, AMCCOM's Value Engineering accomplishments will be highlighted in an AMC display in the exhibit. The Pentagon will host an open house Jan. 15 for representatives from Congress and other governmental agencies to observe the exhibit.

The Year in Review

1985 saw AMCCOM get more for its money and the arrival of a new wave of top level managers.

Two things seemed to dominate Arsenal Island news in 1985—an increase in competitive buying that netted millions of dollars in savings and a influx of top level managers.

January saw the arrival of RIA's deputy commander, Lt. Col. Larry Green, an Aviation officer, arrived Jan. 21 to begin his new assignment. January also saw the Arsenal get ready for production of the M1A1 gun mount. The new gun mounts are basically the same as earlier models, but slightly bigger to handle the 120mm gun tube.

In February the AMCCOM Spare Parts Review Initiatives (SPRINT) announced over \$50 million in gross savings for its first year of operation. Most of the savings resulted from improving the competitive buying process, refunds from contractors and value engineering projects.

February also saw child care services being offered by military families living on post. The families were certified by safety, health and fire officials to care for employees children.

In April, Beretta was awarded the contract to produce the 9mm military sidearm to replace the .45 caliber pistol used throughout the military services. The five-year fixed price contract called for 315,930 weapons.

A role model for many women in government service retired in May. AMCCOM Deputy for Procurement and Production, Isabelle Hansen retired after 35 years of service. She was the first woman in the Army Materiel Command to be selected to the Senior Executive Service. She rose from the ranks as a GS-1 clerk to one of the highest grades in the Army.

May also saw the arrival of Dale Kinney as the Deputy of Industrial Preparedness and Installations, a newly created SES position in AMCCOM. Previously Kinney served as the Deputy for Command Operations at the Depot System Command, Chambersburg, Penn.

May also saw two AMCCOM Quality Assurance Engineers discover a method to increase the readiness of M1 tanks and save \$23 million. Marv Huizinga and Kent Schmitz noticed a tremendous amount of failures to electrical components on the tanks Thermal Imaging System. They suggested environmental screening tests that run the parts through hot and cold and vibration cycles be used to detect faulty parts. The test detected 95 percent of faulty parts before they were installed on the Army's main battle tank.

In June Rock Island Arsenal awarded a \$36.9 million contract for the second phase of Project REARM to a Peoria based construction firm. The contract calls for construction of a 240,000 square foot building housing the welding, plating and foundry operation and a new 31,000 square foot parking lot.

In June it was announced that AMCCOM commander, Maj. Gen. Peter G. Burbules would head the Army's Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal.

Former AMC Executive Director for Conventional Ammunition, Maj. Gen. Fred Hissong Jr. became the AMCCOM commander in a July change of command ceremony at Rock Island.

Also in July AMCCOM was named the Army's leader in Value Engineering. AMCCOM earned the Army's Field Command Value Engineering award for saving \$111 million. It was the third consecutive year AMCCOM has won the award.

July also saw RIA name Sgt. Kevin Martin as the top NCO and Sp4 Paul Boyd as the top soldier of the year.

Former RIA commander Brig. Gen. Paul Greenberg returned in September to become the AMCCOM Deputy Commanding General for Procurement and Readiness. During the same month Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger cancelled the Army's Division Air Defense (DIVAD) gun. The gun was scrapped because it did not effectively meet the growing military threat.

September also saw a Child Development Center open to care for the children of military and civilian employees.

During Handicapped Awareness Week activities in October, Deborah Dodson, a clerk-typist in the Arsenal's Equipment Management Office, was named the Handicapped Employee of the Year on Arsenal Island. The Arsenal braced itself for a demonstration on Oct. 21 as protesters attempted to shut down the Arsenal. An estimated 350-400 demonstrators turned out as 120 were arrested, however, it was business as usual for the workforce.

Perry Stewart arrived in October to become the AMCCOM Deputy for Logistics Readiness. In prior service Stewart served as a SES at the Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

In November AMCCOM contract specialist Charlene Bailey saved the Army \$12 million by competing the M737 projectile used for M1 tank training. The item was previously procured sole source. During the same month Rock Island Arsenal's commissary was named the Army's best among small commissaries in the United States.

Before the year closed yet another SES was added to the AMCCOM roles. Jimmy C. Morgan, former deputy director of Procurement and Production Policy and Management and the Plant Operations Directorate, was selected as the Deputy for Procurement and Production.



The first phase nears completion as contractor employees put metal. To the left is Bldg. 212 East. The two buildings will square feet of floor space housing computer controlled storage system and mezzanine offices. The REARM is scheduled to be completed in June 1986.



QA engineers Marv Huizinga, left and Kent Schmitz discovered that by making a quality assurance test tougher, the readiness of the Abrams tank would be improved and \$23 million could be saved on maintenance operations. The two engineers are shown inside the turret of the M1 tank.



Government Bridge got a these two workers underwent a major renovation which restricted vehicular traffic to one lane during much of the construction work.

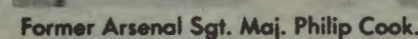


Machinist Wayne Richardson adjusts the light source on an RIA milling machine equipped with a computerized sensing device and control system. In addition to milling metal, the machine also performs a complete quality assurance inspection. The machine is about five years ahead of other state-of-the-art machine tools.

AMCCOM employees help stage Civil War

Another change the Sergeant has

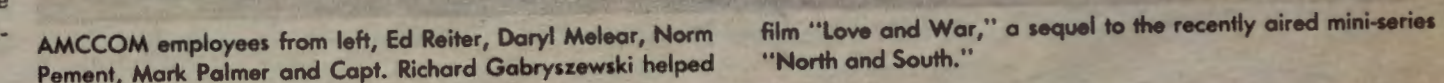
The auto-craft shop was just four walls with hardly any tools or equip-



"There were a lot of headaches and heartaches during those 30 years, but

"She is my right-hand," adds Cook with a big smile.

Filming for the new series, which still may be named "North and



n- "The cameras held only four

"I enjoyed it so much that I would ed to care. But that's show biz.

Awards

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Martin Luther King honored Jan. 20

"It may get me crucified. I may even die. But I want it said even if I die in the struggle that 'He died to make men free.'"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—1962

Federal employees will recognize the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth on Jan. 20 with a newly scheduled federal holiday. King's birthday actually falls on Jan. 15, however, the holiday will be observed on the third Monday in January.

King, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is the first American who was never president to be honored with a national holiday.

King was born in Atlanta on Jan. 15, 1929 to a family with deep religious traditions. Both his father and grandfather were pioneers in the battle for equal rights. His father, Martin Luther King Sr. began the fight for equal salaries for black teachers and his grandfather, A.D. Williams, was one of the first heads of the Georgia Chapter of the NAACP.

King received his elementary education in the Atlanta public schools.

A brilliant student, he skipped grades and entered Atlanta's Morehouse College at the age of 15. He received his bachelor's degree and entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania when he was 19.

At the seminary, King found himself in an integrated school for the first time in his life. There he graduated first in his class and became the first black president of the student body. He later attended Harvard University and received his doctorate in philosophy from Boston University.

In 1954 he became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. King entered the civil rights movement when he was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The group was initially formed to improve conditions for blacks on Montgomery's Jim Crow bus lines. During that time Crow was noted for his mistreatment and prejudice against blacks.

The group's intentions soon became national headlines and placed King under public scrutiny. For the next twelve years he became involved



in marches, sit-ins, demonstrations and negotiations that eventually abolished the racist Crow institutions of the South. Through this movement King helped to open new economic doors to blacks.

As King began to form new ideas

to relieve moral injustice to blacks he was killed by an assassin's bullet in 1968 at the age of 39. The bullet put an end to King's dreams and his civil rights fight but left the country with a dedication for peace and equality for all men of all nations.

Electronic meetings bridge an 800-mile gap

Imagine a face-to-face conference with someone at Headquarters AMC without having to fly to Washington. By the end of March this will be possible. Not only with headquarters, but with the other AMC major subordinate commands.

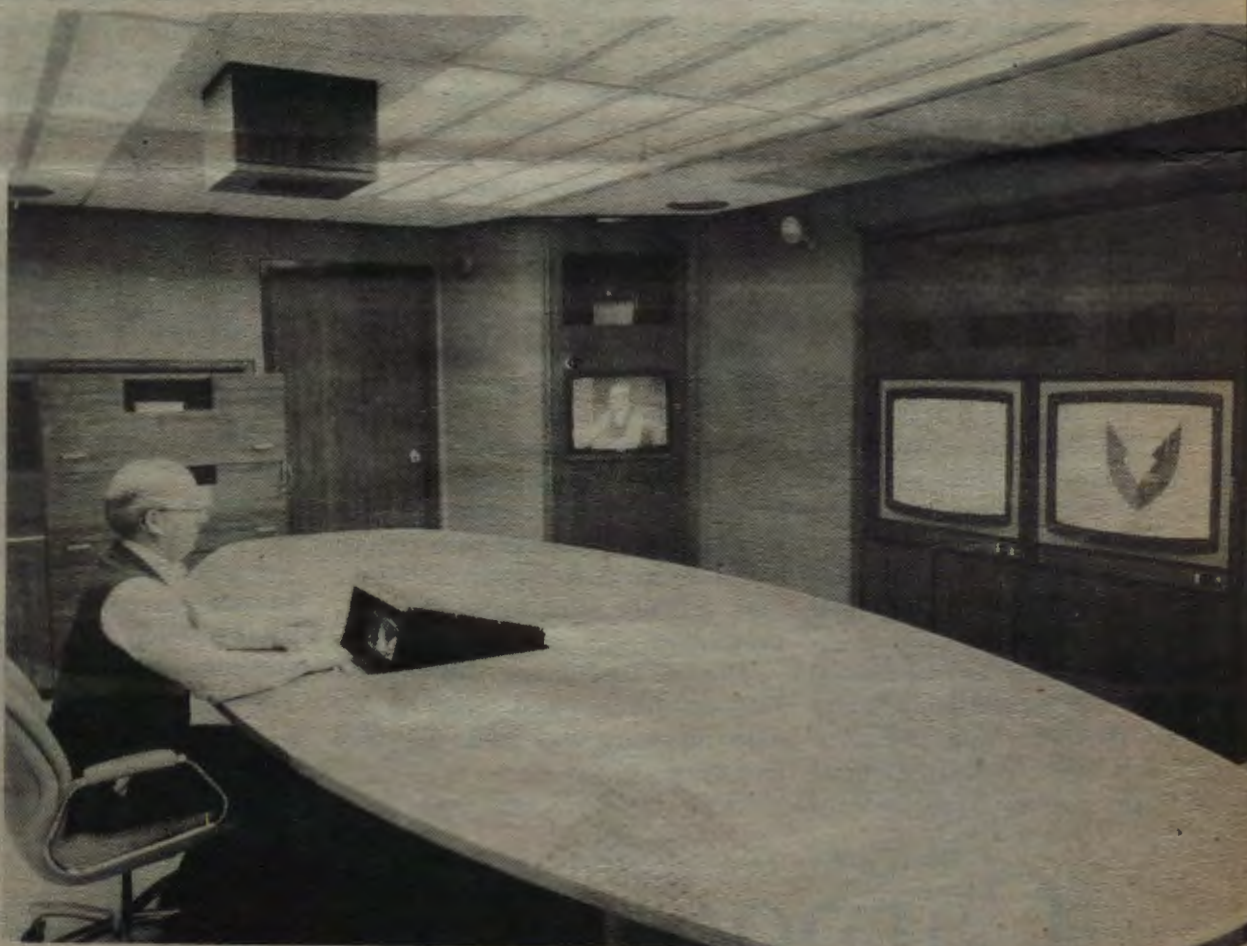
A video-teleconferencing center is now being constructed in the former Frank A. Abel Conference Room in Bldg. 390, third floor. Identical centers are being built at the Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis; Troop Support Command, St. Louis; Communications-Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; Depot System Command, Chambersburg, Pa.; Laboratory Command, Adelphi, Md.; Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Tank-Automotive Command, Warren, Mich.; and the Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

For security purposes the conference room is constructed with one-inch thick metal walls. This will prevent video and audio signals from being picked up outside the room. The center will also have secure telephone lines, self-contained heating and air conditioning units plus smoke and fire detection equipment. The entrance is a vault door with a combination lock.

The room is designed to accommodate six persons at the conference table with seating available for others behind the table. Each of the teleconferencing rooms within the network are identical in detail with the exception of the tables. Room sizes or shapes have required some variations in table configurations, but this is the only difference.

Conference participants will be able to meet with distant conferees at two or more sites within the 10-location network through satellite transmission. Five voice-actuated cameras will not only allow participants to view one another but all information being presented such as vugraphs and charts. The chairman of each conference will choose what is shown. The presenter and the chairman can view each other; however, other participants will see only whatever the chairman selects.

Dual screens will allow for two different images to be projected at the same time. Focusing could be either on the person speaking, the person being addressed or the information



Video teleconferencing production specialist Ray Culley adjusts the picture in the new video teleconferencing center in Bldg. 350. The center will be linked to

Army Materiel Command headquarters and other major subordinate commands within AMC.

being discussed. A control panel located in front of the chairman will allow for all of these variations. An electronic blackboard will also project information written at one site to an identical system at the receiving end.

Network control will be at AMC with as many as three simultaneous broadcasted conferences possible. Top priority, of course, will be given to AMC Commander Gen. Richard Thompson and his commanding generals at the major subordinate commands.

All work for the teleconferencing center is being done through a Department of Defense contract with AT&T Information Systems being the prime contractor. AT&T will be responsible for all the hardware and its maintenance. The government is leasing all the

equipment needed to operate the centers with the option to buy any time during the first 10 years.

In addition to the convenience of having the centers — no travel orders to cut, no time spent in transit — use of the center is expected to reduce travel expenses by 10 percent. Besides time and money, enhanced productivity and improved command communications are expected benefits.

When the system begins broadcasting, AMC will become the first operational network in the Department of Defense. Representatives from the Air Force, Navy and Joint Chiefs of Staff will be watching to see if teleconferencing should be expanded within DoD to save strategic and tactical requirements.