

Illegitimate babies born in Nazi breeding experiments

The birth of a "test tube" baby in Britain has stirred memories in West Germany of Nazi experiments with human breeding before and during World War II.

About 2,800 children born at a Nazi maternity home in the Bavarian village of Steinhoeing were the offspring of Adolf Hitler's experiments. The experiments did not involve laboratory conception as in Britain, but rather a strict and sometimes forced selection of prospective parents with the aim of expanding the "Aryan" (Caucasian) race.

The offspring of the Nazi's selective breeding experiments were born and reared within a specially chosen SS (Elite Guard) society called "Lebensborn", which means wellspring of life.

While some were the children of SS officers and their wives, birth certificates show 90 percent of those born in the clinic to be illegitimate. Many of them products of

liaisons in an SS bordello in Munich, 20 miles to the west.

Most of the mothers were Germans. Other women with appropriate features and ancestry were recruited from Nazi-occupied western Europe, Scandinavia and the Balkans. Fifteen maternity homes were scattered over the Nazi Reich, including, France, Norway, Poland and Austria.

Associated Press datelines

"The women were sent to the Lebensborn clinic here three months after becoming pregnant, and they got the best possible medical care," Steinhoeing's mayor, Karl Stabernak said.

"Only a few took their babies with them after the war," he said. "Most were afraid to go back home with a Lebensborn baby."

Most Lebensborn children were raised by SS foster families.

More than 200 abandoned children, ranging from infancy to age 4, and a few mothers and pregnant women were found by U. S. troops who arrived in May 6, 1945. Most of the mothers and officials had fled.

Lebensborn officials testified at the Nuremberg war crimes trials that, altogether, 12,000 children were born at the clinics.

Wilderness charges

The U.S. Forest Service has responded to a Sierra Club accusation that the federal agency is misleading ranchers over the impact of a proposal to set aside some Nebraska lands as wilderness.

The Forest service proposed adding 8,088 acres near Chadron to the national wilderness system.

The Sierra Club charged the service falsely alarmed ranchers that livestock grazing would be phased out if the lands become wilderness.

Stamp out

President Anastasio Somoza says his troops have defeated Sandinista guerrillas on all fronts and pursued insurgents into Costa Rica in an effort to stamp out Nicaragua's bloodiest revolt in 50 years.

But reports from battle zones around the country and signs of resistance in the capital indicate continued fighting.

University strike

Eastern Michigan University faculty members walked off the job and urged students to join them as teachers strikes continued around the nation Wednesday.

Classes were not formally canceled, but university authorities said students could go home if no teachers showed up. Over 630 faculty members were involved in the walk-out.

University activities, programs united

The three branches of Campus Activities and Programs, CAP-East, CAP-City and CAP-Culture Center are working to meet the needs of student organizations.

In the past, east campus student organizations have been self-sufficient, said Martin Wood, CAP-East program consultant.

Wood said CAP-East is not taking away the self-sufficiency of east campus organizations, but is helping by offering meeting room space, file cabinets and mailboxes for these organizations.

CAP-East also will offer student organization event registration, a directory to organizations, advising, activity calendar, resource materials, workshops, new organization development and financial services and advising.

CAP-City offers the same type of help to over 200 city campus organizations.

Sara Boatman, CAP director, said CAP-City helps

organizations plan events so they run smoothly and within UNL policy.

She said CAP-City also helps new organizations write their constitutions and gain recognition.

In addition, this branch provides a resource library, newsletter and student workspace.

Cyrel Foote, culture center adviser, said the function of his center is to serve the interests of ethnic minorities, their lifestyles and their contributions to society.

Programs which may be offered at the center include films, lectures, workshops, meetings, disco dances, musical performances, parties and recreational activities.

Boatman said the special activities sponsored by the three branches include UNL services day, an orientation program for non-traditional students, as activity mart, the new student hour on KRNU-FM campus radio and workshops.



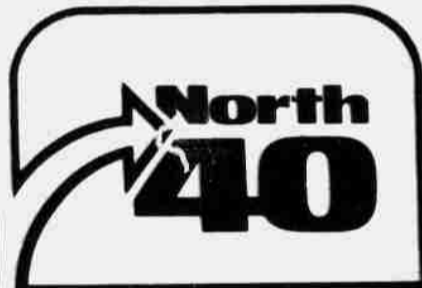
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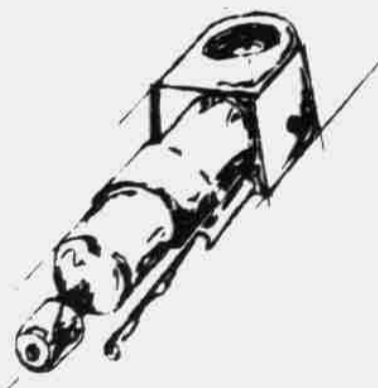
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