

in any direction. Granted, there are other breeds who work very well off their hind quarters, but the Morgan, by his very build, is a natural.

He is a little horse you can continue praising to the sky even though he is not a horse that is unbeatable. There are horses who can run faster than he can, and you wouldn't expect to win the Grand National with him, but he is a horse with a heart big enough for such competition. And it is that intangible something that we speak of as the heart of a horse, that comes to the front unflinching in a breed called Morgan.

## MORGAN HORSES SHIPPED TO CHINA

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Maj. Gen. P. C. Tsui, Deputy Chief of Horse Administration Bureau, Ministry of National Defense, and Maj. Gen. S. S. Young, Dean of Veterinary College, An-Shun, Kwei-Chow, China, had read in books that Morgan horses were, to quote, "The All-American, all purpose horse. The horse that did all things that were asked of it. Gentle and companionable but with a spirit that is so dear to all horsemen. Would give its best to its rider and had the staying qualities so necessary in rough country." When the question of bettering the breed of the Mongolian horse was decided upon, they came to this country to see this "wonder horse" for themselves.

Generals Tsui and Young do not need an interpreter but speak English with a fluency that is heart warming. Luckily for them (and for me) they speak Mandarin and my Cantonese is as foreign to them as it is to a Cantonese. But all joking aside, when I phoned Gen. Young from Los Angeles to know when the Morgans would leave Santa Rita Ranch at Livermore, California, where they had been gathered for shipment and he told me that the horses were in San Fran-

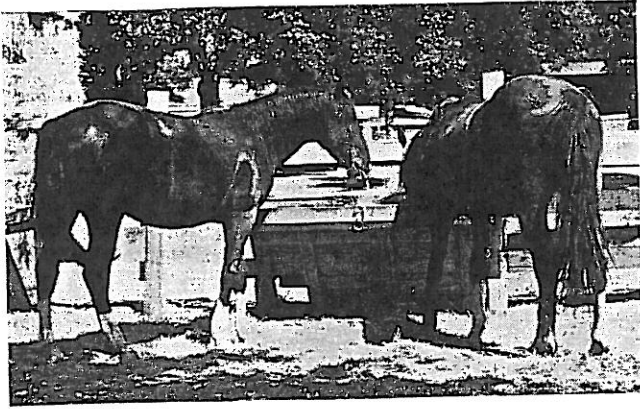
cisco and would sail on Tuesday September 30 at 5 P.M., I could hardly believe that it was ten months since I first met the generals.

They came to California to inspect our horses and put themselves in the hands of Col. F. W. Koester of the Army Remount Service, western headquarters at Pomona, California, better known as the Kellogg Ranch. Col. Koester phoned Keith L. Morse, my predecessor as secretary-treasurer of the Morgan Horse Association of the West and asked him to show the generals some of the Morgan horses in the vicinity and Keith and Mrs. Morse took the generals in tow. Many of you were gratified by a visit from them and it is regrettable that distances are long and time was short so that they could not view all the Morgans on the West Coast. The slogan, "To know a Morgan is to love a Morgan" can very aptly be used in the personal human vernacular. "To know the Chinese is to love the Chinese," and I speak advisedly. I have lived with and among the Chinese for 26 years, off and on. I had a number one boy, maybe you would call him a body servant or valet but he was far, far more than that. A constant companion for nine years, loyal and true friend, confidant and adviser. Brought laughs when going got tough. He died in my arms in 1939. But to get back to the Morgans.

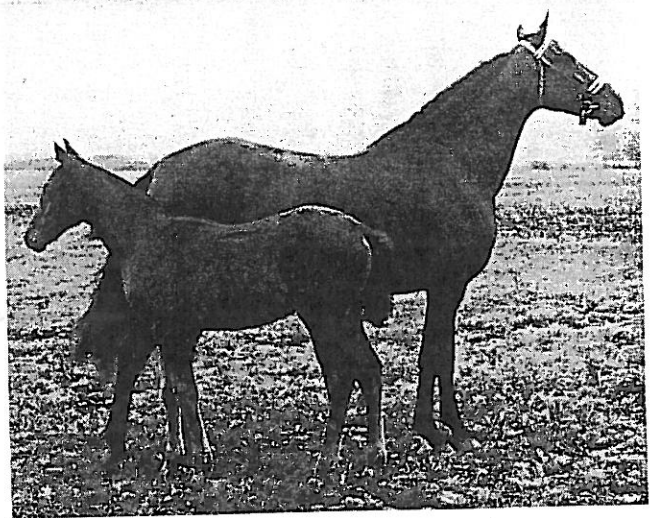
The Chinese government wanted to raise horses that would have the depth of the ocean, that stamina of Hercules and the loyalty and companionship of a true friend. They wanted to breed these characteristics into their Mongolian ponies. I say "ponies" because the Mongolian horse is about the size of a Welsh pony and is even more rugged than our burro. It can live off the country when going gets tough and forage for itself and continue to give you 40 honest miles every day. The Chinese now have five important strains: Mongolian, Tibetan, Arabian, Sing-Kong and Sze Chuan. The Mongolian is by far the most important and most prevalent and



Group of mares on the ranch of E. W. Roberts. Two of the mares on the extreme right are now in China, namely, ANGELAYR 05235 and JOSEAYR 05425.



RED REX 9321 and RED LANCER 9320. Two young stallions sold by E. W. Roberts to go to China. Both are sons of REDMAN 8056.



LADY LOUISE 05836 by ARCHY HUDSON 7098 out of DELTA 05093 by GOV. CHITTENDEN 5675, one of the mares sold by C. J. O'Neill to the Chinese.

the Chinese government are concentrating on its breeding with the Morgans. The Mongolian is everybody's horse and is used in about every capacity in which a horse can be used.

Generals Tsui and Young took 14 Morgan mares and 12 Morgan stallions to China with them. They bought three mares and three stallions from O'Neill Brothers of Manteno, Illinois, two stallions and one mare from Brunk Farms of Springfield, Illinois, and vicinity, two mares and one stallion from the United States Morgan Horse Farm at Middlebury, Vermont. (Incidentally E. W. Roberts of Los Angeles and Hi-Pass, California, offered Gen. Tsui \$1,000 profit on this stallion and Ed Roberts is not known as a dunce, he really knows his Morgans), one stallion from M. O. Carlson of Lexington, Kentucky, three stallions from E. E. Gustason of Tama, Iowa, and six mares and two fillies and two stallions from the Roberts Horse Farm of Hi-Pass, California.

Bill and Eleanor Bovett of Newhall, California, owners of HEADLITE'S TOMBOY 8294, drove me up to San Francisco. We went on board the "Philippine Transport" at 1 P.M., Pier 26 on the Embarcadero.

The hold of a ship is not the most pleasant place to spend an afternoon to say nothing of about a six weeks voyage, but Gen. Tsui saw to it that all of the Morgans were "housed" on deck in specially built stalls where their health would not be impaired with foul air and daylight would brighten their spirit as well as add to their comfort. They could not have been more comfortable in their own stables. They had been loaded the previous day and had overcome their nervousness. Even amid the screeching and clatter of the winches, the shouts of the stevedores and the hub-bub that is seemingly necessary when loading ship, they stood munching hay as though they were seasoned ocean travelers.

As I sauntered back and forth along the front of the stalls, they stretched out their necks to be nuzzled and petted and not once was there a semblance of temperament nor an attempt to nip me. To one who loves Morgan horses, it was indeed gratifying to know that these animals were in the care of such capable and understanding men as Generals Tsui and Young. The stalls were not to Gen. Tsui's liking so he delayed sailing time until 10:00 P.M., while they rebuilt some

of the stalls. Mighty clever, these Chinese. Generals Tsui and Young too, love Morgans.

The Chinese-Morgan program of breeding involves the breeding of Morgan stallions to Mongolian mares. They bought Morgan mares to foal more Morgan stallions to breed to Mongolian mares, perpetuating a breed of horses that is in the experimental stage now, but please God, in the annals of Horseology, will be a breed that has the characteristics of ruggedness, depth and most of all, the brain and the disposition as only a Morgan has.

As the "Philippine Transport" sailed out of the Golden Gate, my heart went with it. I knew all the time that I could not be on it, but it was a lot of fun just wishing. (Can't I?)

Maj. Gen. Tsui and Maj. Gen. Young, "Bon Voyage" and may we be blessed with a return visit. And don't forget that I get the first filly, you promised, of the mating of the Morgan and the Mongolian horses. Bonca san.



Maj. Gen. P. C. Tsui



### MAJ. GEN. TSUI REPORTS ON ARRIVAL OF MORGANS IN CHINA

Maj. Gen. P. C. Tsui, Deputy Chief of the Horse Administration Bureau, Ministry of National Defense, China, wrote on December 31, 1947 to F. B. Hills, Secretary of The Morgan Horse Club giving a report of the journey and the arrival of the Morgans shipped to China. Following are excerpts from his letter.

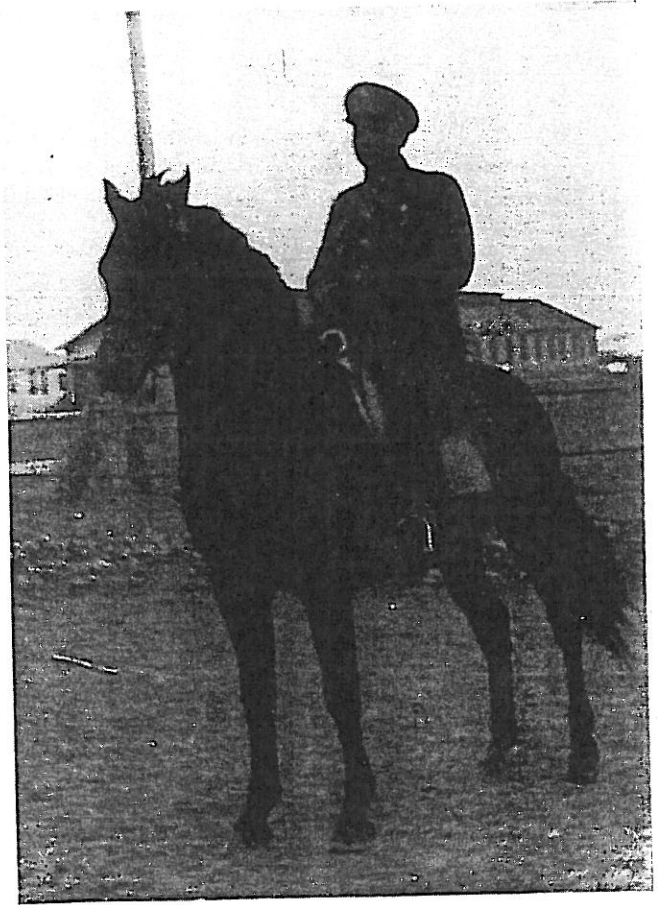
"We left United States October 1 and landed at Shanghai October 22. Bad storms gave us a send-off in the Eastern Pacific and welcomed us in the Western Pacific. The horses stabled on deck took many a bath. One Quarter mare aborted, but the others stood the trip comfortably.

The horses will remain at Shanghai until the end of January when they will be removed to the Northwest and the Southwest in the interior of China by airplane. MAGELLAN 8625 from the U.S. Morgan Horse Farm will be senior stallion at the Military Min-Sian Stud in Kansuh Province. RED ROCKWOOD 8775, bred by E. E. Gustason, Tama, Iowa, will be senior stallion at the Military Sung-Ming Stud in Yunnan Province. SENATOR BAIN 9167, purchased from Mrs. Helen Greenwalt, and RHYTHM RAMBLE 8255 from C. J. O'Neill, will also go to Min-Sian Stud. RED LANCER 9320 from E. W. Roberts will go to Sung-Ming Stud. In all, seven stallions go to the Northwest and four to the Southwest. Ten mares go to the Min-Sian Stud, Northwest, and four to the Sung-Ming Stud, Southwest. Of the fourteen mares, eight are in foal.

It is unfortunate that one of the young stallions, RED REX 9321, purchased from Mr. Roberts, was so badly cut through the chest, as a result of jumping an iron fence, that he later died. This is the only accident we have had with this shipment.

When we arrived in Nanking, we had a conference. It was attended by all the leaders of Horse Administration Units, such as National Horse Administration Bureau of Nanking, Horse Administration Bureau Northwest and Northeast, Military Studs, Military Horse Ranches, Military Stallion Stations, Remount Stations, Military Veterinary College, Military Horse Hospitals, Military Veterinary Laboratory and General Veterinary Supply Depot.

When they later went to Shanghai with me they all liked



the Morgans. After a critical examination, they agreed that they liked best MAGELLAN and RED ROCKWOOD.

Many students of the Agriculture School, headed by their professor, came to look at the horses. I introduced them to the story and the best points of Morgan horses. You and the members of the Morgan Horse Club will be most happy to know that the first Morgan horses to come to China made a fine impression. Enclosed are two photographs. One is MAGELLAN 8625. Standing before him, from left to right: Col. C. L. Chang, the Chief of Sung-Ming Stud; Maj. Gen. Y. F. Liu, the Chief of Horse Administration Bureau N.C.; Col. T. T. Wang, the Chief of Ching-Chen Stud; Maj. Gen. F. C. Chang, the Chief of National Horse Administration Bureau, Nanking; Col. T. J. Chiu, the Chief of Yung-Tung Horse Ranch; Maj. Gen. Y. C. Yu; one sergeant who is holding the horse; and Maj. Gen. S. C. Wang, the Chief of Min-Sian Stud, who is the new master of MAGELLAN. Gen. Wang, one of the most experienced horsemen in China, was delighted with MAGELLAN.

The other picture is RED ROCKWOOD with Maj. Gen. Y. C. Yu in the saddle. Gen. Yu was the first Chief of Horse Administration Bureau when it was founded twelve years ago. He participated in our conference as chief advisor.

I am enclosing also my own picture which I send to the United States instead of myself, and wish a Happy New Year to all my friends.

MAJ. GEN. P. C. TSUI