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DANNY KAYE AND COMPANY ARRIVE IN TOKYO TO BEGIN FEC TOUR

Danny Kaye and a troupe of Hollywood entertainers stepped from a Pan-American Clipper at rain-drenched Haneda Air Base in Tokyo shortly before noon Sunday. With a typical Kaye gesture the comedian waved his hand to the large group assembled to greet him and said, "Wet, isn't it?"

Kaye, who is in the Far East Command to entertain United Nations troops in Korea and Japan under the auspices of USO-Camp Shows, was accompanied by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer singing star Monica Lewis; the talented pianist, accordionist and songstress June Bruner, who is paying a return call to the FEC, having just recently returned to Hollywood from a Korean jaunt with Jack Benny; and Sammy Prager, Kaye's personal accompanist.

Miss Lewis expressed her delight in her first trip to this part of the world and immediately asked when she could start work. A veteran of Camp Shows, Monica has long been a serviceman's favorite.

Her recent Armed Forces Radio Service program has increased her large military following. Her most recent picture, "The Strip," is currently playing to enthusiastic audiences throughout the command.

June Bruner told reporters at the airport that she couldn't resist coming back for another run through the Korean foxhole circuit when USO-Camp Shows asked her to make the trip. "Besides," she added, "my shots were still good from the Benny junket. I love those guys over there, so I just had to come along with Danny and Monica."

Kaye, whose comic antics have delighted audiences all over the world, was sporting a Hawaiian Aloha shirt and a battered rain hat. He flashed the famous Kaye smile and spent considerable time describing his special portable piano which will fit in the back seat of a jeep. The entire group posed for pictures and signed autographs for soldiers and Japanese who were on hand to meet them.

Included among the official welcomers were Col. Edward I. Sachs, Chief of the Entertainment Section, GHQ FEC, Special Services; Lt. Col. Jerome Coray, Deputy Chief in charge of professional entertainment Special Services, Department of the Army, who is in the FEC on a survey of entertainment needs of the command; and Ed Stephenson, of the Entertainment Branch, Special Services.

The entertainers immediately went to their hotel and after lunch received orientation on the activities for the 30-day stay in the FEC. They are scheduled to depart for Korea the middle of the week, and upon their return to Japan will entertain United Nations Command wounded and hospitalized troops.

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CONGRESSMAN BONNER SEES ENGINE REBUILDING AT JLC ORDNANCE SHOP

YOKOHAMA--Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, head of the House Subcommittee on Expenditures, and committee staff member Ray Ward, visited the Tokyo Engineering Works ordnance shops Saturday on the first stop of a tour of Japan Logistical Command installations in the Tokyo-Yokohama area.

They were conducted through the shop by Maj. Gen. G. L. Eberle, G4, GHQ; Brig. Gen. G. K. Heiss, JLC Chief of Ordnance; Col. John M. Stark, Maj. Joe C. Cullon, Capt. Stanley C. Allen and 1st Lts. John Zopfi and Jean Painter, all from the ordnance shops.

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Their visit took them through the plant where worn-out and rusted motor vehicle engines abandoned on island battlegrounds in the Pacific at the close of World War II, are torn down and rebuilt to help supply UN forces in Korea.

Other members of the congressional group toured various other JLC installations during the morning. The entire party spent the afternoon at JLC headquarters where they were briefed on JLC activities and procedures by Maj. Gen. Walter L. Weible and members of his staff.

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IOWA SOLDIER BRINGS SAMPLE OF HIS NATIVE "CORN" TO KOREA

WITH THE EIGHTH U.S. ARMY IN KOREA--Iowa may be a great corn state but some of its men in the Army have taken most of the corn along with them to Korea.

One Iowa farm boy in the 21st "Gimlet" Regiment was asked to fill out a form listing certain pertinent information. On the bottom of the form, the man was asked to fill out any awards, decorations, or citations he may have received.

He listed them in this order: Combat Medical Badge, UN Service Ribbon, and two Blue Ribbons from the Marshall County Fair.

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NEW TYPE NEURO-SURGICAL TEAM NOW OPERATING CLOSE TO FRONT

WITH IX CORPS, U.S. ARMY IN KOREA--Another stride in Army medical progress was taken recently with the establishment of a neuro-surgical team which operates within 20 miles of the front line.

The team, which specializes in treating penetrating wounds of the head as well as spinal injuries, was organized and now operates under Eighth Army Medical Service. According to Col. Thomas N. Page, Eighth Army Surgeon, this is the first time in the Korean campaign that a unit of this type has functioned this far forward.

"We believe," said Colonel Page, "that in this type of injury, the chances of recovery are greatly increased when the patient receives adequate surgery sooner."

Chief surgeon for the team is Lt. Col. Arnold M. Meirowsky, Memphis, Tenn., consultant on neuro-surgery for the Far East Command. He is assisted by 1st Lts. Joseph C. Barnett of Marietta, Ga., and Samuel W. Atkins of Danville, Va.

According to Col. Meirowsky, injuries to the brain and spinal cord may be extremely aggravated in transit. "For this reason," he said, "the Army surgeon located this team as close to the front lines as possible so that we may repair the damage before it is too late."

Members of the unit stress the value of teamwork in the treatment of these cases. They maintain that the actual surgery contributes only a part to the patient's recovery and that a great deal of the team's success is due to the excellent pre-operative and post-operative care given the patient by enlisted corpsmen.

Aside from performing operations, the surgeons hold classes for enlisted personnel of the team. These classes are designed to teach the proper techniques for handling this type of injury, and the special needs of these patients.

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