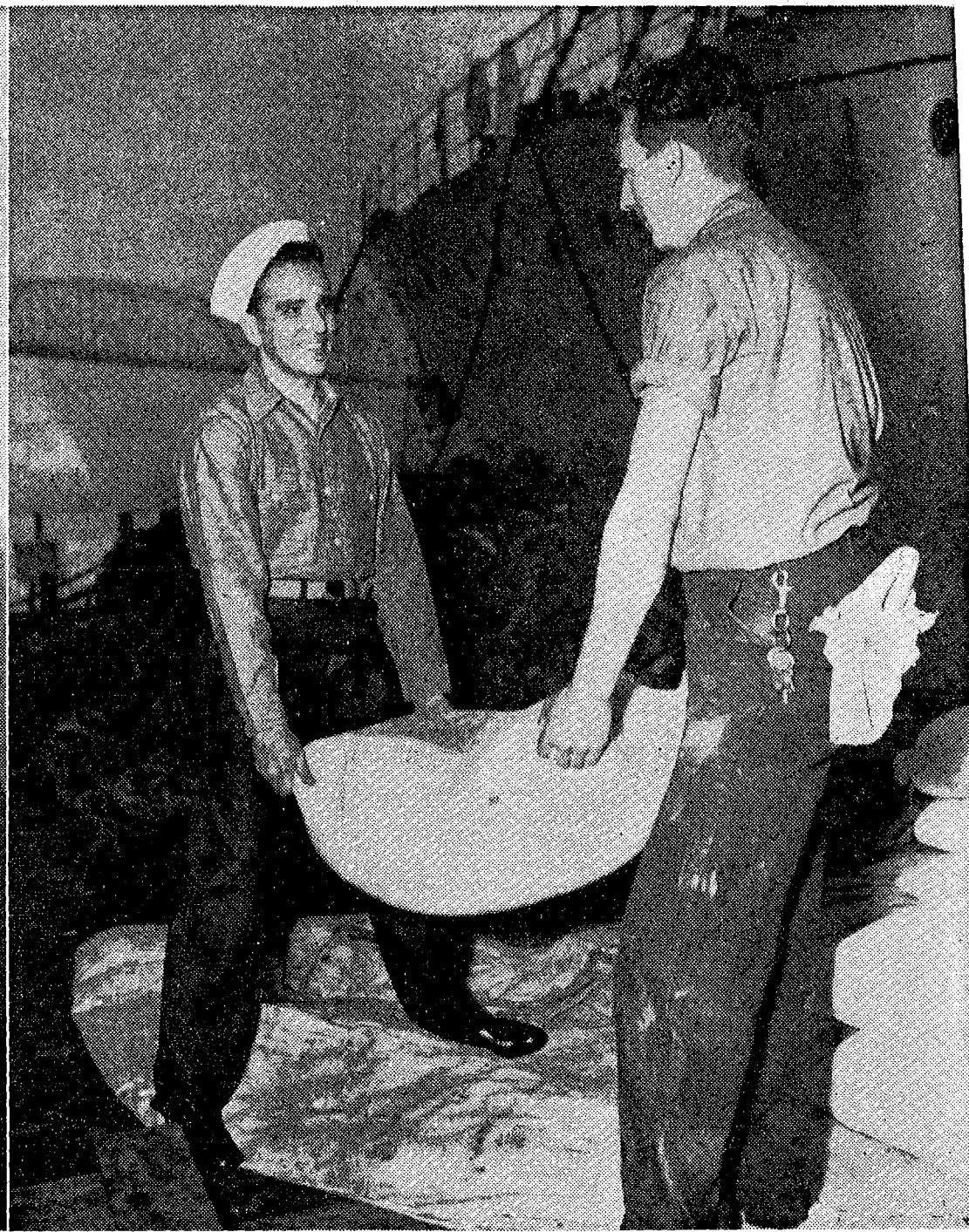




A FORMER ARMY OFFICER joins the merchant navy and is pressed into service to load sacks of flour destined for European relief aboard the Friend Ship Golden Bear. He is Lieut. Col. Luis F. Sotelo of the Mexican Army, left, who is the newest midshipman at the California Maritime Academy. Sotelo, in his brand new dungarees, is assisted by Midshipman, third class, Edwin Perkins of Yuba City, whose fatigues have seen more duty.



SIGNING THE REGISTER for his first 'shore leave' in Vallejo, Midshipman Sotelo dons his new dress blues for the first time. Looking on is Walter Y. Brubaker of La Jolla, midshipman officer of the deck. Sotelo, who in addition to holding a commission in the Mexican Army is a lawyer and a qualified pilot, is fulfilling a lifelong ambition to go to sea. He will take a three-year course. Story on Page 1. (Photos by Times-Herald).