

THE CINEMA
by Feinstein

After witnessing the Republic Studio's colossal smellerdrama, "The Girl from Alaska" the other night, I believe the Republic scenario writers have something in the way of a new story idea. They should not stop with the "Girl from Alaska". There could be a whole series of pictures. They could have the "Girl from Afghanistan", the "Girl from Kankakee", the "Girl from Hunger" and a thousand other places. With this in mind we are submitting to them a scenario of a picture to be named "The Girl from Leyte."

As our picture is to a super-gigantic collasal production instead of two little bears, we will have three. And instead of bears, they will be carabao. For good measure we will throw in a pappa carabao and a mamma carabao as well. Their antics as they gaily roll in the mud will be good for many laughs.

As our picture opens, it is raining cats and dogs. Better check this angle with the Humane Society. At any rate it is pouring as our hero, Trigger Happy Harry, storms into Mikes' Bar in Dagami. The boys are hitting it up over a case of tuba. This scene has endless possibilities. Wandering around the tavern we can have about fifty beautiful chorus girls dressed only in mattress covers and to keep everything authentic, Xavier Cugat and his orchestra can be playing native rhumbas in the background.

The villain, Pete the Greek, a smooth scrounger from the QM Company, tries to interest the pie-eyed hero in one of his crooked deals. He knows a souvenir prospector who has uncovered the location of a board of cat-eyes, valuable sea-shells which when converted into bracelets are worth small fortunes. These are all packed in sacks like little sausages.

Suddenly an explosion is heard. A carabao has kicked over a trip wire setting off a booby trap. In a drunken stupor Trigger Happy Harry goes to the door, fires blindly in the darkness and hits a colonel in the posterior.

Pete the Greek seizes the opportunity
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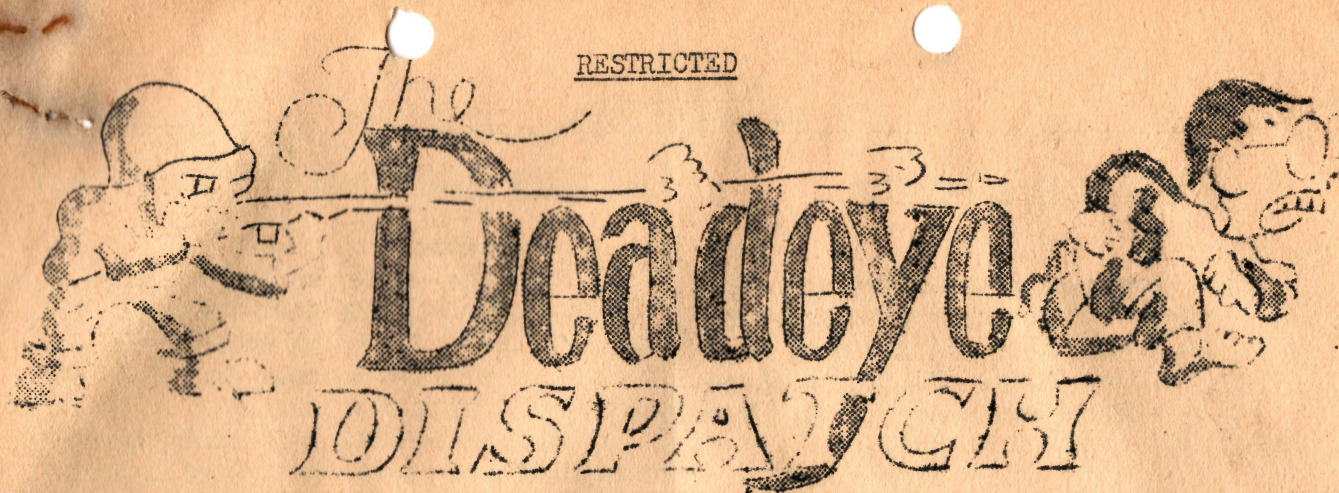
ATTENTION ALL HANDS!

It is requested that all silverware, bowls, and cups, be returned to the mess hall immediately.

When you are tired of chewing your gum there is a big ocean into which you can toss it. We don't like to pick it up after you on the decks and in the urinals. Otherwise, chewing gum will be prohibited and will not be sold in the ship's store.



Brenda: Why do you let all the soldiers kiss you?
Cobina: Well, I once slapped a sergeant who was chewing tobacco.



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NAZIS CRUSHED IN SAAR AND PALATINATE

PARIS, March 21 - German opposition in the Saarland and the Palatinate appeared likely today to cost Hitler's badly battered forces close to 100,000 casualties as the United States Third Army marched into the great chemical center of Ludwigshaven, Mannheim and Mainz. Two German armies, the First and Second were either wiped out or doomed except for scattered remnants.

Supreme Allied Headquarters estimated that the Third Army alone had herded 30,000 Nazis into prison pens in the last 48 hours as Third and Seventh Army units closed new traps which might boost the overall total of captured in the whirlwind campaign to 75,000.

The U.S. Seventh Army is driving up from southern bases in the Saarland and Palatinate did not bother to tabulate its prisoners after counting the first 6,000.

At least four racing columns of the Third Army were in an arc around Ludwigshaven and Mannheim, twin Rhine industrial cities. Meanwhile over 7000 Allied planes including 2000 American planes blasted targets in and around the threatened Ruhr. In all 27 American Divisions were on the move. Cities like Saarbrucken, Kaiserlautern, Worms, Zweibruecken, Homberg and St. Ingbert toppled like ten pins.

The First Army fighting east of the Rhine despite the collapse of the Remagen Bridge has lengthened its bridgehead to 25 miles pushing to within 12 miles of the Ruhr's southern limits.

GUAM, March 21 - More details on Admiral Mitscher's daring raid on the Jap naval base in the Inland Sea were revealed by the Navy today with 23 Jap ships listed as sunk.

The tabulation showed the following ships sunk: one battleship of the Yamato class, one battleship converted into a big aircraft carrier, three large aircraft carriers, four small carriers, one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, four destroyer one destroyer escort and one submarine. Besides these additions to the Jap underwater fleet, six small surface craft including an oiler were sent to the bottom of the sea. Probably sunk were seven other vessels including two oilers and four larger cargo vessels.

In Washington D.C., Admiral Thomas C. Hart, retired, former commander of Allied naval forces in the Pacific and now U. S. Senator from Connecticut compared the brilliant victory to the Jap strike at Pearl Harbor. He said, "We have gone much further against the Japs than they did against us at Pearl Harbor. At a time when the Jap fleet was most needed - with the battle for Iwo hardly concluded and the battle of the Philippines underway, we had to go into the Japanese Inland Sea to seek out the Jap fleet. What we have done to them is more than equivalent to Pearl Harbor. To do the same to us they would have to cross the Pacific - as we did - and strike at our ships and naval installations on the West Coast of the United States. The hopelessness of Japanese naval planning
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QUINN'S COLUMN

Who was the officer who told a certain signalman from Brooklyn to put his cigarette out because the smoking lamp was out, and then lighted one himself... However, he was reminded by the same signalman that the smoking lamp was still out.

Wanted: Work shirts, size 14½. Would be grateful for even size 15...Also sweat socks, size 10½. Will pay cash or trade.
Signed H. W. Thomas *etc.*

Stand by for a Ram Storekeepers
A Short Long Story

This is a story of a good little sailor boy who wanted to buy something from ships service. As everyone knows, ships service is open for passengers only in the morning. So our sailor boy waited until afternoon at 1330, because the sign on the door plainly said the store would open from 1300 to 1600. By the time our sailor returned there were already a dozen men in line, including passengers of course. Time passed, nothing happened. Finally someone pounded on the door and was told the store would open in 45 minutes. Well, the afternoon was yet young and our sailor was going on watch at 1545, so he waited along with his shipmates. Have you ever waited down there in that not passageway between the engine room and the galley?? Anyway, 45 minutes came and 45 minutes went as 45 minutes is bound to do. Still no sign of life. Well, further pounding on the door brought the information and a most annoyed look, that the store would open "in a little while" 1430 passed, 1445 also and then the pay off. GO at 1500! So all the sailors ran to their stations after waiting in vain for an hour and a half. A half hour later, a dozen large cartons of merchandise went back from ships service to the passengers compartment, but that isn't the reason for my cry of woe....The moral of my story is: How many man-hours were wasted? How many dispositions were spoiled? How many men now think the storekeepers to be equine feces?

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to force our hero to steal the cats-eyes under the pretext of saving him from the MP's.

We then see our hero plodding through the rice paddies on his way to the prospector's house. The prospector is in the hospital with jungle rot but Jean Parker, his beautiful daughter, is there dressed in an abbreviated sarong which shows up her beautiful figure much better than the furs she was buried under in the "Girl from Alaska."

It is inevitable that they fall in love and we have a touching love scene under a tropical sky as the two stand beneath a swaying palm tree. Trigger Happy, our towering hero, looks down at Jean Parker, whose bosom is undulating with passion, and says, "Dear, what big eyes you have."

Up on the palm tree one of Leyte's famous tree climbing lizards loudly echoes Trigger Happy's intentions.

Jean Parker looks up at Trigger Happy with eyes filled of love and whispers, "Ser, have you derty clodes?"

Interrupting this lovely scene, Pete the Greek comes running up. Excitedly he says, "The stampeters are on the way. Run for your lives."

It seems that the Air Corps boys have heard of the cats-eyes. Those aggressive souvenir hunters will stop at nothing. They would send the price sky high in no time.

As they make their getaway in a couple of jeeps preceded by hundred of PCAU laborers, all carrying bundles of cats-eyes on their heads, Pete the Greek begins to show a little remorse. He figures, what are a few shells when true love is concerned. Besides he can make more money manufacturing authentic Jap battle flags to sell to the sailors. He tells Trigger Happy Harry that it wasn't a colonel he shot after all. It was a second lieutenant and everything is all right in the end.

The picture ends with a scene ten year later, Trigger Happy Harry and Jean Parker are still in a clinch. Around them are a half dozen naked children. With two grubby fingers in the air, they yell at the top of their voices "Veectory."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear DEAD EYE:

Since you have come aboard ship, I think everyone of us enjoy reading your columns about where we are and what our fighting men are doing. But isn't there some way you could put a map in the paper so we could see where we are.

Signed R.G.

Dear R.G.:

There are maps available in the library for the ship's company to scan. We are also working out technical difficulties and soon hope to make situation maps a regular feature of these columns.

THE EDITOR

RUSSIANS IN THREAT TO BERLIN

MOSCOW, March 21 - After wiping out the Germans at the Altdam bridgehead, the First White Russian Army of Marshal Gregory Zhukov is now in possession of the entire east bank of the Oder from the Baltic to its confluence with the Weisse. They were massing siege artillery at the city gates of Stettin.

The menace to Berlin grew hourly as Marshal Zhukov probed many places along the river seeking springboards for his next big attack east and northeast of Berlin.

Marshal Ivan Konev, still engaged in liquidating trapped German garrisons in Breslau and Glogau on the upper Oder, has moved additional units of the First Ukrainian Army Group on the Neisse line southeast of Berlin.

In East Prussia, Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, for two years chief of staff of the Red Army, was staging the final kill in the dwindling German pocket along the Baltic coast southwest of Koenigsberg.

NOT LOST AS YET BUT SOON

The officer that left 300 pennies with the pay master can pick up his three dollars for it now.

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is now revealed."

The Tokyo radio in the meantime claimed the raid as a Japanese victory. They said "at least 16 enemy warships so far have been sunk or damaged and that 183 planes had been shot down."

They reiterated that 1400 American carrier-based planes had participated in the attack but said the Task Force was unable to withstand the heavy damage inflicted on it and eventually withdrew.

The Home Radio Service broadcast from Tokyo declared, "Our air force units have long been waiting for such an opportunity. They plunged into the midst of the Task Force like arrows released from bows and sent aircraft carriers, battleships and cruisers to the bottom of the sea in rapid succession."

P-51's OPERATING FROM IWO

GUAM, March 21 - Major General Willis Hale, acting commander of Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, disclosed today that long range P-51 Mustang fighters capable of escorting Super Fortresses to Tokyo and P-61 Black Widow night fighters are now operating from Iwo Jima.

General Hale also stated that 44 B-29's had made emergency landings on Iwo and that the lives of 450 men had been saved. He reported that a steady stream of cargo planes carried loads of needed parts for ground based aircraft to Iwo Jima last week as well as many skilled mechanics. In his words, "As with other things, that is only the beginning."

CALLING ALL GUM CHEWERS

If you have fun,
Out of chewing gum,
DON'T throw it on the deck
Or the urinal, either, by heck.

It is better to sink at sea, than to sink among men.