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HON. JOSEPH M. DODGE CONFERS WITH SUPREME COMMANDER

The Hon. Joseph M. Dodge today visited with Supreme Commander General Matthew B. Ridgway, in the General's office in the Dai Ichi Building in Tokyo.

The meeting began at 2:15 this afternoon and lasted about 30 minutes. Matters discussed were not revealed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. Dodge, who is special financial advisor to SCAP, arrived in Japan early this week to commence a study of Japanese financial problems and the Japanese budget for the coming fiscal year.

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DANNY KAYE TROUPE DEPARTS FOR KOREAN FOXHOLE CIRCUIT RUN

Danny Kaye, blond-haired American jester, together with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's singing star, Monica Lewis, accordionist June Bruner and accompanist Sammy Prager, boarded a MATS Constellation at Haneda Air Base in Tokyo shortly before noon Tuesday on the last leg of their trip to the frontlines and United Nations forces in Korea.

Kaye was obviously champing at the bit and eager to board the silver nosed Connie which was piloted by General Matthew B. Ridgway's personal pilot, Lt. Col. George L. Hannah. Kaye inquired of Hannah if he could ride as "second pilot" and "steer the thing for a while" during the flight.

Miss Lewis, sporting her first outfit of combat clothing complete with fatigue trousers and combat boots, also seemed particularly anxious to complete this last leg of the troupe's long journey from Hollywood. She chatted with reporters and asked many questions about the outfits she was going to visit and displayed considerable interest in how the fighting was going at this point. She also talked at length with Miss Kay Dale, popular AFPS record spinner on whose show she is scheduled to appear after her return to Japan.

The group was accompanied on the trip by Ed Stephenson, director of the entertainment branch of GHQ, FEC, Special Services. Also aboard the plane was Lt. Col. Jerome Coray, Deputy Chief of the Professional Entertainment Division of Special Services, Department of the Army.

Colonel Coray said he was delighted to accompany Kaye and expressed great satisfaction with the manner in which the Headquarters functioned under the coordination of the Special Services Section in processing the entertainers and getting them under way to the men at the fighting front with a minimum of delay.

Colonel Coray will make a frontline study of the current entertainment situation in Korea, and after conferences with Special Services officers throughout the command will make recommendations to Department of Army officials on entertainment activities throughout the command.

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SECOND MEETING OF JAPAN-INDONESIA TRADE CONFERENCE HELD

The second meeting of the Japan-Indonesia Trade Conference was held in Tokyo today.

On today's schedule was the consideration on a preliminary basis by both delegations of subjects to be discussed at future meetings. A steering committee was appointed to work out details of the conference agenda.

When the steering committee submits an agenda the next meeting will be convened.

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The conference was opened in Tokyo yesterday by Maj. Gen. William F. Marquat, Chief of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section. The purpose of the conference is to work out a satisfactory trade arrangement between the two nations which are currently conducting trade on the extension of an agreement which expired on June 30 of this year.

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#### OUTSTANDING FOREIGN MOVIES TO BE SHOWN AT ERNIE PYLE NEXT MONTH

A series of distinguished motion pictures chosen from a world-wide list will be shown on the fourth floor of the Ernie Pyle Theater, Tokyo, through the month of November, Laurence E. Ady, chief of motion picture branch, Special Services, GHQ, FEC, announced today.

"Rasho-Mon," the Japanese film which won a prize at this year's international film festival at Venice, is expected to draw a capacity crowd at the Ernie Pyle for its showing tonight. Other noted pictures to be shown are: Nov. 6, "Trio," a British production; Nov. 13, "Four Men in a Jeep," produced in Switzerland; Nov. 20, "Sorrows of a Forbidden City," a Chinese film.

The Swiss film has English dialogue, and the Japanese and Chinese have English sub-titles.

Yokohama and other areas of the Far East Command also will have screenings of the art films, Mr. Ady states, if there is a popular demand for their booking.

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#### FIGHTER PILOT TRIES HAND AT NEW MACHINE -- DRIVES TANK

WITH THE EIGHTH U.S. ARMY IN KOREA--An American fighter pilot with 20 combat missions over Korea recently fulfilled a thwarted desire at an American infantry regiment -- operating a tank.

"Those gadgets confused me," admitted 1st Lt. William Guinther, Bally, Pa., as he crawled from the steel hatch of the juggernaut which was surrounded by a group of wide-eyed tankers.

The blond lieutenant supported United Nations tanks on several occasions on the Korean front. He always wanted to ride in a tank and, "sorta get the feel of things," he said. His chance came while on a two-month hitch with the infantry regiment acting as a forward air observer.

His instructor was 1st Lt. James C. Armstrong, Brentwood, Calif., a veteran tank commander with 10 years experience. "I taught him a few of the essentials and we started out," said Armstrong.

Ten minutes later the lesson was over. Aside from an acre of badly torn up ground, a few frightened tankers and several bruised elbows, the two emerged feeling none the worse.

Said Guinther: "I really got my feet on the ground."

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#### VETERAN INFANTRYMAN KNOWS HOW TO ENJOY SILENT MOVIES

WITH THE 7th INFANTRY DIVISION, U.S. ARMY IN KOREA--The projector at an outdoor movie at a command post in Korea fluttered, gasped and quit completely.

The projectionist swore softly and began threading film back into the machine. The hundred-odd soldiers at the show complained loudly, and when the movie was resumed without benefit of sound, they protested even more volubly.

One veteran infantryman, engrossed in the torrid love scene unfolding on the screen, tolerated the shouting for several minutes before his patience snapped.

In a voice that boomed over those of the protestors, he roared, "Shut up, and read their lips!"

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