

...all about Gremlins, Lieutenant Governors, and, a Post, yes, in a State Prison....



The Albany Information Center was visited recently by Thomas A. Wallace, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, who, upon completing a tour of the Center as a guest of Lieutenant Colonel William T. Young, Jr., Commanding Officer, highly praised the efforts of the volunteer personnel. Picture shows Lieutenant Governor Wallace next to Lieutenant Colonel Young, right.



Top: This is the unusual Observation Post atop the Florida State Penitentiary. Bottom: Spotters on the job.

Zigfu, king-pin of the Buffalo Information Center Gremlins, was to have appeared in the last issue of the Aircraft Warning Volunteer, but "he didn't wanna!"

"Why not, Zigfu?" asked Rix Jennings, the Buffalo Information Center volunteer artist.

"I was playing ping-pong with one of the volunteers, of course. She's Center ping-pong champion and by the shadow of the Rising Sun she's going to stay champion. Makes her late for her relief sometimes, too, but she's got to play with all contenders, hasn't she?"

"That's a selfish answer, Zigfu. Some day when I take you out of that ink bottle, I'm going to have a hair across my pen point and punish you good!" threatened Mr. Jennings.

"Oh, Mr. Jennings, not that!"

"By the way, what are you pouting today for, Zigfu?"

"I'm mad. The girl that I came with had some shopping to do and it made her a half hour late. The shift supervisor called her down for keeping another girl on duty overtime. What difference did it make? It was raining and the other girl couldn't do anything anyway."

"Zigfu, what if an air raid should strike this center during your girl friend's shift; do you think she would be able to do her part in protecting this Regio nagaint the attack?" queried Mr. Jennings.

"No. I don't think so."

"And why not?"

"She wouldn't be there. She'd start out late as usual and then spend the rest of the time trying to talk her way past an air raid warden."

Established December 15, 1942, the Observation Post at Raiford, Fla., is manned entirely by prisoners at the Florida State Prison, who are allowed to serve if they have good institutional records. They must take their tours of duty on "free time," or before, between, or after the regular prison day's work is done.

The post is atop one of the prison buildings, and the Chief Observer is "Jack," 42. Leonard F. Chapman, Superintendent of the prison, lends his full cooperation to the organization of the post.