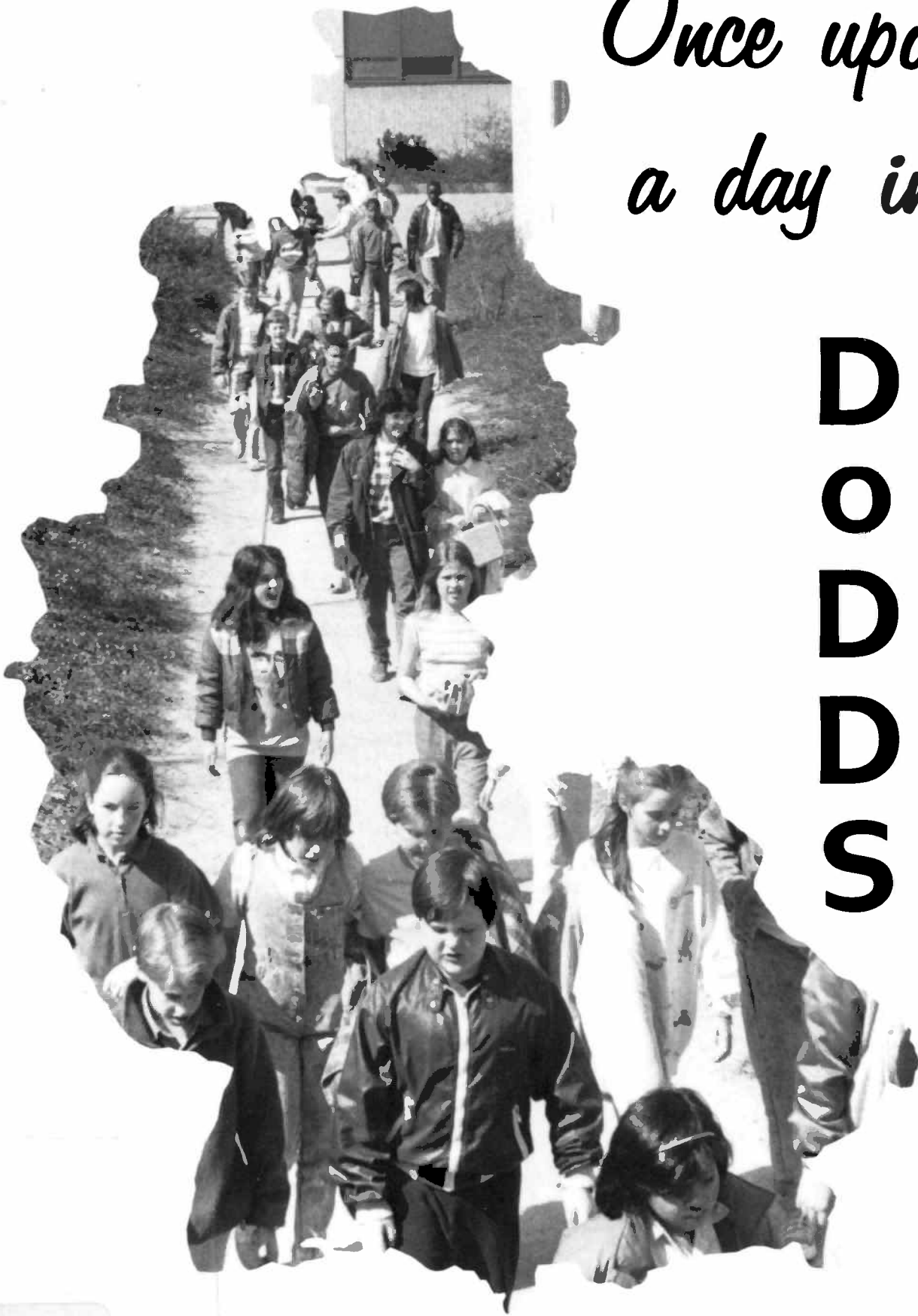


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Foreword

The world-famous book "A Day In the Life of America" by Rick Smolen and David Cohen recorded photographically the events that happened in one 24-hour period of our nation. It occurred to me that it would be appropriate to take a photographic look at DoDDS-Germany in the same way.

For more than 40 years, the overseas schools have taken a decisive role in writing the history of American education. They have met the needs of military and civilians stationed outside of the United States — the needs of children living in a foreign country.

This book is a reflection of the people who are a part of DoDDS. They are the moms cooking breakfast; the sleepy-eyed, early risers; the educators; the support staff; the volunteers; and most important, the students.

In preparation for our documentary, the Selection Committee drafted the rules and chose the date, April 15, 1988. The schools then chose their contact person for the event. History was to be photographed by students, parents and school staff members working together and experiencing the joys of photography in capturing the day on film.

April 15th was a perfect spring day in Germany. Hundreds of photographers produced thousands of prints. In May, the Selection Committee met again to choose 300 of the photos to be used in the book. The unused pictures, regrettably many, were returned to the schools where they were displayed for the enjoyment of all.

Finally, in the fall of 1988 the Editorial Staff went to work and assembled the layout.

I would like to thank all the participants in this endeavor and especially the Selection Committee and the Editorial Staff who worked very hard to make the completion of this book possible.

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