

# ENEMIES MINGLING AT EXCHANGE PORT

## ***Americans and Japanese Are No Longer Restricted as They Await Transfers in India***

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**MORMUGAO**, Portuguese India, Oct. 17 (Delayed)

Americans from the Japanese liner *Teia Maru* and Japanese from the Swedish liner *Gripsholm* mingled along the Mormugao dockside today as preparations to exchange the passengers the two vessels continued.

A general spirit of tolerance prevailed but there was no conversing between the two groups. The Americans, freed from Far Eastern detention, and Japanese from the Americas watched each other curiously and occasionally rubbed shoulder. The Americans gazed longingly at the commodious comfortable *Gripsholm* and listened avidly to stories of the good food in her larders.

The exchange of passengers has been delayed until Tuesday. Meanwhile baggage and cargos are being unloaded and accommodations assigned.

The Americans have already had samples of the amenities that await them on the *Gripsholm*, for members of her crew tossed hundreds of packages of American cigarettes to *Teia Maru* passengers and Miss Ann McMechen, head of the American Red Cross unit aboard the *Gripsholm*, distributed candy to American children. Miss McMechen has clothing for the needy, toys, cigarette, pipe tobacco, books and magazines ready for distribution when the Americans board the ship.

Plans to keep the *Teia Maru* and *Gripsholm* passengers separated ashore have been dropped. This afternoon at 4 o'clock all Japanese ashore were organized into groups for calisthenics.

There now are no restrictions on passengers' leaving the *Teia Maru*, for the restricted dock area. There has been a rush to buy fruits from hawkers, so the banana supply has already grown scanty.

Americans, working in gangs, continue to do most of the handling of their own baggage. Japanese similarly are assisting in unloading their belongings.

Catholics on the Teia Maru hope to arrange a shore visit to the Tomb of St. Francis Xavier, but this cannot be decided for several days.

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