

TROOP RETURN IS BITTER JOKE, LETTER CLAIMS

Lack Of Transportation Disillusioning Men Write Sgt. Eddy In Philippines

"Demobilization and the getting men home movement as it stands in the Philippines is a big joke," wrote Sgt. John H. Eddy, former employee of California Oregon Power company in a recent letter to Seth M. Bullis, Copeo division manager here. "I hate to see this sort of thing happen because it is making bitter men out of so many of the boys who have slugged it out for two or three years through the heat and jungle of the Pacific war," Sgt. Eddy continued.

Sgt. Eddy's letter stated that all of a sudden it seems that the army has become concerned that the men have just the right kind of a boat before going back to the states. Army officials say they can carry only a handful of men on some of the ships for such a long journey, the letter said. "Try and explain that to the men who spent 12 to 30 days packed like cattle into the holds of Liberty Ships or anything else that would float during the invasion of Luzon," Eddy continued. Now these Liberty ships are going back to the states minus all the equipment they carried and carrying as many as 30 passengers with them. Try and convince the high point men that at least 300 passengers couldn't be carried on the Liberty ship, the sergeant wrote.

Excuses To Men
"The war department and big brass have lied and made excuses to the men here to pacify the people at home and it doesn't make a healthy condition," Sgt. Eddy stated.

A Lt. Col. Davidson said he could convert a Liberty ship to a troop ship in 72 hours and after so much pressure from the men, headquarters conceded to let them try it, according to the letter. They beat the time by quite a margin and made it possible to carry 500 men on the ship. Now three more ships have been allotted for reconversion, Eddy wrote. Several thousand men of the engineer units, who are lying around doing nothing, have signed petitions to work around the clock to reconvert the ships, it was stated.

If there was a job to be done in the Philippines now it would have a different angle but there is no task that a few men couldn't handle and many units numbering hundreds of men are

1946 Mercury Showing Here



THE 1946 MERCURY

The new 1946 Mercury will be on display in Medford Friday, according to Arthur Wintrout of Crater Lake Motors, Ford, Mercury and Lincoln-Zephyr dealers. The showing will be held at the Crater Lake showrooms at Ivy and Sixth streets.

The new Mercury, according to Wintrout has a heavier, lower and wider appearance, resulting from a wider hood and a redesigned front grille. The new grille consists of die-cast, vertical louvers extending across the front. The lines of the hood ornament also have been changed to connote fleetness and beauty.

Separate "Mercury" and "Eight" nameplates have been added, and moldings have been widened all around the car to accentuate the length and low center of gravity.

The new Mercury is available in eight exterior colors, with harmonizing instrument panels, upholstery and trim.

Two distinctive interior treatments

are used. One features gray-green broadcloth upholstery and a modernistic gray-green lacquered instrument panel with contrasting plastic trim. Doors are paneled with gray-green art leather.

The other interior features rust brown cord upholstery with a golden brown lacquered instrument panel and brown art leather or paneling on the doors.

Engineering knowledge gained during research and production of wartime goods is reflected in the mechanical changes incorporated in the 1946 Mercury engine.

These include such outstanding features as tri-alloy bearings, crankcase ventilation, improved oil pump, four-ring aluminum pistons, and interchangeable cylinder heads.

Riding comfort is the new Mercury has been increased through redesigning of the springs. The spring leaves are thinner and their number has been increased.

with clean sheets, mattress, springs and several orderlies to wait on him. He and his staff have a separate mess and enjoy cold beer and other luxuries — "a little ridiculous to us but guess that is the professional soldier's caste system," the letter concluded.

AIR ACCIDENT RATE UP AS OLD HEADS DEPART
Washington, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — The army air forces today acknowledged that its accident rate in the United States has gone up as a result of the discharge of experienced personnel.

It announced that army planes throughout the country were being given "shakedown" inspections in an effort to check the increased rate of accidents. About 20,500 aircraft will be tested.

The largest flesh-eating land animals the world has ever known were the tyrannosaurs, or "tyrant reptiles," which stood 19 feet high.

GIRL SCOUTS TO HAVE OWN CAMP BY NEXT SEASON

If present plans can be carried out, Girl Scouts of the Medford council area will have their own camp established by the camp season next summer, Girl Scout leaders and workers were told at the annual meeting held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church. Mrs. Scott Davis, commissioner, presided.

Report on the camp was given by Allan Perry, chairman of a camp committee for the council, other members being Karl Janouch, Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, Frank Runtz, Mrs. Everett Faber, Mrs. W. H. Reichsteip, Mrs. Scott Davis and Mrs. Kenneth Demman. Perry stated that the site selected was on the southeast shore of Lake o' Woods and that the partly developed location had been made available by the Rogue River National Forest service.

Has Water System
The site has a water system, garbage pits and other rudimentary developments, Perry said and added that it was presently intended to construct a temporary mess hall and cook shack and tent floors for use this coming year and more permanent buildings when material and funds are available. The site is composed of 40 acres, and additional land will be held for later use, he said.

Principal speaker was Miss Harriet Vernon, Seattle, Wash., camp advisor of the regional staff, who told her audience that outdoor camps were one of the best means of carrying out the Girl Scout objectives of happiness, character and good citizenship for girls of America. Miss Vernon declared that outdoor camping gave the girls an opportunity for democratic experience, to develop initiative and resourcefulness and that camping fostered a love of the land "which we are in danger of losing."

Operation Outlined
Miss Vernon outlined the manner in which the camps are operated, dwelling on the staff and programs.

Mrs. C. A. Meeker gave the invocation and Mrs. Davis introduced the luncheon committee, headed by Mrs. Lucille McKimie. Standing committees were introduced, including Mrs. C. A. Thatcher, program; Mrs. M. N. Hogan, organization; Mrs. L. A. McCormick, public relations; Mrs. Meeker, training; and Mrs. Everett, established camp. Mrs. Don Robins read "A Leader's Lament."

At the annual business meeting Mrs. C. A. Thatcher was elected secretary of the council and Mrs. Allan Perry, treasurer. A commissioner, and vice-commissioner and standing committees will be named later.

MORE RAIL CARS TO HAUL FORCES
Chicago, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — American railroads soon will divert 1,000 more coaches to transport returning servicemen from Pacific coast ports, Vice President Charles H. Buford of the Association of American Railroads said today.

Buford, who met with military officers here yesterday, said that diversion of additional coaches would make a further reduction of 14 per cent in the number of railroad seats available to civilian travelers.

December, Buford said, probably will see a new peak in the movement of returning service personnel.

REDS INVITE NEWSMEN TO TOUR GERMAN AREA
Berlin, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — The Russians tonight invited 20 American correspondents on the first tour of Soviet-occupied Germany, to be held within the next few weeks.

Not all American correspondents in Berlin were included in the invitation. Among the correspondents for more important U. S. publications who did not receive invitations were representatives of the International News Service, Time magazine, Newsweek, the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Daily News.

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Textile Black Market Blamed In Nationwide Clothing Lack

New York, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — The U. S. treasury, the department of justice and the office of price administration moved jointly today to smash a gigantic black market in textiles which they held partly responsible for the nationwide clothing shortage.

A federal grand jury was impaneled to hear evidence against alleged illegal operators in the \$11,000,000,000 a year textile industry.

Attorney General Tom Clark said the black market was directly responsible for the current scarcity of clothing and household goods. He said the king's violations of textile ceiling prices have jumped as high as 200 per cent since V-E day.

He charged an impatient buying public with partial responsibility for the thriving illegal business which he termed a severe threat to the stability of the national economy and the value of the American dollar.

The grand jury will hear evidence gathered by U. S. Attorney John F. X. McGohey and a special staff of investigators, including agents of the treasury and the OPA.

Clark said the jury was expected to hand down important indictments and that the government would demand substantial jail sentences and heavy fines for those convicted of OPA price violations and resultant income tax evasion.

LAW TO END RAIL LAND GRANT RATE
Washington, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — President Truman today signed into law a bill which will end rate reductions allowed the government for transportation of army and navy personnel and property on "land grant" railroads.

The measure becomes effective Oct. 1, 1946, except in cases where previous contracts have been made. In those instances the special considerations end with the contracts.

The legislation wipes away the last privilege reserved by the government when it made land

grants to assist the building of railroads, mostly in the west.

ACADEMY APPOINTEES MAY BE 24 YEARS OLD
Washington, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — President Truman today signed legislation temporarily advancing from 22 to 24 the age limit for appointees to the U. S. military academy.

RECLAMATION AIDE
Washington, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — President Truman today announced appointment of Michael W. Straus, assistant secretary of the interior, as commissioner of the bureau of reclamation.

Straus, who resigns as assistant secretary, will succeed Harry W. Bashore, who is retiring.

A course especially for wool growers will be given in January, 1946, at the University of Wyoming.

URANIUM BONUS URGED
Washington, Dec. 13 — (U.P.) — Sen. E. P. Carville, D., Nev., today suggested government bonuses for persons who discover deposits of uranium, the metal used in making atomic bombs.

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