

The next home-ward bound troopship which will sail May 31st with 300 EM, and 100 Officers is the Cape Perpetua.

The Marine Serpent which begins loading on Friday will carry 600 EM, 66 Off. and 61 Females stateside. The Serpent is scheduled to sail June 1st.

The Goucher Victory is on deck, but no allocation or sailing date is available.

Control Steps

es revealed Tuesday that the Japanese a drastic rise in government commodities to augment new economic

ned the government is definitely worried over whether the new ordinances are adequate to control black market activities and stabilize currency.

Within a few days the government ceiling price of rice, staple of Japan and barometer of prices, will jump from 150 yen to 250 yen a koku (about four bushels).

Farmers, however, will receive 300 yen a koku for their rice since the government plans to pass on to the consumer benefits of a 50 yen subsidy. Other commodities such as coal, steel, and pig iron will go up accordingly.

As government prices rise the plan calls for black market prices to turn downward to meet them, reaching stability on a level about halfway between. But whether the government price advance will be sufficient to make the anticipated black market drop is considered doubtful.

Air Mail Discrepancies

The present one-plane-per-day mail situation has been at status quo for two weeks with no official explanation. Perhaps this is because the ever efficient brass (or whatever authority dreamed up this ingenious idea) is quite incapable of giving any, let alone a sufficient, explanation.

I am thoroughly convinced that the reason for the slowdown is that same reason that the army has found itself up the well known creek so many times in the past: poor planning, lack of far-sightedness, no efficiency, and the general bungling of the simplest problems. No one can convince me that there is a shortage of planes, fuel, or the necessary personnel any more than I would be convinced of the fact that there is a shortage of latrine orderlies or KPs.

The most important factor to be considered is that the slowdown in mail is dangerously lowering the morale of GIs all over Japan and the areas affected by air-borne mail—rather than the lack of it. If a man cannot be with his loved ones there is no greater comfort than the knowledge that he is only eight or nine days away from what is going on back at home when his mail reaches him in the relatively short time that air mail takes.

I strongly urge the high and mighty powers that may happen to read this letter to get the ball rolling and the planes flying.

CPL. R. C. SACHS, 110 EM.
9 OFFICERS

Yokohama, Feb. 10

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The Mail Must Go Through

I've been knocking around the islands of the Pacific for the last two and a half years and I must say that the mail service has certainly hit a new low here in Japan. Maybe I have "Been Away So Long" but it seems like the words, "On Time" could be added to the famous motto, "The Mail Must Go Through."

Since our country is supposed to have some of the best and biggest planes in the world.....how about putting them to some practical use for a change? During the war we were able to keep hundreds of long range bombers shuttling over Japan, dropping bombs so now let's follow the peacetime trend and do a little re-conversion. We still have plenty of big bombers and our new pilots, navigators, and bombardiers need plenty of practice. They can get that practice on the mail run from San Francisco to Tokyo and return. I think our motto over here should be, "Fill The Bomb Racks With Mail Sacks."

LT. P. W. RUSSELL
Tokyo, Feb. 16

Four hospital units are doing a swell morale-building job at the 27th General, 42nd General and 172 station hospitals. Marion Carley and Edwin Hustis offer entertainment in "Smoke Rings." Two sketch artists, Fred Huser and John Taylor, have been making sketches of the patients. These sketches are sent to New York where photostatic copies are made to be sent to the patients' families.

~~Cut this for Friday~~ M'Arthur Concerned By Mail Service Delay

TOKIO - (AP) - General MacArthur is gravely concerned about a collapse in air mail service that has resulted in letters taking as long as 37 days to reach Japan from California, a headquarters spokesman said today.

After a week of no mail, letters were distributed at headquarters late today. Some were postmarked Jan. 30. Although bearing air mail stamps, they presumably came by ship. But many ships make the trip in two weeks.

STARS AND STRIPES MARC~~HT~~ 11, 1946

Pacific Airmail Service Restored; No. 1 Priority Given Letters Both Ways

TOKYO (UP)—General MacArthur announced Sunday that the air mail jam has finally been broken and that beginning at once soldiers' mail will start to move by air from both sides of the Pacific.

Air mail, official and registered mail are being given a number one priority both here and in the United States on regularly scheduled Air Transport Command aircraft. For the time being this will eliminate practically all passenger and air cargo traffic.

In addition, plans were being formulated to use all Army and Navy air transport and theater combat aircraft moving from the Western Pacific towards the United States as mail carriers from Tokyo and Manila. Large quantities of mail are expected to be moved shortly by these means, General MacArthur revealed.

The Navy has agreed to shuttle 2000 pounds of airmail per day from Hawaii to the Western Pacific areas.

Civil Airline Service

The ATC further reported arrangements have been completed with a civil airline to augment Air Transport Command service from the United States to Western Pacific areas with a daily round trip beginning approximately on March 18 and an additional daily round trip beginning on March 25.

Only when this becomes effective is it anticipated that a limited amount of air passenger travel will be resumed insofar as it does not interfere with the movement of air mail, official and registered mail.

Fit to be Tried— New Theater Open To GIs

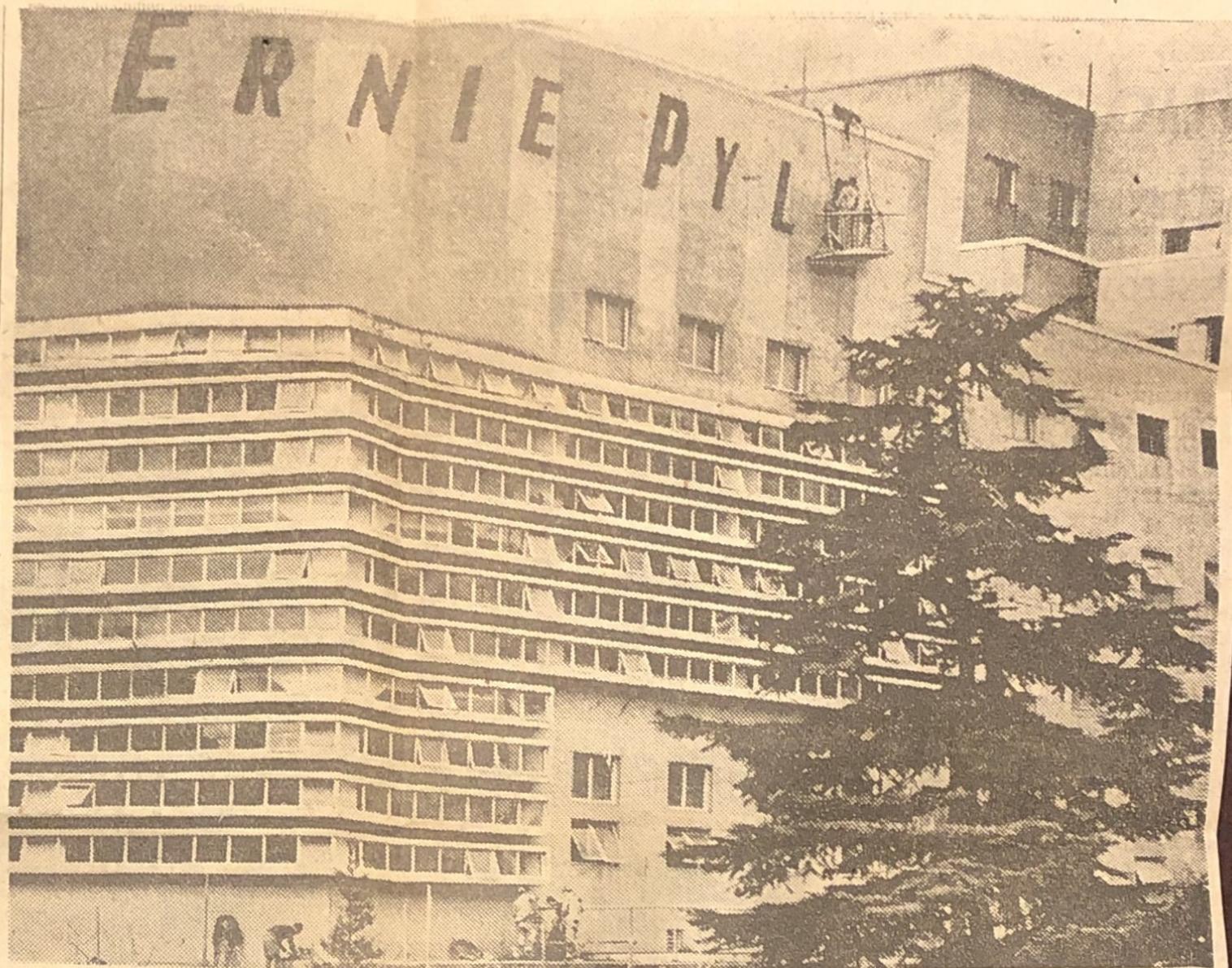
TOKYO—"Salute to Gershwin," USO's musical tribute to one of America's greatest composers, will open the new ERNIE PYLE theater at 7:30 Sunday evening. The theater, located next to the Imperial Hotel, is open to all Allied personnel.

Beginning Monday Feb. 25, two shows each day, movies or stage shows, will be presented at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Every effort has been made to establish the Ernie Pyle as the ideal soldier's recreation center theater. Along with the main theater attractions a second auditorium on the fourth floor will be devoted to the showing of newsreels and educational films. A small post exchange is planned for the main lobby and a Red Cross canteen will be set up on the lower floor. The fourth floor will house a 20,000 book library (open 1 to 10 p.m.) with adjoining writing and reading rooms for the use of Army personnel.

Not only will the theater feature USO camp shows, but a permanent resident soldier show team augmented by 20 lovely stateside actresses will present special stage shows.

Auditions are being held for soldier show talent each evening from 7 to 9. Any soldier who has experience or aspiration as an actor, stage technician, set designer, prop man, light man, dancer, singer, musician, script writer, radio man, etc. is welcome. Apply at the guard house at the side of the theater to Lt. Taylor, casting director.



SHOW HOUSE FOR GIs. The name of Ernie Pyle, the late war correspondent who was the idol of millions of GIs, has been painted across the front of the Takarazuka theater, adjacent to the Imperial hotel in downtown Tokyo, which is opening for occupation troops. (For details see Fit To Be Tried column to left.)

(Staff Photo by Sgt. Julian B. Ely)

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signed by the late President Roose-
velt, Josef Stalin and Winston
Churchill. In all local newspapers
was an advertisement signed by 20
prominent educators protesting the
Yalta agreement.

"We cannot forgive the late
President Roosevelt signing this
agreement despite all his kind help
to China," the ad said.

(The Yalta agreement gave the
Russians postwar control of north-
ern Korea above the 38th parallel,
Sakhalin Island and the Kuriles.)

The students also attempted to
wreck the offices of the Democratic
League's organ, The Democratic
Daily. Employees inside hurled
stones at them, but the students
succeeded.

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59 Killed In Bom



The Cape Perpetua will load in a few days 100 officers and 300 enlisted men. Replacements from the ship arrived at the Depot this afternoon.

The Marine Serpent will load after the Perpetua.

LATE NEWS FLASHES

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WASHINGTON (AFRS) . . . Indications pointed to a Senate okay of legislation for the induction of teen age into the Army.

A Poor Excuse

I finally got a letter from my wife! She had just returned from a visit with my folks.. I quote from this letter, "I had hoped to have a letter waiting for me, but since I didn't, and since your folks haven't heard from you for a couple of weeks, I've persuaded myself that you are on the move. I pray it is that, and that you aren't sick." I also quote from the last paragraph, "I am trying hard not to worry too much, but it is hard not worry when your letters have stopped so suddenly, without even a hint as to why." 

I write to my wife every night.

There seems to be many of the boys getting this type of letter, and I for one can see no excuse for it. The alleged shortage of planes and pilots, as far as anyone I have talked to can see, is just a poor excuse for trying to cut down on government expenses. This condition is rapidly destroying the morale of the GI's as well as the folks we love at home, who count on the mail as much as we do.

I hope someone reads this letter who has enough authority and guts (the old American kind) to get the mail back on its proper schedule.

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Tokyo, Feb. 12.

AIR CORPS WILL GET MORE MEN

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3/2/46
Pacific Mail Service

To Benefit By Action

MANILA (INS)—A total of 25,000 enlisted personnel will be transferred from the ground and service forces to the Pacific Air Command to meet General MacArthur's demand that something be done to increase air mail and passenger service in this theater. Pacific Air Commander Lt. General Ennis C. Whitehead announced Friday.

Whitehead said the transfer was being made to overcome the acute shortage of Air Force personnel brought about by rapid demobilization.

Because of the lack of trained personnel, air service in the Pacific had become a matter of "grave concern" since the middle of January when Pacific air mail service was cut to one plane a day each to Tokyo and Manila.

All transferred personnel will have less than 40 points and 24 months service as of June, 1946.

Whitehead pointed out that the transfer will have no effect on the personnel's return to the United States upon completion of service requirements for discharge.

80,000 Yen For Eggs

2/24/46

Black Markets Boom As Change Date Nears

TOKYO (UP)—A single person bought up all the eggs on sale in the black market near Shimbashi Station one day this week, paying 80,000 yen in cash at as high a price as six yen 50 sen each, from belief the item will disappear on March 2 when the current five, 10 yen and larger denomination bills will be without value, according to the *Yomiuri-Hochi*.

Throughout Tokyo black market dealers reported sales increased daily over the record high future on Sunday, the day following the Japanese government's announcement of its drastic economic control measures aimed to curb inflation and to force commodities into the market.

Prices, already exorbitant, leaped even higher after the government's announcement. Packages of peanuts, weighing less than four ounces each, and lots of four or five tangerines are going like hot-cakes for 10 yen. People stand in long queues to buy meat at 50 yen for 100 momme, which is less than half a pound—and most of them buy from 300 to 500 momme.

Lack of Confidence

All this is a result of the public's lack of confidence in the government's anti inflation measures according to the *Yomiuri-Hochi*. They are skeptical about the government's program to increase the amount of available commodities, it added.

The paper quoted one of the cus-

tomers at the Shimbashi black market as saying "we won't be able to eat delicious things when the new yen takes effect so I want to eat them now. People also are buying up pots, buckets and soap, the prices of which had increased from 20 to 30 per cent within a week, because effective March 1 these items will be rationed. They believe rationing will mean "no distribution" to them and are therefore making their purchases now, according to the *Yomiuri-Hochi*.

Other Items Sold

The paper said it is not only a one way transaction in the black markets. It pointed out salary men, students and housewives have been seen selling watches, cameras, suits and kimonos. The paper cited an instance where a dealer bought a man's suit for 1,500 yen and sold it in the next minute for 3,000 yen.

Owners of little food stands, however, have been hard hit because of the skyrocketing of foodstuffs and the lack of small change, the paper said.

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FATHER, 1947

"The Evergreen Playground"

Kroll Map Co.
Seattle, Wash.

The Oregon Trail
Bonfords & Mont
Graphic Arts Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

ONE FOR THE NEW YORKER,
Jan. 24 'Remembrance Day'
For Banning Of Prostitution

TOKYO (UP)—The committees of the post-war relief of the Church of Christ in Japan plan to observe Jan. 24—the day General MacArthur banned legalized prostitution of Japanese women—as a "remembrance day" in Japanese churches.

The plans were revealed in a letter to MacArthur from members of the organization including representatives of Tokyo churches, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Purity Movement and the Christian Women's Society of Tokyo.

"We heartily rejoice over that good day, Jan. 24, when you so quickly and wisely put an end to this evil institution for the uplift of our people and the benefit of the enslaved sex,") the letter stated.

"We are planning to make Jan. 24 an anniversary day of remembering each year, and from March 3 there will be held in all the Protestant churches in Japan a week of rejoicing, encouraging and educating our people along the line of purity for the welfare of the homes in our nation."

Open ms - 1st

Take a number from one to ten
in order please

Mo. \$90 -

Here's the money order
Darling - it will help
to make that new auto
a little closer!

Now on to the other
little envelopes - in
order remember -

OPEN THIS - 2ND

What do you suppose is in here?

#1

Oh, shucks, not so
much - besides it's
probably one of the
ones I sent him!

O.K. then - try #3!

OPEN THIS - 2ND

What do you suppose is in here?

#1

Oh, shucks, not so
much - besides it's
probably one of the
ones I sent him!

O.K. then - try #3!

OPEN THIS - 3RD

Having fun?

\$5-

Well, well, Hello Abraham - this is a little better.

Go ahead take a chance on #4!

OPEN THIS - 4TH

Silly, isn't it?

\$1

Ah, shucks again!
I had my hopes all
built up too! Well I
suppose I might as
well open #5.