

Air Freight by Parachute, 1946

Narrator: The first regular commercial delivery of goods by parachute express is a milestone in modern aviation. Packages containing the cargo are prepared for the cross-country flight. Parachutes attached to each container are one of the latest types developed by the United States Army. The new air service is operated by former pilots of the famous Flying Tigers, American airmen who fought the Japanese in Burma and China even before the United States entered the war. The first trip's cargo was a consignment of silverware. A ground marker identifies the drop site, and the cargo is dumped out of the plane. It floats gently and safely to the ground 200 feet below. Wartime experience put to peacetime use brings a new idea to commercial aviation.

In Manila, and throughout the Philippine Islands, a national presidential election campaign is marked by high popular interest and wide electioneering. Candidates for the highest office are President Sergio Osmena and his challenger Manuel Roxas. Osmena automatically succeeded to the presidency held by Manuel Quezon after Quezon's death in the United States during the war. Under Quezon, Osmena and Roxas once worked closely together, but now Filipino voters go to the polls to choose between them. The winner will lead the Philippines to complete independence in July of this year.