

*He started at the Pacific, and all his men  
Looked at each other with wild surmise,  
Silent, upon a peak in Darien.—KEATS*

**F**OR centuries the Pacific has been an ocean of adventure and romance. The strange ways of people that inhabit the islands dotting this great body of water, and the beauty of the tropical isles in general, have made men cross and recross the Pacific since Magellan's epochal voyage in 1521.

There is possibly no greater index of world changes than the striking comparison of the caravels of the early explorers and the flight of the Pan American Airways' *China Clipper* across the Pacific to Manila on its initial flight to the Orient.

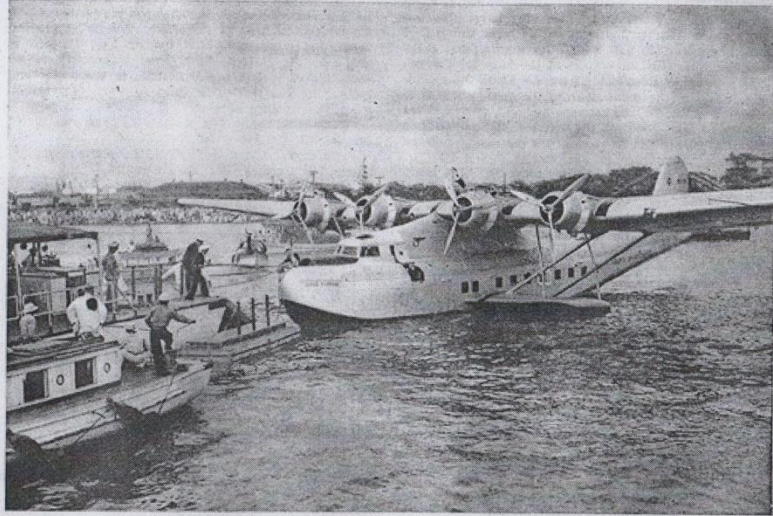
Before long Mr. Manila Businessman will be zooming into the Golden Gate with his travelling suitcase seven days after he leaves his Escolta office. And he will have all the comforts that modern travel facilities can offer to enable him to transact his "East to West" business in the best frame of mind.

"The Orient need no longer be three weeks from America," said Juan T. Trippe, youthful president of the Pan American Airways, when the idea of a trans-Pacific flight was first thought of. Even now, engineers promise a "three-day" schedule!

The Pan American clippers will make the Philippines as close to New York as are the West Coast States to the Atlantic Seaboard District by the fastest streamlined Pullman cars. Hawaii would only be eight hours from California's Golden Gate, 28 hours from Chicago, and 32 hours from either New York City or Washington, D. C.

Approximately ten billion dollars are at stake each year in Oriental trade. That every industrial nation in the world is seeking a slice of the Pacific trade plum can not be denied. Distance, however, serves as a barrier to these ambitious nations. Now that the Pan American Airways has overcome the only barrier, foreign markets all over the world will be foreign only insofar as nationality is concerned.

# America Is Only



*The Pan American Airways' "China Clipper" being moored to the barge soon after landing on Manila Bay. Note the big crowd in the background.*

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