

# AT HOME IN KOREA

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**A** NEW COMMUNITY — AMERICAN style, but with Korean overtones — is growing within the ancient walled city of Seoul.

It is the U.S. Korean Military Advisory Gp. (KMAG) housing compound at the Seoul Area Command.

Here, as fast as they arrive, American "settlers"—newly arrived KMAG dependent families — are busy setting up housekeeping in 88 modern, Western-looking, tile-roofed houses. American children play in the yards, and late model American automobiles are parked outside the houses on broad, paved streets. Nearby is a recently constructed school for dependent children.

**THE FAMILIES STARTED** getting settled in June, one of the first to arrive being that of Maj. James S. LiCalzi, explosive ordnance disposal officer, 30th

Ordnance Bomb Disposal. Maj. LiCalzi, who started his tour of duty in Korea late in 1958, was joined by his wife Frances and three children, Alan, 12, Pamela, 10 and James Jr., 7.

Mrs. LiCalzi and the children started their trip to Korea from Bristol, England, crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Elizabeth and traveled the rest of the way by air.

"It was a wonderful trip," she said, pausing as she packed away some family linens. "Good weather all the way.

"Our new home out here," she added, "is well planned and I feel that we shall be really happy. The boys have already made friends. You may have noticed — they've disappeared."

**MEANWHILE, PAMELA** was busy whirling a hoop in the front yard. Maj.



KMAG dependents Mrs. James LiCalzi and Pamela, 10, newly arrived in Korea, listen while Maj. LiCalzi tunes in the family tape recorder.

LiCalzi was making adjustments on his tape recording machine.

Their home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, laundry and a large combination dining and living room with fireplace. Concrete block construction, besides making the house sturdy, helps keep the place cool in the summertime.

Meanwhile, a short distance away, the newly arrived family of Lt. Col. Ell P. Plaskow, programming supplies officer, was getting settled in a similar house. Mrs. Plaskow, of Philadelphia, had arrived by air the previous day. With her came her son Russell, 10, and Moxie, the family dachshund. Moxie has the distinction of being the first KMAG dependent dog to arrive in Korea.

"I LIKE OUR HOUSE," said Mrs. Plaskow, "and we have already had a look at Seoul. I expect we will like it here very much."

Maj. Joseph H. Anderson, KMAG dependent affairs officer, said 206 new houses have been made available for KMAG dependents, 88 of the total being in Seoul, 80 in Taegu and 38 in Pusan.

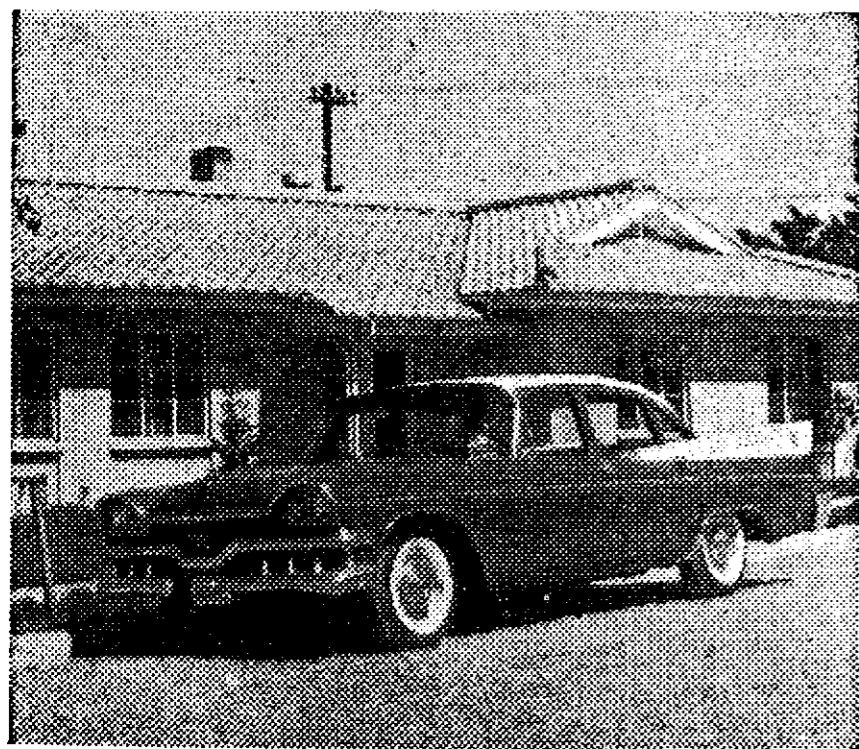
Additional homes are available for Provisional Military Advisory Groups and MAG elements of the U.S. Air Force and Navy.



PAMELA took a hoop with her on the long trip to Korea. Here she swings it along the sidewalk in front of house.



REMINDER of home scenes—a picture of the New York skyline—hangs in Mrs. LiCalzi's dining room, which is finished in natural-toned wood.



KMAG compound at the Seoul Area Command has the aspect of a neat American suburban community.



DICK DILLOR and Russ Plaskow greet Maxie, first KMAG dependent dog.



FLOWER garden outside the house delighted Mrs. LiCalzi, here cultivating some of the plants.





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