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"By the Dawn's Early Light."

Yes, by then or shortly thereafter, the USAT Bardstown Victory will sight the shores of our native land. This will bring to an end our long voyage and with it this little experiment in journalism that we called "Vox Papa."

Publishing "Vox Papa" has been a pleasant chore, despite the difficulty in synchronizing the typewriter with the roll of the ship in the stormy weather, and, if we have been of service in supplying news and information to our fellow passengers, we are more than recompensed for our efforts.

In parting the Staff of "Vox Papa" extends to you it's best wishes for a safe and speedy return home. Good-bye and good luck!

The Editor

TODAY'S MOVIE

Selected
Short Subjects

Times: 1400 & 1800

SUNDAY SERVICES

Catholic Rosary Service - 0900

Protestant Service - 1000

Hold No. 4, Ship's Theater.

NOTICE: We regret that no baseball scores have been received for the past two days by ship's radio. We assume that the Red Sox are still in first place.

WORLD NEWS

(Courtesy of Ship's Radio)

NEW YORK - The nations half million Maritime workers remained idle for the third day in the most extensive shipping strike in American history. The strike was called by the Sailors Union of the Pacific and the Seafarers International, both A. F. of L, in protest against the Wage Stabilization Boards refusal to allow a pay increase which the shipping companies granted. Other Maritime workers, both CIO and A. F. of L, are supporting the strike to effect a virtually complete shutdown. Meanwhile UNRRA Director General La Guardia announced his intention to meet with strike leaders in an effort to arrange for the sailing of relief ships bound for famine ridden countries.

PARIS - A Foreign Ministers Council of the Big Four and China, met to discuss a meeting date for the United Nations general assembly. Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, just returned from Moscow, proposed that if the UN meeting were not postponed that it be held in Europe so that diplomatic staffs could do double duty in covering both UN sessions and the peace conference. The Chinese proposal was that the matter be placed before all the nations for collective action. The American Representative, however, was instructed in Secretary Byrnes absence, to oppose any postponement or proposal that the meetings be held in Europe.

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DAILY LOG

Reading at 1200 today:
Latitude -- 40° 55'
Longitude -- 131° 24'
Speed -- 12.4 knots
Distance -- 291 miles
Time advance of one-half hour at 2400.
286 hours 30 minutes on trip.
Compliments of "Father" Kelly, 2nd mate.

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The "Voice" of Special Service

Hello Fellows, I hope these last few days have been smother for all of you for after that rough weather, a mild voyage is like a cuss fight with the Corporal after the "Old Man" has had his word! Well, men, the Golden Gate is just a couple of curves and a hill away, so lie back and enjoy the rest of the trip, 'cause Daddy is coming home!

Men, I thought my Mother-in-Law had a mouth, but that short, sandy-haired Brooklyn hooper can really yap. Paul Reichert is his name, and he's the boy who does most of the yapping always ending with "report to Special Service" with that lovable Brooklyn accent. He's really a good egg, but I'm a "King Cole" cat and he isn't, so we have our run-ins everytime I drop in to play a couple of tunes. I think that he is a "Lombardo" fan-namely Guy and his family band if you want to call it a band. His assistant is a cubby dark haired Joe from Belle Vernon, Pa. and I think he must have worked in a coal mine cause he and Paul don't know music. Well all kidding aside, our hats are off for all the good work the boy's did, so take it easy when you get home, fellows.

Little Joe

THE CROWS NEST

We wonder what happened to the three sharpies that were going to Ontario, Canada to see some gals. They had better have a lot of pounds if they expect to hit the jackpot.

Why doesn't someone give that Merchant Marine Jitterbug a haircut? It looks like there's a mop sitting on top of his head.

(World news Cont'd)

CHINA - Unconfirmed dispatches from Communist-held Kalgan indicate that four members of a "Peace Team" were killed and four others, including an American soldier, were injured during an air attack by Nationalist planes. The team headed by an American officer, was retreating from Chengteh. Sporadic fighting continues in all disputed areas. Communist troops are reported retreating in the North and West, in the general direction of Manchuria. Two government columns are driving toward Harbin, Manchuria's largest industrial center.

TOKYO - George Atcheson Jr, Chairman of the Allied Council for Japan, indicated in Tokyo that conferences for the repatriation of Japanese prisoners from the Northern part of Korea had been broken off by the Soviet member of the Council.

INDIA -- Bombay's six day wave of Hindu-Moslem rioting appeared Friday to be still on its way and the casualty toll was placed at 218 dead and 653 injured. A powerful Moslem League figure told the United Press that India faces the prospect of a full scale Civil war between Hindu and Moslems unless the recently established Interim Government is organized to allow equal representation for Moslems.

GERMANY - Speaking before an assembly of occupation officials in Stuttgart, Germany Secretary of State Byrnes today warned that Germany must not become a pawn in an East vs West military struggle. He called for immediate establishment of a Provisional Central German Government. Byrnes proposed a German National Council to conduct the nation's affairs under Allied control and prepare a constitution for a permanent federalized Germany. "We do not want Germany to become a satellite of any power or powers or to live under a dictatorship foreign or domestic", Byrnes said in an address to American Allied and German leaders in the Stuttgart state theater. Byrnes stated emphatically that the United States had no intention of withdrawing from Germany. American troops will remain as long as an occupation force is necessary he said. He placed the blame for the confused Allied policy toward Germany on the failure of the four occupying powers to carry out the Potsdam agreements. He said recovery in Europe will be badly slowed if the Big Four allow Germany to become a poor house. A foreign office spokesman in London commenting on the speech, said the United States "Marches in Solidarity" with Britain on German questions.