

The clerk on duty at the liquor counter offered to sell liquor to the undersigned without restriction or reservation. When Colonel Leigh inquired if he could buy liquor the clerk replied: "Yes, if you aren't afraid of being caught." There was no military personnel on duty in this store to check purchases by Eighth Army personnel.

c. From the amount of space devoted to liquor displays in both above mentioned stores, it would appear that the sale of liquor constituted a very considerable portion of their total sales.

4. While in Eighth Army Headquarters the undersigned read a letter, dated 14 January 1950, from Eighth Army to Yokohama Command referring to Eighth Army Circular No. 60 stating that violations of this circular has been reported and that it was desired that the Yokohama Command take necessary action to prevent the illegal purchase of liquor by Eighth Army personnel.

5. Prior to my departure from Eighth Army Headquarters, Colonel Conley informed the undersigned of the following:

a. Eighth Army was well aware of the situation existing in Yokohama as it pertained to the improper purchase of liquor by Eighth Army personnel.

b. Positive steps had been and would continue to be taken to prevent Eighth Army personnel from making illegal purchases of liquor.

c. Eighth Army intends to attempt to handle the problem through discipline of its own troops.

d. The possibility that it may be necessary to place such establishments as those mentioned in paragraph 2 above "Off Limits" has been considered but Eighth Army does not wish to resort to such measures unless it appears to be impossible to control this situation by other measures. In the event, Eighth Army deems it necessary to resort to such extreme measures that this headquarters will be fully informed of the contemplated action before it is put into effect.

6. Recommend this information be noted and returned to PSD.

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