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*From SHEILA*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

*WILBUR JONES,  
ADVANCEPERSON*

*X 2535*

*Fri. noon  
City Hall.*

MEMORANDUM TO: *RED* CAVANEY  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Susan Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: 19th Annual Steuben Parade

GROUP: German-American Committee of Greater New York, Incorporated

DATE: Saturday, September 18, 1976

TIME: 11:30 a.m.: Gather  
12:00 p.m.: Parade begins

PLACE: Begins at 63rd and Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

CONTACT: Dr. Walter E. Bock *- after 5:00*  
General Chairman *(212) LE 4-0880*  
O: 212-390-3236  
H: 212-533-3946

*Wed.*

COMMENTS: Susan Ford will participate in the 19th Annual Steuben Parade, sponsored by the German-American Community in New York City. The Parade honors General Von Steuben for his contributions to the success of the American Army during the fateful days of the fight for independence. Leading German statesmen including Willy Brandt and Walter Scheel have participated in the past, but in the nineteen years of the Parade, no member of the White House has ever attended. Outside

*March 62<sup>nd</sup> to reviewing stand.*

*86<sup>th</sup> St — mingle with some people  
crowd of people.*

those of English origin in the United States, the German-Americans are the largest ethnic segment of our population. The Governor and Mayor will participate.

The Parade begins at 63rd and Fifth Avenue. Participants will walk to 69th Street at the reviewing stand. The invitation has the encouragement of the PFC. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Myron Kuropas  
William Nicholson  
Jerry Jones  
Terry O'Donnell  
James Field  
James Baker  
Stuart Spencer  
Ed Terrell  
Elly Peterson  
William Greener III  
Jud Summer  
Timothy Austin  
Kathy McCort  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUSAN PORTER

FROM:

BILL NICHOLSON *WUN*

SUBJECT:

Steuben Day Parade, Saturday, September 18  
in New York City

The attached background is forwarded for Jack's consideration.

If Jack agrees, let's coordinate on contacting the sponsors as this has not yet been regretted for the President.

Thank you.

*mentioned  
to Bill N,  
8/9/76*

SUSAN FORD  
PLEASED TO DO.

ED TERRELL AT  
P.F.C. RECOMMENDS.



# Steuben Parade

of

The German-American Committee of Greater New York, Inc.

September 18th, 1976

DR. WALTER E. BOCK  
General Chairman

8 Peter Cooper Rd., Apt. 4C

New York, N. Y. 10010

Bus. Telephone: 350-3235

(212)

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*the mitzvah at the Biltmore*

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9/1/76 - S. Porter still did not know who was going to attend.

8/25 - A. Porter was still considering this for Jack Ford

August 12th, 1976

T/D

SCHEDULE BD.

DATE RECEIVED

AUG 16 1976

MESSAGE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

OTHER

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

An earlier letter had been sent to your office informing you that the annual Steuben Day Parade, sponsored by the German American Community is being held in New York, Saturday, September 18th, 1976 starting at noon.

In this letter, we had pointed out that the Steuben Parade is the largest gathering of Americans of German ancestry from all over the United States. It also attracts thousands of tourists who come from Germany for this special event.

Although the response we have had does not sound too encouraging, it is our fondest hope that you will still be able to join our paraders for this most historic event, especially in view of Von Steuben's contribution to the success of the American Army during the fateful days of the fight for independence.

We do hope that your schedule can be rearranged to enable you to join us in the line and in the review of the parade. You are also most cordially welcome to join us at our annual banquet to be held starting at 8 P.M. in the Hotel Biltmore, New York, on Sept. 17th the day before the parade.

I do want to emphasize the respect which we have for you and we do sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to join us and become one of us in honoring General Von Steuben.

Sincerely,

Dr. Walter E. Bock

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

for Tackford  
B) file Sept 18

July 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MYRON KUROPAS  
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *W N*  
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to participate in  
Steuben Day Parade on Saturday, September 18  
in New York City

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on the attached invitation.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

I recommend that the President participate in the parade.  
The parade is a significant event and the Germans are  
our largest ethnic group.

*Myron B. Kuropas*



# Steuben Parade

of

The German-American Committee of Greater New York, Inc.

September 18th, 1976

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6 Peter Cooper Rd., Apt. 4C  
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Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

May I at this early date inform you that the annual Steuben Parade will be held in New York on Saturday, September 18th, 1976. It is, as you know, the largest annual gathering of Americans of German ancestry from all over the United States plus many thousands of tourists who come from Germany expressly for this event each year.

Although the German-American group represents, next to those of English origin, the largest ethnic segment of the United States population, we have never had the pleasure in the 19 years of our parade to be permitted to welcome a White House resident. Leading Statesmen from the Federal Republic of Germany, led by Willy Brandt and Walter Scheel, while they were still foreign ministers have attended enthusiastically in years gone by. It would therefore be a tribute which would filter down the ranks of every German-American family if you could fit a brief visit to the parade which begins at noon on Fifth Avenue into your no doubt heavy schedule.

May we hear from you at your convenience?

Sincerely yours,

*Walter E. Bock*

Dr. Walter E. Bock  
Chairman Steuben Parade

WEB/lw





NEWS from the

# STEUBEN PARADE

*Sponsored by the German - American Committee of Greater New York*

NEXT PARADE on NEW YORK'S FIFTH AVENUE:

SEPTEMBER 18, 1976

Additional Information: (212) 390-3211

## 19TH ANNUAL STEUBEN PARADE SEPT. 18, 1976

For the 19th consecutive year Americans of Germanic ancestry will gather for the Steuben Parade on New York's Fifth Avenue on Saturday, September 18, 1976. Beginning at noon, a three-hour cavalcade of Steuben Parade participants will proceed north along Fifth Avenue, beginning at 61st Street and will turn into East 86th Street toward a genuine Yorkville Festival Finale. Some 12,000 active participants and several hundred thousand spectators are expected along the line of march.

Please consider this your invitation to attend the parade and the final two meetings of the Parade Committee prior to the Parade. They will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31 and on Tuesday, September 14. Both meetings will be at the Liederkrantz, 6 East 87th Street, NYC. Exec. Board at 6:30.

A Bi-Centennial salute to the United States will be the theme of this year's parade. Americans of German ancestry and thousands of overseas visitors will salute the nation in its 200th anniversary year. Germanic folklore and the contributions of German immigrants toward the American way of life will be featured on the estimated 35 floats of the pageant. In addition to gaily costumed folklore participants and a variety of oompa-bands, the youngsters learning German in the traditional "Saturday Schools" and the oldsters residing in senior citizen homes and villages will also be seen in the parade.

"Our 19th annual Steuben Parade following Operation Sail, the Democratic Convention and other major bi-centennial events will provide New Yorkers and their neighboring states with a colorful fall festival," states Dr. Walter E. Bock, chairman of this year's event. The Steuben Parade is conducted by the German-American Committee of Greater New York, of which George Pape is chairman. Dr. Bock replaces Erwin Single, who continues to head foreign relations, as chairman of the parade.

Lt. Frank Bolz of the Police Steuben Ass'n, named "German-American of the Year" by the various civil service Steuben Associations, is the Grand Marshal of the parade. The Hon. William E. Ringel, a favorite among toastmasters, will again preside over the Parade Banquet, which this year will be held on the eve of the parade, Friday, September 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hotel Biltmore.

Many thousands of visitors from all parts of Germany will begin pouring into the city as parade date approaches. Emphasis on this historic year will be upon four

different groups of Hessians headed by the parade's honor guest, Governor (Minister-president) Albert Oswald of the State of Hessen in the Federal Republic of Germany.

It will be recalled that Hessian mercenary soldiers fought on the side of the English during America's War of Independence. A brief synopsis of the Hessian conscripts will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Governor Oswald will be accompanied by Victor von Grental, Chief U. S. Forces Liaison Officer. A prominent White House guest is also expected.

As it has been these many years, the Cornflower is the symbol of the Steuben Parade. This year's Cornflower Queen is blonde and beautiful Jane A. Manne, a 19-year old native of New York City, graduate of Adlai E. Stevenson High School in the Bronx and presently a student at Wagner College. Jane's first princess is Ingrid Julia Martinek of Middle Village, New York and her second princess is Janet Lorenz of the Bronx. The Cornflower Trio serves as parade ambassadors at various German-American functions throughout the year. The Queen then is flown to Europe each spring to establish first hand contact with the various groups coming to the parade in the fall. The three winners were crowned at the Parade Champagne Festival on July 30.

Over the course of nearly two decades the Steuben Parade has become a three-day event for the visiting participants. The three-day program begins with New York City sight-seeing by motor coach and Circle Line yacht on Friday. A noonday band concert at City Hall is followed by an official reception and banquet at the Hotel Biltmore on Friday evening. There is time for shopping on Saturday morning, before proceeding to the parade and the numerous club festivities that follow. The "Blowout" follows in the form of an Compafest on Sunday afternoon, September 19, at which the visiting folklore groups and brass bands participate. This year's Compafest will take place at the Plattdeutsche Volksfest Park in Franklin Square, L. I. Overseas visitors who do not fly home until the following Monday or Tuesday invariably plan excursions to Philadelphia, Washington or Niagara to crowd as much as possible into their weekend visit to America.

Practically all regions of the Federal Republic of Germany are represented among this year's visitors. Hessen's groups include the well known Adalbert Stifter group of Darmstadt, the costumed brass band from Elters, and the HVT Group of Marburg. Another Hessen group, which first appeared here two years ago, is the internationally known Bad Hersfeld youth band. The Hersfelders were chosen to play for President John F. Kennedy on his visit to Wiesbaden. Along with a group of Fitzlach-Homberg Blassers, they will arrive a week later to visit New York and to participate in the Philadelphia Steuben Parade.

Bavaria's groups include the Musikzug Weissenbrunn and the Blas und Trachtenkapelle Kulmbach from the northeastern Franconian section of the state. Baden-Wuerttemberg will again have several colorful groups from the Black Forest, the Schwaebische Alb, the Neckar regions and other parts of the state coming to the parade. Numerous groups from the Rhineland, primarily from the carnival centers of Cologne area, will be on hand. Northern Germany will be ably represented by the Hinchenfelder Turnerschaft and its Spielemannszug. A girls' fife and drum corps from Neumuenster in the Hamburg region will also be on hand.

Among the overseas groups that have announced their visits are the Schuetzenkorps from Wesel, home city of Peter Minuit who went on to purchase Manhattan from the Indians. They are part of the visiting groups brought over by the Reisestudio Kluttig in the Duesseldorf area. So is the Gruen-Weiss Carnival Society of Freschen near Koeln.

The Association of Folklore Societies, organized by Ferdi Hammerschmidt some years ago with the express purpose of visiting the parade each year, will again have a number of

visiting groups, including the Fanfarankorps Blau-Weiss from Koeln...Schwaben-International will have groups from Bad Buchau, Wiesingen, Gross Burg and a repeat visit from Saulgau, as well as the choral society Harmonie from Baden-Oes.

Folk dancers from Kirchheimbolander will represent the Palatinate...the Paarkrafenschaft, steeped in tradition dating back to 1381, will present its gay costumes and merry pranks representing the city of West Berlin...Hans Reichenbacher expects 600 "Handwerker" in 15 groups from 13 different German cities, representing their local chamber of commerce...Heidelberg had high hopes of sending a goodsized delegation and the city of Mainz, ever loyal to the parade, will again have a float and delegation on hand.

The Osnabruecker Schuetzengau, coming via Orbis Reisen, have gone so far in their enthusiasm to mint their own parade participation emblems...from Munich will come a group organized by the Amtlich Bayrische Reisebuero...historic Schwaebisch-Hall in Baden-Wuerttemberg will have its fine Stadtkapelle to delight parade visitors...Neuheim-Hoesten in the Sauerland its Jugendkapelle...Kirsten near Cologne its Schuetzenverein. In addition there will be Rotweiss Frickhofen near Frankfurt, a confectioners group under the Ruoff Reisen banner from the Stuttgart area, and other groups still being organized. Hopefully, the Plattdutsche Kring from Bremen, visitors from the very start of the parade, will again be in our midst. Herman Endres will again bring a sizable group from Buffalo, Toronto, Philadelphia and other cities on the North American Continent will also have groups at the New York parade.

A rousing march for brass bands entitled "Steuben Parade March" has been composed by Friedrich Wilhelm Reuter of Duesseldorf. After hearing a taped version, the parade delegates turned it over to Dr. George Seuffert. Hopefully he will find a way of having the march premiered at this year's parade.

Several personnel changes have occurred since the last parade. Erwin Single has retired for health reasons but continues as honorary chairman in charge of foreign relations, ably assisted by Ursula Robra. He will also handle the public address microphone at the Fifth Avenue grandstand. Dr. Walter E. Bock, no stranger to New York's German-Americans, is the new chairman. Newly elected co-chairman is Bill Handeler with Herbert Schinkus moving over to the public relations chairmanship in place of Willie Schoeps. Jeff Ketcham, together with Adolf Wohst, now head the important special events committee responsible for much of the revenue needed to stage the parade. Wohst ably headed this division for many years prior to retiring and moving south of the city. Conrad Woelfel, longtime head of the Grandstand Committee, has also gone into retirement from his Workman's Benefit duties but will retain his parade assignments. And Jeff Ketcham has come on as Float Chairman in place of Erich Richter.

Those remaining in their parade functions include: Frank A. Bolz, Jr., Grand Marshal; Theobald J. Dengler, treasurer since the parade's inception; Wolfgang Hamel, finance chairman; Edith Handeler, financial secretary; Lottie Witschel, executive secretary; Ann Seebode-Ketcham, assistant secretary; Katie Jonke, recording secretary; Gertrude Lesser, Cornflower Queen chairlady; George Bauer, Cornflower sales chairman; Dr. George F. Seuffert, music and bi-centennial chairman.

Hon. Hugh L. Carey and Hon. Brendan T. Byrne, governors of New York and New Jersey, are honorary chairmen, while Mayor Abraham D. Beame, Hon. William E. Ringel and Hon. George L. Balbach are honorary grand marshals. Other notables in public life serve as Vice-Chairmen and as members of the Honorary Committee.

Generous donations from numerous friends in the German-American community have made it possible to stage the parade without interruption over a period of 13 years. Most years



have yielded a surplus which has then been distributed among American social service organizations. This year we are again dependent upon the generosity of our friends. Won't you please send in your own donation to the address listed below!

Information Checklist - 1976 Steuben Parade

Grandstand tickets @ \$3 - Conrad Woelfel, 360 65th St., Apt. 21D, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11220

Banquet tickets @ \$25, Sept. 17, Hotel Biltmore - Adolf Wohst, 158 Lexington Avenue, Whiting, N. J. 08759

Compass tickets @ \$2.50, Sept. 19 at Plattdeutsche Park, Franklin Square, N. Y. - Staats-Zeitung, 36-30 37th Street, Long Island City, N. Y. 11101

Donations to Wolfgang Hamel, Fin. Chairman, % German Society, 150 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10011

Cornflowers (suggested donation 50¢ each) - George Bauer, 41-16 58th Street, Woodside, N. Y. 11377

Parade Pins (suggested donation \$2) - Theobald Dengler, treasurer, 233 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10007.

Group visits to clubs, etc. - Erwin Single, 20 Conklin Ave., Tappan, N. Y. 10983

The First Hessians in America

(by Lee Single)

During the War of Independence, England's King George III, already involved in several conflicts in Europe, purchased 30,000 mercenary soldiers from the Duke of Hessen. These Hessians were shipped to America but proved a poor bargain for the British. They were not worth their keep - and why should they have been? They had been bought like cattle. They cared nothing for the war. They must have been embittered, too, by the harshness of their fate which had dragged them from their quiet German homes across the ocean into a wild new country. They were treated like dogs by their own officers and like wolves by the natives.

They fought reluctantly and deserted whenever they could. Their casualties were not large; most of the loss was from desertion. A Hessian commander could not march his troops ten miles in a farming district, especially Pennsylvania which was 25% German at the time, without losing men. The countryside near any Hessian post was speckled with tow-headed, inarticulate men in soiled uniforms who came to back doors and somehow expressed the idea that they wanted jobs as farm hands.

While it didn't improve the lot of the Hessians at the time, their sale provoked great indignation in Europe; Mirabeau and Schiller wrote against it and even Frederick the Great protested. Even the English objected and the employment of mercenaries was bitterly attacked in Parliament.

Later, Napoleon used this inhumanity of the Hessian ruler as an excuse for annexing Hesse-Cassel to his kingdom of Westphalia and overthrowing the ruling family. One might say the Hessians were avenged from a most unlikely quarter.

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Address correspondence and inquiries concerning the Steuben Parade to:  
Mrs. Lotte Witschel, 29-17 169th St., Flushing, N. Y. 11358

Newsletter written by Erwin Single, Honorary Parade Chairman





THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear Mrs. Kessler:

A note of thanks for your time and effort in making Susan Ford's recent visit to New York so enjoyable.

Your hospitality and willingness to do anything you could will long be remembered and appreciated.

Again, Mrs. Kessler, thanks. On behalf of Susan, we are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson  
Assistant Press Secretary  
to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Peter J. Kessler  
68 East 86th Street  
New York City, New York 10028

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear Dick:

You are such a rare person!

This is a short note to let you know how much I enjoyed getting to know you and work with you during Susan Ford's trip to New York on the 18th.

You were great to work with, and Susan enjoyed being with you very much. We hope the trip was useful in the campaign in New York and that there'll be trips to come.

Again, Dick, thanks.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson  
Assistant Press Secretary  
to Mrs. Ford

Mr. Richard Rosenbaum  
Chairman, Republican Party of New York  
Chairman, President Ford Committee of New York  
545 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear Dr. Bock:

This is a short note to let you know how grateful I am to have gotten to know you and work with you during Susan Ford's trip to New York.

You were all we could have asked for and more. On behalf of Susan, please let me convey our sincere appreciation for all you did. We are indebted.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson  
Assistant Press Secretary  
to Mrs. Ford

Dr. Walter Bock  
8 Peter Cooper Road  
New York City, New York

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

Dear Bob:

A note of thanks for your time and effort in making Susan Ford's recent visit to New York go so smoothly.

Your hospitality and willingness to do anything you could was appreciated. The stop went well, I thought, and I hope it was helpful to you.

Again, Bob, thanks. On behalf of Susan Ford, we are grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Patti Matson  
Assistant Press Secretary  
to Mrs. Ford

Mr. Robert Baker  
Executive Director  
President Ford Committee  
545 Madison Avenue  
New York City, New York

SUSAN

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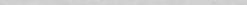
B. p. 1

Jack N

1230 Laguna Pueblo

1699 Mission (by Spanish)  
(5 murals + paintings on wall)

Padre w/great pack

Plaza w/ Shrine  cane from  
Lincoln

[217 Senate Bill - 5<sub>1</sub> disk]

Indian crafts + 2

→ ~~Gov~~ Gov + Lt. Gov  
Reble offers

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Mary Ann

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9:54  
11:40  
m UA  
Dinner  
Continuation  
~~UA 243~~  
Gate 6

Brad Cates  
Sun Port

P. Conf Airport Sun Port  
Harrison Schmidt  
Cand. for ~~State~~ U.S. Senate  
Media  
Montoya

205 Tour of <sup>the</sup> NM Green Res. Ctr

240 Youth Open Mtg HOKONA Hall Lounge

315 ~~2~~ 1 x Fair  
walk thru Spanish Village  
at rd  
(Gate ~~4~~ 5)

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430 ~~2~~ 1 Hotel  
in, 2

500 rodeo

1130 ~~2~~  
1230 Arrive

Nat'l Eng  
Caulder  
305-734-1965  
1965

MEMORANDUM  
OF CALL

TO: Inkwell

☐ YOU WERE CALLED BY: Max M. Carey ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY: 212-7E8.6220

OR (Organization) 212-7E8.6220

☐ PLEASE CALL 212-7E8.6220 ☐ PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. 5-12  
40880

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE (hm)  
212-533-3946  
Dr. Bockner  
Book 212-390.3236  
6-24-78  
Susan  
C 11 18-7  
5pm Open H.O.  
Government  
General

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# Home-Bicentennial

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dr. Bock 212-390-3236

"19th Annual

Steuben Parade"

(Do. Wash. quarter master gen. in  
rev. army)

in re Am. Army

spons. by German Chamber  
of Ctr N.Y.

C. 17 of Steuben

2 is . honored guest of Fed  
Rep. of German

Gov. of Hesse State-<sup>mn.</sup> Albert  
Osswald





N. Y.

15,000-25,000

N. Y.

Canada THE WHITE HOUSE

Phila.

WASHINGTON

49 groups from Germany

- dancers
- gymnastics
- fire
- bands

> 3500 E from Germany

> 11:30 Get to 63rd & 5th Ave.

12 Noon Starts

at 63rd & 5th

① Dr. Walter Pock

Gen. Chm of  
Parade

② Gov. Carey

③

④ Beame

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: RED CAVANEY  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: Action Memo

Susan Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: 19th Annual Steuben Parade

GROUP: German-American Committee of Greater New York, Incorporated

DATE: Saturday, September 18, 1976

TIME: 11:30 a.m.: Gather  
12:00 p.m.: Parade begins

PLACE: Begins at 63rd and Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

CONTACT: Dr. Walter E. Bock  
General Chairman  
O: 212-390-3236  
H: 212-533-3946

COMMENTS: Susan Ford will participate in the 19th Annual Steuben Parade, sponsored by the German-American Community in New York City. The Parade honors General Von Steuben for his contributions to the success of the American Army during the fateful days of the fight for independence. Leading German statesmen including Willy Brandt and Walter Scheel have participated in the past, but in the nineteen years of the Parade, no member of the White House has ever attended. Outside



those of English origin in the United States, the German-Americans are the largest ethnic segment of our population. The Governor and Mayor will participate.

The Parade begins at 63rd and Fifth Avenue. Participants will walk to 69th Street ~~at~~ the reviewing stand. The invitation has the encouragement of the PFC. The file is attached.

Thank you.

c: BF Staff  
Myron Kuropas  
William Nicholson  
Jerry Jones  
Terry O'Donnell  
James Field  
James Baker  
Stuart Spencer  
Ed Terrell  
Elly Peterson  
William Greener III  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUSAN PORTER

FROM:

BILL NICHOLSON *WUN*

SUBJECT:

Steuben Day Parade, Saturday, September 18  
in New York City

The attached background is forwarded for Jack's consideration.

If Jack agrees, let's coordinate on contacting the sponsors as this has not yet been regretted for the President.

Thank you.

*mentioned  
to Bill N,  
8/9/76*

SUSAN FORD  
PLEASED TO DO.

ED TERRELL AT  
P.F.C. RECOMMENDS.



# Steuben Parade

of

The German-American Committee of Greater New York, Inc.

September 18th, 1976

DR. WALTER E. BOCK  
General Chairman

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the night before at  
the Biltmore*

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*9/1/76 - S. Porter still did not know  
who was going to attend.*

*8/25 - S. Porter was still  
considering this for  
Jack Ford*

August 12th, 1976

T/D

SCHEDULE BD.

DATE RECEIVED

AUG 16 1976

MESSAGE

SPEAKERS BUREAU

OTHER

APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

An earlier letter had been sent to your office informing you that the annual Steuben Day Parade, sponsored by the German American Community is being held in New York, Saturday, September 18th, 1976 starting at noon.

In this letter, we had pointed out that the Steuben Parade is the largest gathering of Americans of German ancestry from all over the United States. It also attracts thousands of tourists who come from Germany for this special event.

Although the response we have had does not sound too encouraging, it is our fondest hope that you will still be able to join our paraders for this most historic event, especially in view of Von Steuben's contribution to the success of the American Army during the fateful days of the fight for independence.

We do hope that your schedule can be rearranged to enable you to join us in the line and in the review of the parade. You are also most cordially welcome to join us at our annual banquet to be held starting at 8 P.M. in the Hotel Biltmore, New York, on Sept. 17th the day before the parade.

I do want to emphasize the respect which we have for you and we do sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to join us and become one of us in honoring General Von Steuben.

Sincerely,

Dr. Walter E. Bock





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

A) for Tarkenton  
B) file Sept 18

July 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: MYRON KUROPAS  
FROM: WILLIAM NICHOLSON *W N*  
SUBJECT: Invitation to the President to participate in  
Steuben Day Parade on Saturday, September 18  
in New York City

I would appreciate your comments and recommendation on the attached invitation.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

I recommend that the President participate in the parade. The parade is a significant event and the Germans are our largest ethnic group.

*Myron B. Kuropas*

# Steuben Parade

of

The German-American Committee of Greater New York, Inc.

September 18th, 1976

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

May I at this early date inform you that the annual Steuben Parade will be held in New York on Saturday, September 18th, 1976. It is, as you know, the largest annual gathering of Americans of German ancestry from all over the United States plus many thousands of tourists who come from Germany expressly for this event each year.

Although the German-American group represents, next to those of English origin, the largest ethnic segment of the United States population, we have never had the pleasure in the 19 years of our parade to be permitted to welcome a White House resident. Leading Statesmen from the Federal Republic of Germany, led by Willy Brandt and Walter Scheel, while they were still foreign ministers have attended enthusiastically in years gone by. It would therefore be a tribute which would filter down the ranks of every German-American family if you could fit a brief visit to the parade which begins at noon on Fifth Avenue into your no doubt heavy schedule.

May we hear from you at your convenience?

Sincerely yours,

*Walter E. Bock*

Dr. Walter E. Bock  
Chairman Steuben Parade

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March 25, 1976

MAR 29 1976

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NEWS from the

# STEUBEN PARADE

*Sponsored by the German - American Committee of Greater New York*

NEXT PARADE on NEW YORK'S FIFTH AVENUE:

SEPTEMBER 18, 1976

Additional Information: (212) 390-32

## 19TH ANNUAL STEUBEN PARADE SEPT. 18, 1976

For the 19th consecutive year Americans of Germanic ancestry will gather for the Steuben Parade on New York's Fifth Avenue on Saturday, September 18, 1976. Beginning at noon, a three-hour cavalcade of Steuben Parade participants will proceed north along Fifth Avenue, beginning at 61st Street and will turn into East 86th Street towards a genuine Yorkville Festival Finale. Some 12,000 active participants and several hundred thousand spectators are expected along the line of march.

Please consider this your invitation to attend the parade and the final two meetings of the Parade Committee prior to the Parade. They will take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31 and on Tuesday, September 14. Both meetings will be at the Liederkrantz, 6 East 87th Street, NYC. Exec. Board at 6:30.

A Bi-Centennial salute to the United States will be the theme of this year's parade. Americans of German ancestry and thousands of overseas visitors will salute the nation in its 200th anniversary year. Germanic folklore and the contributions of German immigrants toward the American way of life will be featured on the estimated 35 floats of the pageant. In addition to gaily costumed folklore participants and a variety of compa-bands, the youngsters learning German in the traditional "Saturday Schools" and the oldsters residing in senior citizen homes and villages will also be seen in the parade.

"Our 19th annual Steuben Parade following Operation Sail, the Democratic Convention and other major bi-centennial events will provide New Yorkers and their neighboring states with a colorful fall festival," states Dr. Walter E. Bock, chairman of this year's event. The Steuben Parade is conducted by the German-American Committee of Greater New York, of which George Pape is chairman. Dr. Bock replaces Erwin Single, who continues to head foreign relations, as chairman of the parade.

Lt. Frank Bolz of the Police Steuben Ass'n, named "German-American of the Year" by the various civil service Steuben Associations, is the Grand Marshal of the parade. The Hon. William E. Ringel, a favorite among toastmasters, will again preside over the Parade Banquet, which this year will be held on the eve of the parade, Friday, September 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hotel Biltmore.

Many thousands of visitors from all parts of Germany will begin pouring into the city as parade date approaches. Emphasis on this historic year will be upon four



different groups of Hessians headed by the parade's honor guest, Governor (Minister-präsident) Albert Osswald of the State of Hessen in the Federal Republic of Germany.

It will be recalled that Hessian mercenary soldiers fought on the side of the English during America's War of Independence. A brief synopsis of the Hessian conscripts will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Governor Osswald will be accompanied by Victor von Gronthal, Chief U. S. Forces Liaison Officer. A prominent White House guest is also expected.

As it has been these many years, the Cornflower is the symbol of the Steuben Parade. This year's Cornflower Queen is blonde and beautiful Jane A. Manne, a 19-year old native of New York City, graduate of Adlai E. Stevenson High School in the Bronx and presently a student at Wagner College. Jane's first princess is Ingrid Julia Martinek of Middle Village, New York and her second princess is Janet Lorenz of the Bronx. The Cornflower Trio serves as parade ambassadors at various German-American functions throughout the year. The Queen then is flown to Europe each spring to establish first hand contact with the various groups coming to the parade in the fall. The three winners were crowned at the Parade Champagne Festival on July 30.

Over the course of nearly two decades the Steuben Parade has become a three-day event for the visiting participants. The three-day program begins with New York City sight-seeing by motor coach and Circle Line yacht on Friday. A noonday band concert at City Hall is followed by an official reception and banquet at the Hotel Biltmore on Friday evening. There is time for shopping on Saturday morning, before proceeding to the parade and the numerous club festivities that follow. The "Blowout" follows in the form of an Compafest on Sunday afternoon, September 19, at which the visiting folklore groups and brass bands participate. This year's Compafest will take place at the Plattdeutsche Volksfest Park in Franklin Square, L. I. Overseas visitors who do not fly home until the following Monday or Tuesday invariably plan excursions to Philadelphia, Washington or Niagara to crowd as much as possible into their weekend visit to America.

Practically all regions of the Federal Republic of Germany are represented among this year's visitors. Hessen's groups include the well known Adalbert Stifter group of Darmstadt, the costumed brass band from Elters, and the HVT Group of Marburg. Another Hessen group, which first appeared here two years ago, is the internationally known Bad Hersfeld youth band. The Hersfelders were chosen to play for President John F. Kennedy on his visit to Wiesbaden. Along with a group of Fitzlach-Homburg Blaesers, they will arrive a week later to visit New York and to participate in the Philadelphia Steuben Parade.

Bavaria's groups include the Musikzug Weissenbrunn and the Blas und Trachtenkapelle Kulmbach from the northeastern Franconian section of the state. Baden-Wuerttemberg will again have several colorful groups from the Black Forest, the Schwaebische Alb, the Neckar regions and other parts of the state coming to the parade. Numerous groups from the Rhineland, primarily from the carnival centers of Cologne area, will be on hand. Northern Germany will be ably represented by the Hinchenfelder Turnerschaft and its Spielmannszug. A girls' fife and drum corps from Neumuenster in the Hamburg region will also be on hand.

Among the overseas groups that have announced their visits are the Schuetzenkorps from Wesel, home city of Peter Minuit who went on to purchase Manhattan from the Indians. They are part of the visiting groups brought over by the Reisestudio Kluttig in the Duesseldorf area. So is the Gruen-Weiss Carnival Society of Freschen near Koeln.

The Association of Folklore Societies, organized by Ferdi Hammerschmidt some years ago with the express purpose of visiting the parade each year, will again have a number of

visiting groups, including the Fanfarekorps Blau-Weiss from Koeln...Schwaben-International will have groups from Bad Buchau, Witten, Gross Eng and a repeat visit from Sankt, as well as the choral society Harmonie from Baden-Oes.

Folk dancers from Kirchheimbolanden will represent the Palatinate...the Pankrafenschaft, steeped in tradition dating back to 1381, will present its gay costumes and merry pranks representing the city of West Berlin...Hans Reichenbacher expects 600 "Handwerker" in 15 groups from 13 different German cities, representing their local chamber of commerce...Heidelberg had high hopes of sending a goodsized delegation and the city of Mainz, ever loyal to the parade, will again have a float and delegation on hand.

The Osnabruecker Schuetzen, coming via Orbis Reisen, have gone so far in their enthusiasm to mint their own parade participation emblems...from Munich will come a group organized by the Amtlich Bayrische Reisebuero...historic Schwaebisch-Hall in Baden-Wuerttemberg will have its fine Stadtkapelle to delight parade visitors...Neuheim-Hoesten in the Sauerland its Jugendkapelle...Kirsten near Cologne its Schuetzenverein. In addition there will be Rotweiss Frickhofen near Frankfurt, a confectioners group under the Ruoff Reisen banner from the Stuttgart area, and other groups still being organized. Hopefully, the Plattdeutsche Kring from Bremen, visitors from the very start of the parade, will again be in our midst. Herman Endres will again bring a sizable group from Buffalo. Toronto, Philadelphia and other cities on the North American Continent will also have groups at the New York parade.

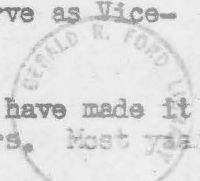
A rousing march for brass bands entitled "Steuben Parade March" has been composed by Friedrich Wilhelm Reuter of Duesseldorf. After hearing a taped version, the parade delegates turned it over to Dr. George Seuffert. Hopefully he will find a way of having the march premiered at this year's parade.

Several personnel changes have occurred since the last parade. Erwin Single has retired for health reasons but continues as honorary chairman in charge of foreign relations, ably assisted by Ursula Robra. He will also handle the public address microphone at the Fifth Avenue grandstand. Dr. Walter E. Bock, no stranger to New York's German-Americans, is the new chairman. Newly elected co-chairman is Bill Handeler with Herbert Schinkus moving over to the public relations chairmanship in place of Willie Schoeps. Jeff Ketcham, together with Adolf Wohst, now head the important special events committee responsible for much of the revenue needed to stage the parade. Wohst ably headed this division for many years prior to retiring and moving south of the city. Conrad Woelfel, longtime head of the Grandstand Committee, has also gone into retirement from his Workman's Benefit duties but will retain his parade assignments. And Jeff Ketcham has come on as Float Chairman in place of Erich Richter.

Those remaining in their parade functions include: Frank A. Bolz, Jr., Grand Marshal; Theobald J. Dengler, treasurer since the parade's inception; Wolfgang Hamel, finance chairman; Edith Handeler, financial secretary; Lottie Witschel, executive secretary; Ann Seebode-Ketcham, assistant secretary; Katie Jonke, recording secretary; Gertrude Lesser, Cornflower Queen chairlady; George Bauer, Cornflower sales chairman; Dr. George F. Seuffert, music and bi-centennial chairman.

Hon. Hugh L. Carey and Hon. Brendan T. Byrne, governors of New York and New Jersey, are honorary chairmen, while Mayor Abraham D. Beame, Hon. William E. Ringel and Hon. George L. Balbach are honorary grand marshals. Other notables in public life serve as Vice-Chairmen and as members of the Honorary Committee.

Generous donations from numerous friends in the German-American community have made it possible to stage the parade without interruption over a period of 18 years. Most years



have yielded a surplus which has then been distributed among American social service organizations. This year we are again dependent upon the generosity of our friends. Won't you please send in your own donation to the address listed below!

Information Checklist - 1976 Steuben Parade

Grandstand tickets @ \$3 - Conrad Woelfel, 360 65th St., Apt. 21D, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11220

Banquet tickets @ \$25, Sept. 17, Hotel Biltmore - Adolf Wohst, 158 Lexington Avenue, Whiting, N. J. 08759

Compafest tickets @ \$2.50, Sept. 19 at Plattdeutsche Park, Franklin Square, N. Y. - Staats-Zeitung, 36-30 37th Street, Long Island City, N. Y. 11101

Donations to Wolfgang Hamel, Fin. Chairman, % German Society, 150 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10011

Cornflowers (suggested donation 50¢ each) - George Bauer, 41-16 58th Street, Woodside, N. Y. 11377

Parade Pins (suggested donation \$2) - Theobald Dengler, treasurer, 233 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10007.

Group visits to clubs, etc. - Erwin Single, 20 Conklin Ave., Tappan, N. Y. 10983

The First Hessians in America

(by Lee Single)

During the War of Independence, England's King George III, already involved in several conflicts in Europe, purchased 30,000 mercenary soldiers from the Duke of Hessen. These Hessians were shipped to America but proved a poor bargain for the British. They were not worth their keep - and why should they have been? They had been bought like cattle. They cared nothing for the war. They must have been embittered, too, by the harshness of their fate which had dragged them from their quiet German homes across the ocean into a wild new country. They were treated like dogs by their own officers and like wolves by the natives.

They fought reluctantly and deserted whenever they could. Their casualties were not large; most of the loss was from desertion. A Hessian commander could not march his troops ten miles in a farming district, especially Pennsylvania which was 25% German at the time, without losing men. The countryside near any Hessian post was speckled with tow-headed, inarticulate men in soiled uniforms who came to back doors and somehow expressed the idea that they wanted jobs as farm hands.

While it didn't improve the lot of the Hessians at the time, their sale provoked great indignation in Europe; Mirabeau and Schiller wrote against it and even Frederick the Great protested. Even the English objected and the employment of mercenaries was bitterly attacked in Parliament.

Later, Napoleon used this inhumanity of the Hessian ruler as an excuse for annexing Hesse-Cassel to his kingdom of Westphalia and overthrowing the ruling family. One might say the Hessians were avenged from a most unlikely quarter.

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Address correspondence and inquiries concerning the Steuben Parade to:  
Mrs. Lotte Witschel, 29-17 169th St., Flushing, N. Y. 11358

Newsletter written by Erwin Single, Honorary Parade Chairman





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Schedule	Proposed Schedule for Susan Ford's Visit to New York City, Saturday, September 18, 1976. (4 pages)	9/16/1976	B

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL STEUBEN DAY PARADE

September 18, 1976

FIRST DIVISION

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Honored Guests, Parade Officials, Armed Forces, Steuben Association (Police, Fire, Sanitation, Correction, Housing and Transit-New York City, Nassau and Suffolk), Veteran Groups.

GROUP A - Parade Officials and Guests

Assembly Area: 63rd Street and Fifth Avenue

Assembly Time: 11:30 A.M.

1. N.Y.P.D. Mounted Department
2. Presidential Flags (United States and West German Republic)
  - a. Color Guard - New York Turn Verein

3. Hon. Hugh Carey, Honorary Parade Chairman  
Hon. Brendan T. Byrne, Honorary Co Chairman  
Hon. Abraham D. Beame, Honorary Grand Marshall  
Hon. William E. Ringel, Honorary Grand Marshall  
Honorable George J. Balbach, Honorary Grand Marshall  
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William Handeler, Co-Chairman

4. Parade Vice Chairman

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Herbert Masel, Martin Opitz, Walter Reyelt, Dr. George  
P. Seuffert, George Vogler, Josef Volz, Conrad Woelfel,  
Adolf Wohst, Herbert Schimkus

5. Parade Committee Officials

Theobald Dengler, Klaus Lange, Hon. Albert Bosch,  
Hans Ostermann, Halsey T. Burke, Dick Feldman, Otto  
Schmidt, Henry Schroeder, Robert J. Wildermann, Adolf  
Schauer, Jerry A. Brunell, Frank Penzkefer, Karl Rein,  
Albert Goerke, Gertrude Lesser, George Lindner, Lottie  
Traeger, Walter Canther Ann Ketcham, Katie Jonke,  
Lotte Witschel, Herbert Schimkus, Wolfgang Hamel,  
Edith Handeler, Erwin Staigle, Emilie Bertsch, Betty  
Schrader, George Bauer, Karl Schrader, Erich M. Richter,  
Heinrich Herda, Mrs. Eva Oehmichen, Jeff Ketcham,  
Ilse Hoffman, Karl Clemens, Henry Heide, Erich Richter,  
Herbert Nogel, Fred Annecke.

6. Honored Guests - Reviewing Party

Miss Susan Ford, representing the President of the United States  
Honorable Brendan T. Byrne, Governor, State of New Jersey  
Hon. Hugh Carey, Governor, State of New York  
Mr. Albert Osswald, Ministerpraesident des Landes Hessen  
Mr. Victor von Cronthall - Chief, U.S. Forces Liaison  
Offices Hessen  
Mr. Wilhelm Ochs, Regierungsdirektor des Landes Hessen  
The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany,  
Dr. Werner Ungerer

Rick Bock  
h: 249 5523  
242 3900

fantastisch!

Guten tag  
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Hon. Robert Marchick, Consul General of Austria  
Hon. Abraham D. Beame - Mayor, City of New York  
Hon. Arthur Levitt, Controller, State of New York  
Hon. Louis J. Lefkowitz-Attorney General, State of New York  
Hon. Albert Del Bello - County Executive, Westchester County  
Hon. Paul O'Dwyer - President, City Council, New York  
Hon. Donald Manes-President, Borough of Queens  
Hon. Robert Abrams - President, Borough of Bronx  
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Hon. Joseph Addabbo - M.C.  
Hon. Dr. Eberhard F. Baumann. Dep. Consul General,  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Hon. Ralph G. Caso - Nassau County Executive  
Hon. Albert H. Bosch, National Chairman, Steuben Society  
of America  
Hon. William Ringel  
Walter Dobler  
John Krauss  
Theodore Katz  
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Hon. Edward I. Koch-M.C.  
Rev. Dan Potter  
  
Adolf Schauer  
Hon. Norbert Dengler  
Consul and Mrs August Heckscher  
Hon. and Mrs. James J. Comerford  
Hon. Martin J. Knorr - Member of the New York State  
Senate  
Hon. Clifford P. Case  
Rev. Ralph Dengler  
Hon. Jerry A. Brunell  
Hon. Robert F. Wagner  
Max Boumans  
Guenter Eser  
Diedrich Feldmann  
Walter Canther  
Hans Ostermann  
George Vogler  
Josef Volz  
Dr. Walter E. Bock  
Wolfgang Hamel  
Henry Horn  
Fred Dettmer  
Richard P. Thomas

Assembly Area: 62nd Street and Fifth Avenue

Assembly Time: 11:30 a.m.

US Marine Colorguard

1. Major Charles J. Lercara W.C.G.N.Y.
2. BAND : Twenty-sixth U.S. Army, Ft. Wadsworth
3. Color Guard: Twenty-sixth U.S. Army
4. Troop Detachment, Twenty-sixth U.S. Army
5. U.S. Naval Reserve Honor Guard and Drill Team 3rd Naval Dist.
6. 102nd Engineer Battalion NY Army National Guard
- 6A. U.S. Coast Guard - Color Guard
7. BAND: Preetzer Turn und Sportverein von 1861 e.V.
8. Sailors from the German Ship "Meelders"
9. BAND: Stadtkapelle Kulmbach (Fall Out at Grand Musikverein Weissenbrunn Stand)

GROUP C - GRAND COUNCIL OF STEUBEN ASSOCIATIONS

Assembly Area: 61st Street between Fifth and Park Avenues

Assembly Time: 11:30 a.m.

1. FLOAT: General von Steuben and General Hoyt. Vandenberg USAF
2. The Officers of the Grand Council and Massed U.S. Colors
3. BAND : Fordham University Band
4. N.Y.C. Transit Police Steuben Association, John Helfrich, Pres.
- 4A. BAND : Staten Island Musicians #2
5. N.Y.C. Sanitation Department, Steuben Association, Charles Weinkauf, Pres.
6. BAND : Minichini Band
7. N.Y.C. Correction Department, Steuben Association, Genevieve Fritz, Pres.
- 7A. Float: Hessen and Frankfurt Gateway to the World Lufthansa
8. BAND : Nassau County Police Band
9. Police Steuben Association of Nassau County, Leonard Ambermann, Pres.
10. BAND: Xavier High School Band
11. N.Y.C. Police Steuben Association, Paul Klase, Pres.
12. BAND : Suffolk County Police Department. Pipe Band
- 12A. FLOAT: Suffolk County Police Department
13. Suffolk County Police Steuben Association, Marilyn Schwarz, Pres.
14. N.Y.C. Housing Police Steuben Association, Frank Schrammel, Pres.
15. FLOAT: Hummel Figurines (Hummel Works)
16. HVT GRUPPE (Wiesbaden)
17. ADALBERT STIFTER - GRUPPE - DARMSTADT
18. BAND : TRACHTENKAPELLE ELTERS/Rhoen
19. N.Y.C. Fire Department Steuben Association, Albert K. Schaffner, Pres.





GROUP D - VETERANS GROUPS

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Assembly Area : 61st Street between Park and Lexington Avenues  
Assembly Time : 11:30 a.m.

1. FLOAT : The Golden City of Mainz
2. The Mainz Group
3. BAND: St. Camillus Band
4. Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW
5. American Legion
6. German War Veterans

Deutscher Kriegerbund N.Y. von 1884 Inc  
Willi W. Apitz, Bundeskommandeur  
Kompanie Hoboken, N.J.  
Karl Klunder, Kommandeur

Kameradschaft, Franklin Square L.I.  
Bruno Hentschke, Kommandeur  
General von Steuben - Abteilung, N.Y.  
Hilde Freitag, Praesidentin

7. Nassau & Suffolk Post #62 Inc. Gunter Fabig
8. BAND: Mother Cabrini
9. FLOAT : Cornflower Queen and Princesses (Wella Corp.)

SECOND DIVISION

Manhattan and Bronx

Assembly Area: 61st Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenues  
Assembly Time: 11:30 a.m.

1. Manhattan - Bronx District Banner
2. District Officials:  
Martin Opitz, Commander of Honor  
Erich Richter, Commander  
Harold Pautke, Co-Commander  
Lethar Wolff, Co-Commander  
Johnny Kuhl, District Marshall  
Joe Pasternack, Press Representative  
Erwin Hell, Radio WEVD, Public Relations  
Willi Muenchhalfen, Honor Secretary  
Ingeborg Ibrom-Helga Faulenbach, Secretary  
Elise McDonald, Honor Recording Secretary
3. American Flag Detachment
4. BAND: Vollerthum Band #1
5. Lordmayer of the City of Iserlohn, Germany, Helmut Lindner  
The Officers of the Buergerschuetzenverein of Iserlohn, and Historic  
Uniform Group 1700 Centuri. Iserlohn Schuetzen 100 Marchers.
6. United Bavarians of Greater New York, George Lindner, Pres.
  - A. Banner
  - B. Flags
  - C. Vorstandschaft
  - D. FLOAT: Vereinigte Bayern von Gross New York
  - E. BAND: Stormy Knights (North Floral Park)
  - F. Bayerischer Volksfest Verein von 1874
  - G. Bayerischer Saengerbund
  - H. Bavarian Sports Club
  - I. Club Bavaria & Weiss Blau
  - J. Schlierachtaler Stamm
  - K. Enzian Ski Club
  - L. BAND: Blue Max, St. Matthias



- M. Edelweiss Passaic  
N. Verein der Wuerzburger  
O. Bronxer Bayern von 1933  
P. Gemuetlichen Enzianer  
Q. FLOAT: Sunnyside Brauhaus
- R. Bayerischen Jaeger  
S. Original Enzianer
- 7A BAND, St Camillus Drum Corps
7. Badischer Volksfestverein from New York, Leader: Jehn Schmitt, Otto Brennenstuhl, Erich Richter. 40 Marchers.
8. Cannstatter Volksfestverein from New York, Leader: Hen. Josepf Volz, Werner Hiller, Erwin Staigle. 40 Marchers.
9. FLOAT: Swabian Railroad (Cannstatter Volksfestverein)
10. BAND: Musikverein Ehningen
11. Younger Members of the Liederkrantz Foundation N.Y., Leaders: Karl Michaelis, Gerd Geffel, Carl Barren. 60 Marchers.
12. FLOAT: Liederkrantz Younger Members
13. BAND: St. Joachims
14. Ninth Manhattan Masonic District, Leaders: Richard P. Thomas, J. Abruzzo, Theo Katz, Karl Hank, William Schneitzer. 200 Marchers.
15. FLOAT: Ninth Manhattan Masonic District Miss Liberty
16. MA. Club from New York, Leader: Hans Huepfl. 35 Marchers.
17. BAND: Staten Island Musicians #1
18. Retail Bakers of Greater New York, Leaders: Herman Hoffmann, Walter Michael. 25 Marchers.
19. FLOAT: City of Philadelphia
20. Siebenbuerger-Sachsen Sick Benefit Society N.Y., Leader: Georg Kleose. 20 Marchers.
21. Karate and Combat School, 86 Street, New York, Leader: Jehny Kuhl. 15 Marchers.
23. New York Turnverein, Leaders: Milton First, Henry Schroeder, Emma Kaefer. 60 Marchers
24. FLOAT: Gymnastics New York Turnverein
25. Verein der Ostdeutschen von 1934, Leaders: Herbert Nagel, Heinz Fraenzel, Josepf Metill, Elsie Nagel, Julia Metill. 60 Marchers.
26. Float: Convertible Cadillac with Little Miss Ostpreussen (Verein der Ostdeutschen)
27. Verein der Sudetendeutschen, Leaders: Ignaz Paty, Maria Blumrich. 20 Marchers.
28. Verein der Schlesier, Leaders: Martin Opitz, Hans Weber. 30 Marchers.
30. Treffpunkt Berlin, Leader: Herbert Lissy. 45 Marchers.
31. United Singers from New York, Leaders: Walter Canther, Albert Kammerger, and 18 affiliated Presidents of Sing. Sec. 150 Marchers.
- 31A FLOAT: Schaller and Weber
32. German Rumanian Society of America, Leaders: Hans Hitscher, Eva Meyer. 30 Marchers.
33. Kolping Societv of New York, Leaders: Bernhard Dengler, Willi Henss.
34. St. Josefs Church of Yorkville New York, Leaders: Msgr. Harry Bryne, Rev. Robert McCabe. 25 Marchers.
35. St. Elizabeth Guild KDM New York, Leader: Wilma Matzenar. 20 Marchers.

- 36 Eintracht Soccer Club, Max Doff, Pres.
37. The Order of Burke, Metternich & Bismarck, Inc. Leaders: Theodore Jennings, Gillian Drummond, Declan Brahsfield. 35 Marchers. Bismarck on Horseback.
38. D.A.N.K. Deutschamerikanischer National Kongress, German American Day; Leaders: Alfons Baersdorfer, Gert Nickstadt, Walter Coche, Gertrud Kratzer, Willie Kratzer. Guest D.A.N.K. Groups from Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. 35 Marchers.
39. Independent Schuetzen New York; Leader: Kurt Reimann, 10 Marchers.
40. Arion Singing Society Danbury, Penn.: Leader: Rudy Sporbeck, 150 Marchers. FLOAT: They bring their own band and float from Danbury.

### THIRD DIVISION

#### Steuben Societies and Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Assembly Area: 62nd Street between Fifth, Madison, Park, Lexington  
 Assembly Time: 12:00 Noon

#### GROUP A

1. Steuben Society of America Streamer
2. BAND: Lyndenhurst Band
3. National Council
  - A. American Flag & National, New York and New Jersey State Councils Banners
  - B. National Council Officers:
 

Honorable Albert H. Bosch,	National Chairman
Robert H. Diedolf,	National Secretary
George Hartleb,	National Treasurer
Robert J. Wilderman,	National Financial Secretary
4. New York State Council
 

Fritz Warmhold	NY State Chairman
Mike Schatzl	NY State 1st Vice-Chairman
Casper Scheiper	NY State 2nd Vice-Chairman
Hilda Deeding	NY State 3rd Vice-Chairman
5. New Jersey State Council
 

Kurt Heller	NJ State Chairman
Louise Heck	NJ State Secretary

#### GROUP B: WESTCHESTER COUNTY DISTRICT AND UPSTATE

1. District Council Streamer
2. American Flags
3. District Council Banner  
Westchester County District Council, Rolf Hedemann, Chairman
4. Unit Banners
 

Jehn T. Hoffmann Unit #25, Yonkers	Eugene Waldemaier,	Chairman
George Juengst Unit #81, Yorktown Heights	Otto Schmidt,	Chairman
Dr. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier Unit #121, Mount Vernon	George Frest,	Chairman
Gen. Louis Blenker Unit #125, New Rochelle	William Obert,	Chairman
Dr. Franz Koempel Unit #164, Mt. Kisco	William Reber	Chairman
Dr. H. Ernst Schmid Unit #835, White Plains	Eugene Waldemaier,	Chairman
Johann C. Weissner Unit #50, Kingston	Gus Veit, Jr,	Chairman
Dr. Charles Gilbert Spross Unit #167, Poughkeepsie	Theodore Sluk,	Chairman
John A. Roebling Unit #300, Lake Carmel	Alfred Muller,	Chairman
5. FLOAT: Stars and Stripes - 200 Years of Our Flag
6. Unit Marchers: Members of Above Units
7. BAND: Fanfaren Korps Blau/Weiss from Keeln, Germany
8. Sprachschule of Yorktown Heights, of Unit #81
9. Sprachschule of White Plains, of Unit #835

Group C : QUEENS COUNTY

1. American Flags
3. Queens County District Council Banner, Julius Klante, Chairman
4. Queens Unit Banners
5. Unit Member Marchers
 

Carl Follen Unit #103	Richmond Hill	Frank Beers, Chairman
Abraham Lincoln Unit # 996	Richmond Hill	William Zitzelberger, Chmn
Conrad Weisser Unit #695	Ridgewood	Henry Heinlein, Chairman
Hermann Koch #52	Long Island City	Theodore Tons, Chairman
Conrad Poppenhausen Unit #997	College Point	Willard Rose, Chairman
Carl Schurz Unit #65	Manhattan	Anneliese Labahn, Chmn
Gen. Theo. Schwann Unit #316	Brooklyn	Louis Camerier, Chmn
Pastorius-Steinmetz Unit #27	Staten Island	George A. Siegwadt, Chmn

GROUP D: NEW JERSEY AND PHILADELPHIA

1. BAND: St Ignatius Girls Corps
2. American Flags and Unit Banners
3. Unit Member Marchers:
 

Pastorius Unit #38, Philadelphia, Penn.	Conrad J. Linke, Chariman
Johann von Kalb Unit #46, Haledon, New Jersey	Frank Krutzky, Chairman
Peter Muehlenberg Unit #398, Plainfield, NJ	John Pietz, Chairman

GROUP E: NASSAU COUNTY AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES

Assembly Area: 62nd Street between Madison and Park Avenues  
 Assembly Time: 12:00 Noon

1. Nassau County Streamers
2. American Flags
3. Committee Officers
 

Hon. Ralph G. Caso, Hon. Francis Purcell
Karl Eymold, Chairman, Rosemarie Wolff, Co-Chairman, Ed Leyser, Secretary
4. FLOAT : The Conestoga Wagen, the Carrier of the Pioneers
5. BAND: Maria Regina High School Band
6. Steuben Banners
7. Steuben Members
 

Hugo Muensterberg Unit #903, Lynnbreek	Ute Lally, Chairman
Thomas Nast Unit #68, Hempstead	Frederick B. Miller, Chmn
John Peter Zenger Unit #212, Hicksville	Emil Wolff, Chairman
9. BAND: Musik- und Fanfarenzug Sendelfingen e.V.
10. Hempstead Liederkrantz Maennerchor, Hanns Dudde, President
11. Hempstead Liederkrantz Damenchor, Anne Kossack, President
- 11A FLOAT: Aviation Council of L.I. Spirit of Baldwin
12. German American School Assoc. of L.I., Otto Siegwath, Pres.
13. German Clubs of Nassau County High Schools:
 

A. Bellmore High School District, Mrs. Ketcham
B. Maria Regina High School, Sister Marie Carmel
C. H. Frank Carey High School, Franklin Square, Mrs. Thun



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GROUP F: SUFFOLK COUNTY STEUBEN SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Assembly Area: 62nd Street between Park and Lexington Avenues  
 Assembly Time: 12:00 Noon

1. Honor Guard - Islip Unit
2. BAND: Islip Fire Department
3. Senator Robert F. Wagner Unit #165, Islip
4. FLOAT: "John Peter Gabriel Muehlenberg"
  
6. FLOAT BANNERS
  - A. Suffolk County District Council
  - B. United Singers of Suffolk County
7. Huntington Liederkrantz - Children's Chorus
8. Huntington Liederkrantz
9. Medford Choral Society
10. Lindenhurst Frohsinn
- 10A. Koelner KG Naerrische Koelner
11. Islip Harmony
  
- 11A BAND: American Brigade Fife and Drum Corp., Bohemen, NY
12. William C. Schmitt Unit 998, Huntington
13. Henry E. Steinway Unit #66, Patchogue
14. William Augustus Muhlenberg Unit #69, Smithtown
15. Colonial Peter Kichlein Unit #1006, Northport
16. Handwerkskammer Kaiserslautern

FOURTH DIVISIONBROOKLYN

ASSEMBLY Area: 62nd Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenues  
 Assembly Time: 12:30 p.m.

GROUP A

1. National Colors
2. Karl Schrader, Betty Schrader, Hans Tschensch C.O.
3. BAND, The Spirit of '76

GROUP B:

1. Vereinigte Pfaelzer von Gross New York  
 Jacob Geib Walter Schmitt C.O.S.
  - A. Flags and Banners
  - B. Die Mackenbacher
  - C. Die Jettanbacher
  - D. Club Pfaelzer Humor
  - E. Rheinpfaelzer Maennerchor
  - F. Trachtengruppe Kirchheimbolanden

GROUP C: UNITED SINGERS OF BROOKLYN Ed Roth, C.O.

- BAND, Floral Park Commodores
1. Brooklyn Knaben und Maedchen Chor
  2. Bayerischer Saengerbund und Damenchor
  3. Schwaebischer Saengerbund and Damenchor
  4. Arion Singing Society
  5. Ridgewood Heights Maenner- and Damenchor
  6. St. Sebastianus Schuetz enbruderschaft Odenthal v. V. un 1450



GROUP D:

Ridgewood Bayern  
 Richard Reichelt, C.O.  
 Flags and Banners  
 Members Ridgewood Bayern  
 BAND, The Lamp Lighters  
 Float Liberty Bell - Pan Am

GROUP E:

1. Brooklyn Sport Club
2. Wolfgang Feersterling C.O.
3. Members of Brooklyn Sport Club

GROUP F:

1. Workmen's Benefit Fund  
 C.O.S. Gustav Huenler, Robert Muck, Jack Hengerson
2. Flags and Banners
3. FLOAT: Workmen's Benefit Fund
4. BAND: 14th Reg. Veterans Band
5. Members of Workmen's Benefit Fund

GROUP G:

1. New York Sky Divers, Frank Alke C.O.
2. Members of Skydivers
3. Alte Pankgrafschaft von 1381 - Berlin

GROUP H:

1. St. John's College
2. St. Francis College

FIFTH DIVISIONWESTCHESTER COUNTY

Assembly Area: 62nd Street between 3rd and 2nd Avenues

Assembly Time: 12:30 p.m.

1. Flags and Banners
2. Officers of the Society - Walter Haussmann
3. BAND: Verein Alt-Hall e.V. Schwaebisch-Hall
4. Members of the Societies of Westchester
5. White Plains Edelweiss
6. Portchester
7. New Rochelle
- 7A Band Spielmannzug Bucholt
- 7B Wesseler Burger Schutzen
- 7C Floeter Schutzen
- 7D Stadt Garde Grun Weiss Frechen
8. Peekskill
9. Mount Vernon Turners
- 9A Floeter Schuetzengruppe
- 9B Weseler Buerger Schuetzenverein
- 10 Karnevalsgesellschaft Rut Wiess 1823  
 Leaders: Willie Benzenberg, and Ehrenpres. Hans Reischenbacher
- 11 Fanfarenartillerie Koeln
- 11A Blaue Funken Koeln
- 11B Katholischer Studentenverband
- 12 Grosse Karnevalsgesellschaft Schlossgarde Bruehl
- 12A St. Sebastianus Schuetzenbruderschaft Bergisch Gladback

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- 14. Karnevallsgesellschaft von Canada
- 14A Koelner KG Naerrischer Koelner
- 15 Koelner KG Koelle Alaaf
- 16 Delegationen von Handelskammern von vielen Staedten in Deutschland
- 17 FLOAT: Koelsches Dreigestirn (Karl Ehmer)
- 17A Koelsche Lotterbove
- 18 Herrentanzkorps der Stadtgarde Gruen-Weiss Frechen u. Senatoren
- 19 KG MBZ Koeln
- 20 BAND: Bundesfanfarenzug 1952 Neuss
- 21 Handelskammergruppen von 13 Staedten
- 22 FLOAT: Staats Herold Corporation
- 23 Kornblumenblau Weseling (Koeln)
- 24 FLOAT: Handwerkskammer Koelner Dreigestirn 1976 (from Germany)
- 25. The Germania Singing Society (126 years ) Poughkeepsie N.Y.
- 26. Rockland County



SIXTH DIVISION

QUEENS

Assembly Area: 64<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue  
 Assembly Time: 1:00 p.m.

1. BAND: St. Aloysius
2. Gottscheer Vereinigung  
     C.O. Pres. E. Eppich
3. FLOAT: Gottscheer Vereinigung
- 3A Keelner Dreigestirn 1976
4. St. Johns University German Club
- 4A Float New York Sprachschule
5. German American School Association - Queens and Manhattan Long Island Sprachschule
- 5A Schuetzenverein Bersenbrueck e.V. von 1850
6. German Bicycle Club
- BAND 7. Fanfarenzug der Perkee Gesellschaft - Heidelberg
8. Heidelberger Neckarschleimer and Student Prince
- 9A FLOAT: Stadt Heidelberg imer
9. Koelner KG Mer Blieve zusamme MBZ
10. Reitergruppe William Marx, Duesseldorf
11. Hamburg-Kiel Hapag Lloyd Gruppen

SEVENTH DIVISION

NEW JERSEY

Assembly Area: 64<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Lexington  
 Assembly Time: 1:00 p.m.

GROUP A:

1. New Jersey Banner
  2. New Jersey State Flags - Clark VFW PBA Honor Guard
  3. New Jersey State Parade Officers and Honor Guard
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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Halsey T. Burke        | Chairman               |
| Hans J. Ludscheidt     | Co-Chairman            |
| Linda Janiw            | Executive Secretary    |
| Herbert Braunschweiger | Vice Chairman          |
| Klaus Ebeling          | Vice Chairman          |
| Ernest C. Scheja       | Vice Chairman          |
| Russell E Reed         | Treasurer              |
| Hilde Pietz            | Recording Secretary    |
| Klaus Ebeling          | Parade Coordinator     |
| Kurt Schreeter         | Press                  |
| Helmut Heimsch         | Press                  |
| Feé Beeker             | Press Secretary        |
| Jerry Baller           | Musical Coordinator    |
| Dr. George S. Clark    | Historian              |
| Alfons Helzer          | Cornflower Committee   |
| Rosa Mayer             | Cornflower Committee   |
| Frank Benkert          | Booster Committee      |
| Albrecht Maier         | Fleats                 |
| Hilde Pietz            | Fleats                 |
| Joseph Huber           | Bands                  |
| Herbert Braunschweiger | Bicentennial Committee |
| Dr. George S. Clark    | Bicentennial Committee |
| Robert A. K. Steiger   | Bicentennial Committee |

GROUP A - CONTINUED

Frank J. Fritsch	Special Events
Henry Kindsgrab	Special Events
Ann Kirsteuer	Special Events

Honorary Chairmen:		
Kurt Schroeter	Max Beumanns	John Lassig
Eugene Mayer	Hans J. Ludscheidt	

Trustees		
Hans Bischoff	Ann Kirsteuer	John Pietz

Sergeant at Arms  
Frank A. Ehrig  
Paula Engel, Norma Huber, Eleoner Ehrig, Gertrud Fritsch

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4. Irvington Delegation - Bob Miller Association  
Robert H. Miller, Mayor
5. MINI FLOAT - Dachsey's "Liebes Laube"

GROUP B:

1. BAND - Musikverein Grossengstingen  
+  
Narrenzunft Moorechs
2. Deutscher Club of Clark  
Lutz Weber, President
3. Schwaebischer Saengerbund  
Philip Spacht, President
4. Keelner KG Keelsche Lotterbove

GROUP C:

1. FLOAT: Deutsche Sprachschule
- 1A Literary Society Foundation, Inc., NYC
2. Deutsche Sprachschule Irvington  
Albrecht Maier, President
3. Deutsche Sprachschule of Central New Jersey, Inc.  
Dr. George S. Clark, President
4. German Language School of Morris County  
Uwe Beckmann, President
5. Hudsonia Fecht Corp., Hoboken, New Jersey
6. Grosser Bruehler Karnevalsgesellschaft  
"Schlossgarde Rut-Wiess" von 1972 e.V.

GROUP D:

1. BAND: Emrich Band
- 1A Swim & Sport Club Flanders  
Herbert Braunschweiger, President
2. Jody Kain, 4-H Intermediate NJ State Champion Twirler  
4 Gold Medal Winner
3. Plainfield Gesang- und Turn Verein, Inc.  
Willy Denuell, President
4. "M.G.V. Harmony"  
Ottmar Pfeifer, President
5. Saenger Cher Newark, Inc.  
Werner Schmidt, President
6. New Jersey's "Molly Pitscher"
7. German Club of NJ, Greenwood Lake



GROUP E:

1. BAND: St. Gerard Majella
2. Carlstadt Mixed Chorus  
Albert Schuettler, Preseident
- 2A Carlstadt Turn Verein  
Victor Vings, President
3. Deutscher Schul- & Gesang Verein Dever, Germania Park  
Hermann Voss, President
4. Band Musikverein Harmonie Baden Oos

GROUP F:

1. BAND: Jonathan Dayton High School Band  
Springfield, New Jersey
2. Captive Nations Youth Group  
Ilmar Ploor, President of Estonian American National Council  
Harry Tarmo, Youth Group Leader
- 2A Antique Beer Truck 1922
- 2B Bavarian Festival Association, Kempton, Penn.
3. The Antique Automobile Club of America  
New Jersey Region
4. The Wayne Fire Department, Wayne, NJ

EIGHTH DIVISION

PLATTDEUTSCHE VOLKSFEST VEREINE OF BROOKLYN AND VICINITY,  
New York and New Jersey

Assembly Area: 64rd Street between Lexington and 2nd Avenues  
Assembly Time: 1:00 p.m.

1. Stars and Stripes
2. Volksfest Verein Banners
3. Streamers of both Volksfest Vereins
4. Flags and Banners
5. Pres. Walter Canther, Plattd. VV New York & New Jersey
6. Pres. Helmut Krueger, Plattd. V.V. Brooklyn & Vic., and Officers,  
Trustees and Honorary President of Both Verein.

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7. PLATTDEUTSCHE VOLKSFEST VEREIN BROOKLYN & VICINITY
- 7A. From Germany Maedchech Musikzug Neumuenster
8. Music Committee Plattd. Volksfest
9. FLOAT: Miss Plattdeutsche of Brooklyn: Plattdeutsche Volksfest

BAND: 10. From Germany: Feuerwehr Haselau

11. Brooklyn Dance Group
12. Brooklyn Schuetzen and Marchers
13. BAND: Foehrer Musik Freunde
- 12A Bremervoerder Singing Society
14. Foehrer and Amrumer in Native Costumes

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15. PLATTDEUTSCHE VOLKSFEST VEREIN NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY  
BAND: Willi Vollerthum #2

15A Amt Verdener

15B Gesangverein Harmony von Verden, Aller Germany

16. FLOAT: Miss and Little Miss Schuetzenpark (Thumann's Prov.)  
BAND, The Young Americans
17. Entertainment Committee
18. Schuetzen in Uniform
- 18A Osnabruecker Schuetzengau
19. Group of Ladies in Costumes
20. Second Group of Marchers





21. New York Plattdeutsche Dancing Group
22. BAND: Spielmannszug Hinschenfelder Turnerschaft
23. FLOAT: Fritz Reuter Altenheim (Rheingold)
24. Handwerkskammer Kreishandwerkerschaft und Elektro-Inning, Nuernberg

NINTH DIVISION

Parade Officials, Reviewing Party, Honored Guests.

(Assemble at Reviewing Stand after the Eighth Division passes)

1. BAND: Stadtkappelle Kulmbach  
Musikverein Weissenbrunn
2. Marchers

(Subject to Review, Correction and Additions)

All Division Marshals Note: Five Minutes before step-off time, move your marchers up, to close the gap between divisions.

THANK YOU!!



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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given Under my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

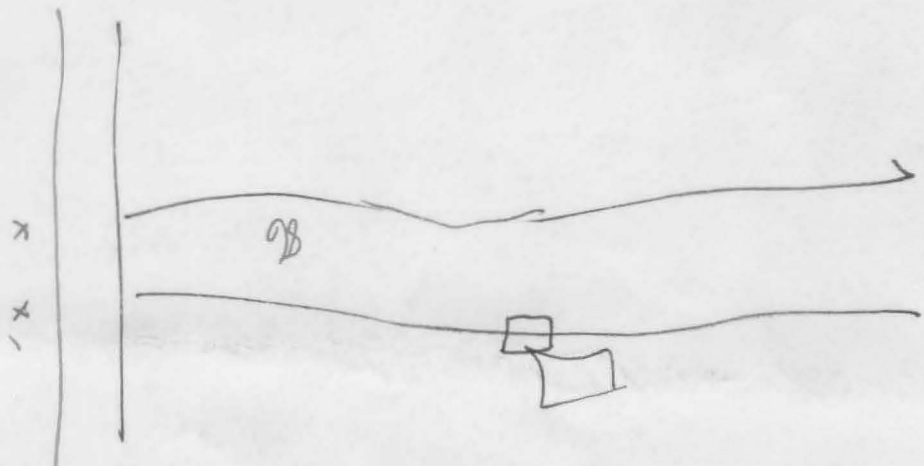
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Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Notary Public)

All Notaries Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ are required to keep a record of their commissions and to file the same with the proper authorities.



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## THE STEUBEN PARADE and what it stands for ...

**Who stages the Steuben Parade?** It is sponsored by the German-American Committee of Greater New York and arranged by the Steuben Parade Committee. It is not staged by any one German-American organization, but is a joint undertaking by all groups.

**When does it take place?** Every year on a Saturday in the latter part of September, the month of Steuben's Birthday.

**What is the purpose?** Its aim is to provide our fellow residents in general and our political leaders in particular with a visual picture of the part played by immigrants of Germanic birth in the development of the United States of America. And to instill in the many millions of first, second, third and prior generations of Americans of Germanic ancestry a deeprooted sense of pride of origin and accomplishment.

**Why is this necessary?** Because the contributions of German immigrants have all too often been overlooked in recent years, while recognition has been given to practically all other ethnic groups.

**How can the desired effect be achieved?** By an impressive annual cavalcade in which the nation's leading statesmen as well as the public at large will view the various elements of the German-American community in person and will gain thru the historic events depicted on the parade floats a better understanding of the vital part German immigrants have played in the making of America as we know and love it.

**What are these historic scenes that are depicted?** They cover a wide range of events, ranging from the first immigrants that set foot on Germantown back in 1683 to the newest achievements in the space age created with the help of German-born American scientists.

**Why was the parade named in honor of Steuben?** Because General Friedrich Wilhelm, Baron von Steuben, by training an American army almost devoid of hope for victory and instilling it with new competence and confidence helped so greatly to achieve ultimate victory for General Washington's army in the Revolutionary War.

**How is this portrayed in the Parade?** In an impressive float leading each year's parade and showing Generals Washington and von Steuben at their historic meeting in Valley Forge.

**What other figures are recreated on parade floats?** German immigrants ranging from Franz Daniel Pastorius who brought over the first group from Krefeld in 1683, to German born Peter Minuit who purchased Manhattan from the Indians, to John Peter Zenger who fathered the freedom of the press, to Carl Schurz who helped elect Lincoln and served in his cabinet, to latter day statesmen like the late Senator Wagner and to men of science and accomplishment like Roebbling, Mergenthaler, Einstein, von Braun and many others.

**Who takes part in the parade?** Some 20,000 marchers headed by Honorary Grand Marshall Mayor Abraham D. Beame. Every segment of the German-American community is represented: Singers, turners, social and welfare groups, sports clubs, Political organizations, fraternal orders, all religious groups, trade unions, folklore groups, dance and carnival societies, etc.

**Are there any guests from overseas?** The Steuben Parade nowadays attracts many thousands of individuals and groups who come from Germany primarily for this annual event. We gratefully acknowledge the Parade visits of numerous outstanding statesmen from the Federal Republic of Germany, notables like Willi Brandt, Walter Scheel, Gerhard Schroeder plus the governors (Ministerpräsidenten) of most states within the Federal Republic and the mayors of many of its leading cities.

Ambassador Bernt von Staden and Consul General Harald, Count von Posadowsky-Wehner have also been regular parade visitors along with the men who preceded them in office.

**What are the parade symbols?** The American flag dedicated for this annual event by Dwight D. Eisenhower during his presidential regime and the German flag dedicated by Theodor Heuss while he was president of the Federal Republic. The visual symbol for individuals is the cornflower worn in the lapel of parade participants and spectators.

**How is the parade financed?** It is financed entirely thru the German-American community; by individual donations, cornflower distributions, float charges, and receipts from social functions and other similar events. It is a self-sustaining parade, paid for in its entirety by these Americans of German ancestry who participate in it, actively or from spectator ranks. All monies collected are used to finance the staging of the parade.

**How can I help along?** If you're a businessman, by making a donation to the Steuben Parade Committee or, better yet, by sponsoring one of the historical, non-commercial floats. If you're an individual



you can help by acquiring your cornflower and joining either the ranks of the active participants or by taking yourself and your friends to Fifth Ave. or to East 86th Street on Steuben Parade Day each September.

German-American groups from all parts of the United States and Canada are invited to participate in the parade. For full particulars please contact Executive Secretary.

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## NINETEENTH ANNUAL STEUBEN PARADE

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**ON THE MARCH**—Susan Ford, daughter of the President, marches up Fifth Avenue in New York in the 19th annual Steuben Day parade honoring Germans who supported America's fight for independence. In the background is the parade's honorary grand marshal, Albert Osswald, premier of the West German state of Hesse.

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# *Susan Ford Woos 'Em at Steuben Parade*



Susan Ford meets with campaign volunteers at her father's headquarters here yesterday.

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Susan Ford, the President's daughter, holds Bavarian doll she was given during yesterday's Steuben Day parade. She was on the reviewing stand.

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## Miss Ford Likes Steuben Parade, Sees President Doing Well Here

Susan Elizabeth Ford came to New York City yesterday to campaign for her father and wound up starring in the 19th annual Steuben Day Parade on Fifth Avenue.

"I have always loved parades," Miss Ford said "and this one is especially

supporters sat next to Miss Ford. He was Mayor Beame.

### Applause and Guffaws

"This is a nonpartisan event," the Mayor said, to the applause of those on the bleachers abutting the reviewing stand. "It's my great pleasure to



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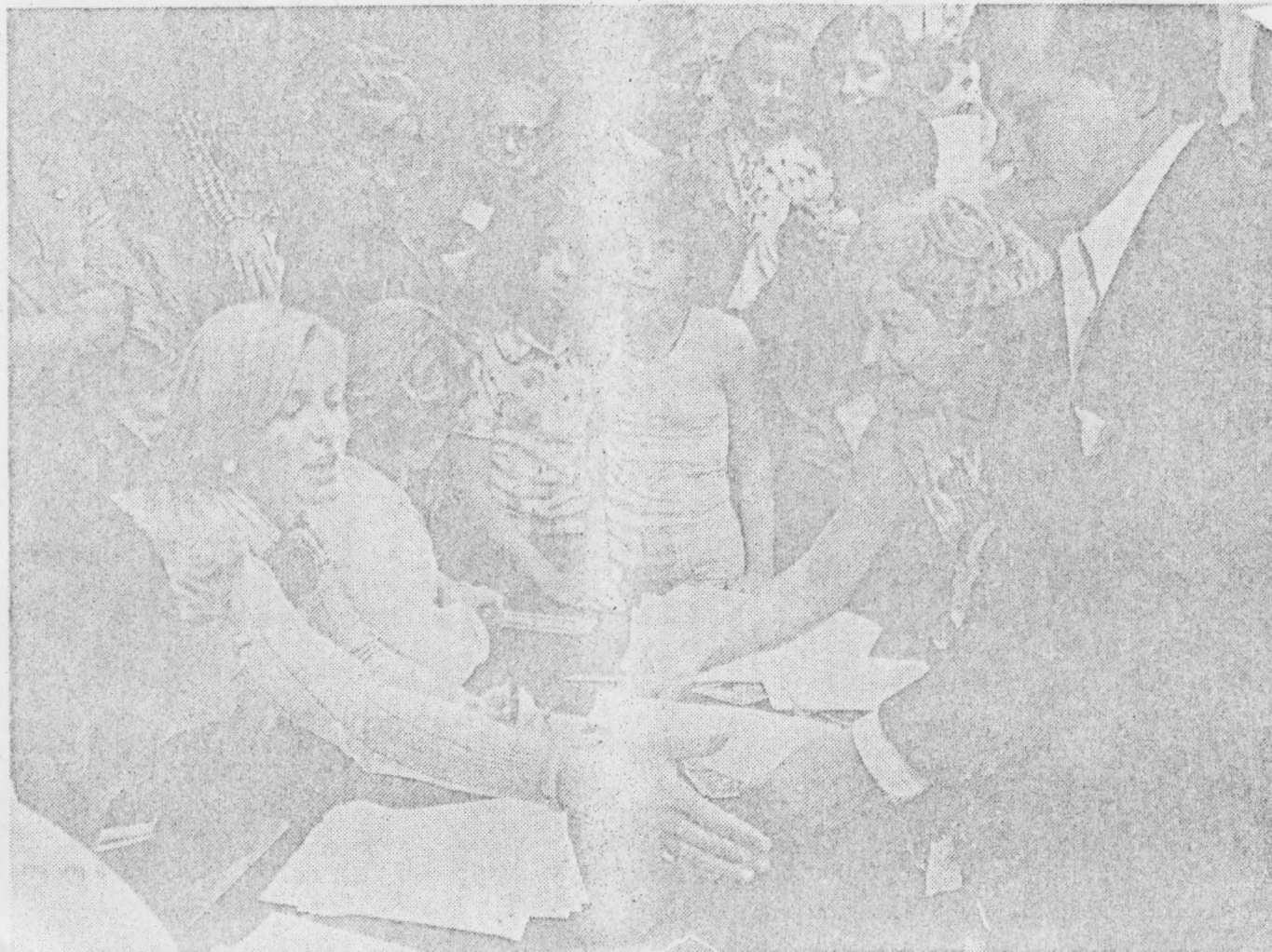
## Deutsch Treat.

Susan Ford, the President's daughter, holds in her tummy while sampling a German treat in front of the Lorelei on E. 86th St. yesterday. Susan and a host of pols had just finished watching and marching in the 19th annual Steuben Day parade up Fifth Ave., which honored the Revolutionary War hero.

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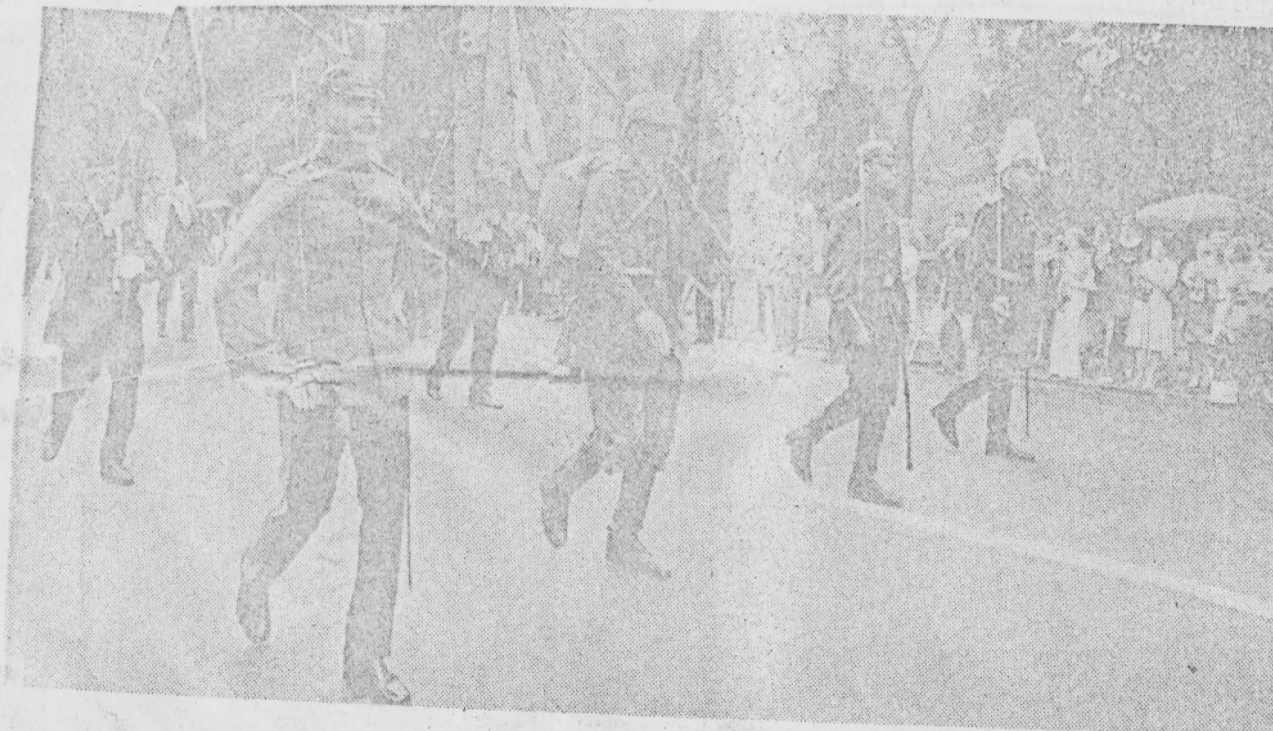


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## The Uniform Of the Day

George V and Kaiser Wilhelm were on their respective thrones when these uniforms were last used. But they fit the bill of fare on Fifth Ave. yesterday, where the 19th Steuben Day Parade stepped off under somber skies. The mood of the crowd and marchers, however, was noticeably different. Susan Ford did her bit for pop—and to honor Friedrich Wilhelm August Heinrich Ferdinand Baron von Steuben.

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