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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

THROUGH : Central Liaison Office, Tokyo.

SUBJECT : Repatriation Ships.

1. Reference is made to memorandum from the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, file AG 370.05 (7 May 46)GC, (SCAFIN-927), dated 7 May 1946, subject: "Repatriation."

2. Specific orders implementing paragraph 4, Annex I of references paragraph 1 were issued in the case of the United States Liberty ship V075, and the United States Landing Ships, Tank Q074, Q076, Q091 and Q094 to sail from Sasebo by United States Naval Shipping Control Authority for Japanese Merchant Marine. These ships failed to sail as ordered, the reason advanced by Civilian Merchant Marine Committee was to the effect that the Japanese crews of the ships listed above are on strike until demands of the Seamen's Union are met.

3. Strikes, walk-outs or other work stoppages which are inimical to the objectives of the military occupation are prohibited. Repatriation is interpreted as an objective of military occupation and consequently any strike or other act which interferes with this program is prohibited.

4. The Imperial Japanese Government, without the use of police force, will:

a. Man and operate ships mentioned in paragraph 2 above in accordance with duly issued orders of the Civilian Merchant Marine Committee in furtherance of the repatriation program.

b. Take necessary action to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

c. Report to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers without delay action taken.

5. In event desired result cannot be obtained as prescribed herein without the use of police force, prompt report thereof will be rendered to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

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