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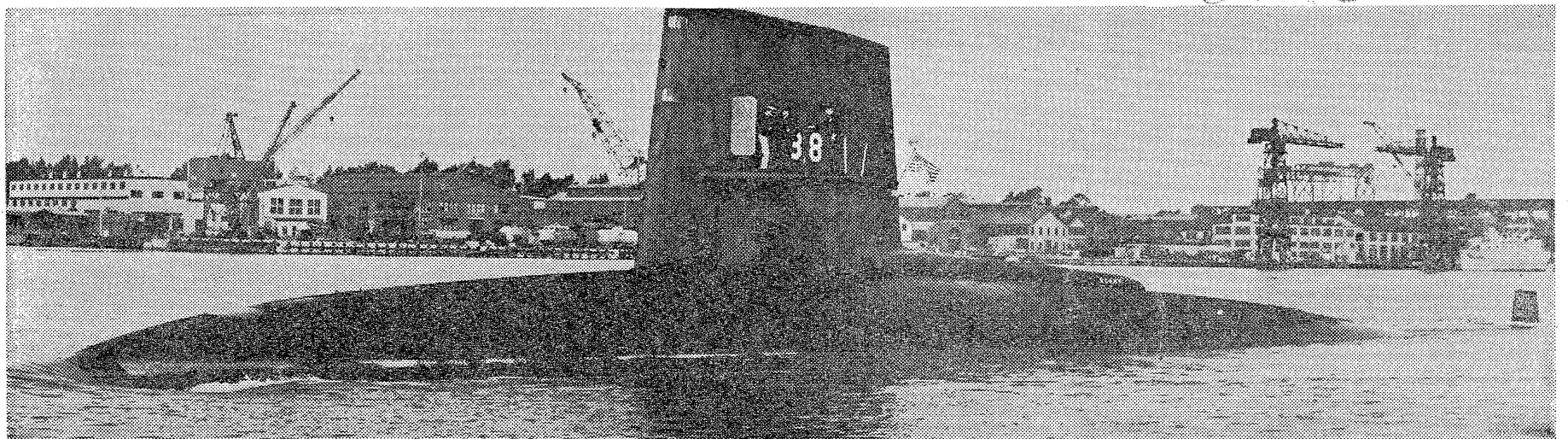
## VISITORS TO SEE WHAT SHIPYARD DOES FOR OUR COUNTRY



Our New Commander in Chief -- JOHN F. KENNEDY -- Our Newest N-Sub To Command



*"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." -- Kennedy Inaugural*



Fast Attack N-Sub Scamp Back From Successful INSURV Trials This Week, To Join Fleet June 5

# POWER FOR PEACE

## MAY 20, 1961

**I** HERE pledge myself and my colleagues in the cabinet to a continuous encouragement of initiative, responsibility and energy in serving the public interest.

**Q** LET every public servant know, whether his post is high or low, that a man's rank and reputation in this Administration will be determined by the job he does, and not by the size of his staff, his office or his budget. Let it be clear that this Administration recognizes the value of daring and dissent—that we greet healthy controversy as the hallmark of healthy change.

**Q** LET the public service be a proud and lively career. And let every man and woman who works in any area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and honor in future years: "I served the United States Government in that hour of our nation's need."



*John F. Kennedy*  
**JOHN F. KENNEDY**  
 State of the Union Message  
 JANUARY 30, 1961

### Come See Mare Island Saturday

Visiting Hours - - 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

**OPEN GATES.** Bus tours. Civilian guards will be located at strategic spots to give information. The industrial and waterfront areas will be available for street tours only.

**VISITING SHIPS AT RESERVE FLEET BERTH, NORTH END OF MARE ISLAND.**

Submarine SAND LANCE—Built Portsmouth, N. H., Shipyard, 1943; 5 war patrols in WWII.

Submarine BESUGO—Built Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn., 1944; 5 war patrols in WWII.

Navy buses on frequent schedules to all points of interest. The Tours will pass St. Peter's Chapel, Marine Barracks, Naval Dispensary (formerly hospital), reserve cruiser fleet, drydocks, ships under overhaul, nuclear-powered submarines building; also the Radio Station and Submarine Reserve Fleet. See the Gun Park, two-man Japanese submarine, the "Robinson Crusoe" Anchor, and many other Naval Relics—at the Band Stand, 8th and Railroad Avenue.

SCAMP, the Navy's latest fast attack N-Sub, is on the waterfront, north of the Ferry Slip. May be viewed from sea wall. **NO VISITORS.**

Visit St. Peter's Chapel, oldest in the Navy. Beautiful windows and memorials.

Marine Barracks Rifle Range will be host for target practice by the 362nd Army Reserve of Vallejo. The foremost rifle range in Northern California.

**SUBMARINE ATTACK TEACHER and SUBMARINE TRAINING FACILITIES**—Bldg. No. 775, south of Morton Field on Walnut Avenue. Continuous movies. Look through a submarine periscope. Observe simulated diving and surfacing operations in a dry-land submarine trainer.

**NAVAL RADIO STATION**—Bldg. No. 505, west on I Street. One of the Navy's largest transmitting stations.

**MORTON FIELD**—Walnut and G Streets. 12th Naval District league baseball game, Mare Island Mariners vs. Moffett Field Air Station at 1 p.m.

### Info To Make Visit More Pleasant

**REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH**—North Cafeteria, Calif., at A Street. Central Cafeteria, 7th St. between Railroad and California Streets. South Cafeteria, California Street at 14th.

**REST ROOMS**—Rodman Center, Bldg. 545, M&W; Cafeterias, Bldg. 727, A and California Street; M&W; Bldg. 119, 7th Street between Railroad and California Streets, M&W; Bldg. 692, California at 14th Street, M&W.

**PARKING**—Visitors will be aided in parking by the Guard Force. Please observe any restricted areas.

**EMERGENCIES**—Dispensary in the Shipyard, Railroad at 5th Street, will be available for emergencies and indispositions.

**EMERGENCY PHONES**—Fire—3333; Police—2222; Ambulance—4444.

**SUGGESTIONS**—Keep the kiddies away from the sea walls. Please observe speed limits, stop signs, and posted areas.

**NEXT STOP**—You are invited to visit the Naval Reserve Training Center and submarine PAMPANITO in Vallejo, corner Sonoma and Maryland. Open until sunset.

## SECNAV IMPRESSED WITH MARE ISLAND

Shipyard was honored on Wednesday morning with the visit of the Navy's top civilian, the Honorable John B. Connally, Secretary of the Navy. His time here was short — about an hour and a half — but into it was packed a tour of the Yard's most important facilities and work areas.

Those work areas he found very interesting and was pleased at the industrial might displayed and also with the facilities for Navy housing and recreation.

Secretary Connally told the Shipyard Commander,

RADM L. V. Honsinger, who personally escorted him, that he thought Mare Island most impressive and this (his first) visit most informative. He added that he hoped to find it possible to return here later this year, when his stay could be more extended.

Arriving shortly before 9 a.m., the Navy's civilian chief was met at the Shipyard Main Gate by Admiral Honsinger. He was introduced to the ranking officers of M. I. commands and ships, department heads, and representatives of civil-

ian organizations.

In an open car, driven by the Shipyard Commander, Secretary Connally then began his tour which took him to Mare Island Hospital (to become a missile school) and Shops 11-26 where he saw work proceeding on nuclear submarine sections.

At the building ways he went aboard nuclear submarine PLUNGER and looked over its engine room. Clean room was next on the itinerary, then came the subscale mockup, with an inspection of Navy housing the final stop for the Secretary.

### Admiral Extends Welcome to Yard

This IS your shipyard. Armed Forces Day was established in 1950 to encourage Americans to know their various Service establishments better. In these difficult times it is important that Americans become better informed on all aspects of our national strength and its relationship to the security of the free world. In his special message to Congress on the Defense budget, the President said:

"The primary purpose of our arms is peace, not war—to make certain that they will never have to be used—to deter all wars, general or limited, nuclear or conventional, large or small—to convince all potential aggressors that any attack would be futile — to provide backing for diplomatic settlement of disputes—to insure the adequacy of our bargaining powers for an end to the arms race . . . Our preparation against danger is our hope of safety."

Within the limits necessarily imposed for security reasons, we have arranged a program of visitations and bus tours in Mare Island on this Armed Forces Day 1961. Our major productive effort is building nuclear submarines and the conversion of destroyers is a major modernization program.

On Mare Island we also have a Nuclear Power School, Submarine Training Facility, many ships of the Reserve Fleet, Marine Barracks, Ammunition Depot, Dispensary, and Radio Transmitting Station. Two particular attractions are the Gun Park and St. Peter's Chapel.

I extend to all of our visitors a most cordial welcome.

L. V. HONSINGER  
 Rear Admiral, USN

### Letter From SecNav

On this Armed Forces Day 1961 we very cordially invite our countrymen to visit the ships and installations of your Navy and Marine Corps, and meet those who proudly serve to foster freedom and protect our cherished American liberties.

The ships, equipment and installations you see are interesting and essential tools, but they can produce results no better than the men and women who man them.

You should know these people. They are America at its best.

—John B. Connally  
 Secretary of the Navy

### Department of Defense Message

National defense, like the continuing search for peace with freedom and justice for all, is "everybody's business." Our investment in this effort, the greatest in our nation's history, reflects our determination to ensure the peace and the future of freedom.

It is a sound investment. As the President has said, "Only when our arms are sufficient beyond doubt can we be certain that they will never be employed."

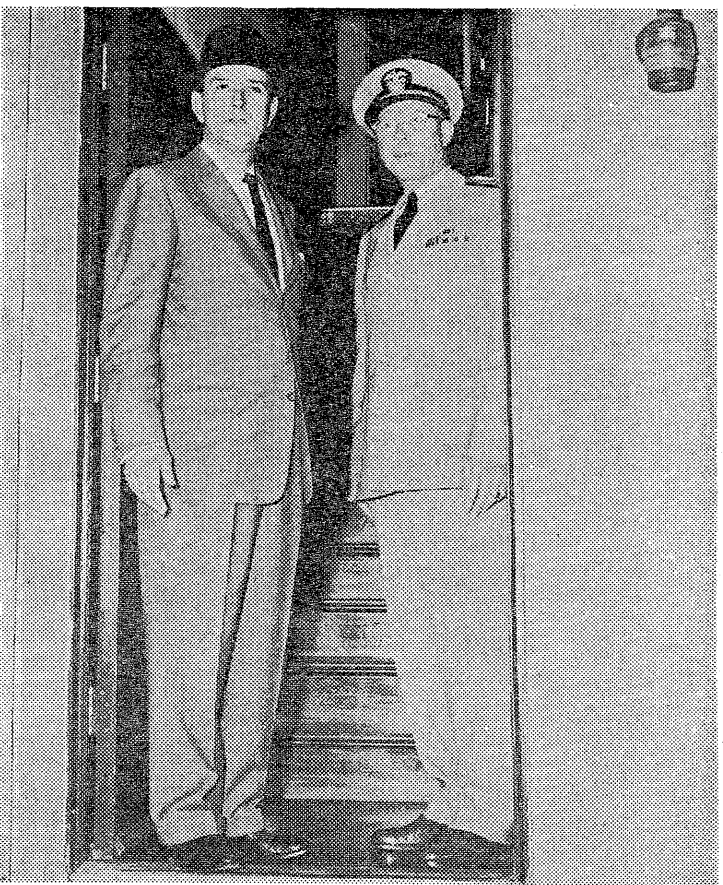
Armed Forces Day is the annual report on this investment, a public presentation designed to give our own people, and the people of other lands who stand with us for peace with freedom and justice, the best possible opportunity to see and understand what we have and why we have it.

Every commander throughout our defense system has responsibility to invite public attention to Armed



Forces Day activities. As Secretary of Defense, I endorse their invitations and urge acceptance by the public.

—Robert S. McNamara  
 Secretary of Defense



### Secretary and Yard Commander

FINAL stop for Secretary of the Navy John B. Connally in his Mare Island visit Wednesday was Navy housing. There he graciously posed with Shipyard Commander RADM L. V. Honsinger in the doorway, as GRAPEVINE photographer Don Dopkins snapped the picture. SECNAV also saw Mare Island's industrial facilities, including the building ways and N-Sub PLUNGER.

# URGENCY OF WORK, TIMES STRESSED BY ADMIRAL JAMES

Late last month, RADM R. K. James, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, addressed the National Convention of Master Mechanics and Foremen Association. His remarks are of vital interest to Mare Island military and civilian personnel.—Editor.

The major purpose of any convention is to recognize and analyze the problems confronting the organization, to iron out the areas of difference and arrive at a general agreement as to the course to be pursued for the future.

I am particularly appreciative of the invitation to participate in your convention because the conclusions you reach here will have a significant bearing upon the mission of the Navy Shore Establishment and the Bureau of Ships during the ensuing year.

## One Partnership

Consequently, I welcome this opportunity to place before you a few of my thoughts in the hope that they will help to solidify our thinking and further cement the military-civilian partnership which is so essential to the operation of the Navy—the service to which all of us are devoting our careers.

For almost a century and a half those Naval officers responsible for the construction and maintenance of the fleet have relied upon the production skill and management know-how of the predecessors of this association for the accomplishment of their mission.

This working partnership has been a significant factor in the creation of the world's mightiest sea power.

History has already recorded the accomplishments of the past — and while we take a natural pride in and draw encouragement and confidence from this brilliant history — the shoals of the future are our responsibility.

## Future of Navy

And what is the future of the Navy?

There is no substitute for sea power — now or in the foreseeable future. Nuclear energy, guided missiles and even the spectacular Man in Space have not reduced the importance of sea power for the maintenance of our world position.

If anything, the importance of the Navy has increased with each of these scientific achievements.

Oceans can no longer be regarded as barriers behind which a nation can feel secure from an aggressor.

On the contrary, the seas are the hi-ways which bind the world together and those nations which are in a position to protect themselves against aggressors who would deny them the free use of these seaways can maintain their world leadership.

The pages of medieval and modern history are strewn with examples of vigorous nations whose decline followed the disintegration or stagnation of their sea power.

The question then is not the continuing need FOR the Navy but rather our ability to satisfy the growing demands being made upon our forces afloat and, consequently, upon the shore establishment which supports them.

## Crisis Upon Us

I need not review with this audience the grave crisis facing us in the unsettled world situation and the major role which the Navy shore establishment plays in this crisis.

A crisis is a time of danger and — of great opportunity. Let us be aware of the danger but welcome the opportunity with courage and conviction.

We won two World Wars because

we had the time to marshal the sheer weight of our tremendous wealth in national resources, technical know-how and manpower and bring them to bear against an enemy which was not our equivalent in these assets.

Today, we no longer bask in the sunlight of these advantages. Time is no longer a protective factor. Many key natural resources are under the control of the opposition and our previously unchallenged leadership in the technological fields is not only being equalled but has been surpassed in at least one spectacular field.

Quite apart from the international situation, there is another potent and vocal force opposing us which is of grave concern to all of us who are dedicated to the support of the Naval shore establishment.

## Yards Under Gun

I am sure that you have noted the increasing frequency of articles in the daily press clamoring for a reduction in the work assigned to our Naval shipyards and for a corresponding increase in work in the private shipyards. We are referred to as tax-free, high cost Naval shipyards in competition with tax-paying low cost private shipyards. Legislation, with powerful backing, has already been introduced in the Congress, which, if enacted would drastically curtail the work now being performed in our Naval activities.

As an agency of the government, we are not immune from public appraisal and criticism — nor would I desire that we were. We can turn this criticism into a strong asset if we accept and handle it with intelligence and vigor.

These are not defeatist comments but only a realistic appraisal of the task which confronts us. We have rested on our past laurels in a spirit of complacency too long. We cannot build and maintain a missile fleet with the approaches and attitudes which produced the 16-inch gun.

Let us first make a soul searching appraisal of ourselves as managers in a key segment of our defense establishment. We need to recognize and appreciate the problem fully before we can take the necessary action.

## Change Inevitable

If our position is not now a satisfactory one, then some changes must be made. The evolution of our Navy from sails to nuclear power was not made without decided changes in the areas of organization and management as well as in the technological fields.

Past changes were a matter of gradual and easy evolution which made their assimilation relatively painless. However, if the management function is to keep pace with the rapid changes in hardware today, we cannot rely upon the gradual process of evolution to bring about the necessary changes.

Resistance to change is a natural human attitude. We are more comfortable amid customary surroundings and procedures. The new is sometimes strange and unknown and we have a natural apprehension for what might lurk behind the untried change.

But, progress is not made without change — not change for the sake of change — but modifications to present procedures when we recognize a better way of operation.

In the two years that I have been the Chief of the Bureau of Ships, I have been accused — because of the changes I have initiated — of being a disturbing factor — this is the polite language I use in public, although I understand there have been many more colorful sobriquets pinned on me.

I know that some of my changes have disturbed some people and I



RADM RALPH K. JAMES  
Chief of the Bureau of Ships

do not evade the responsibilities which are mine alone with the consequences of the changes. But, we are not moving fast enough.

## Improvement Vital

Frankly, I am not satisfied with the limited progress I have made in my own job of improving overall Bureau of Ships management. I, too, am not excluded from the human limitations and shortcomings which plague us all.

But, there is no question in my mind as to what we HAVE to do if we are to meet the international challenge successfully and also satisfy our critics at home.

I have said this many times before and you will hear it from me many times again.

**WE HAVE GOT TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUREAU OF SHIPS FROM TOP TO BOTTOM WITH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE JOB PERFORMANCE OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE BUREAU FAMILY — BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN — FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.**

The end purpose, of course, is to do our work faster, better and at less cost. You may say that this is not only a preposterous task but one that we have been working on for years. But, have we really worked at it or have we just given it lip service?

## No Other Choice

The big difference now is that it MUST be done — we have no other choice.

I agree that the challenge is great but the stakes are even greater.

We cannot accomplish this massive renovation by talking about it or by wishful thinking. We must make positive moves — step by step — as we recognize the problems and arrive at solutions.

Since it MUST be done, it CAN be done and we have already made a start. I speak, of course, of our ships cost analysis panel in which this association played a significant part.

## SCAP Saves Much

Although in operation only a little over a year, these changes have saved the Bureau of Ships over 133 million dollars. These millions are being used to finance needed work which was not budgeted for. In other words, this is additional work which we are able to do within our current budget limitations.

A significant portion of the re-

covered funds came from improved operations in our shipyards. While this is already a substantial figure, the SCAP item with the greatest potential savings is just now getting under way — and that is the grouping of our shops. The reports I am receiving from the yards indicate that the benefits which will accrue from this change will exceed our most optimistic hopes.

As pleased as we are with our SCAP accomplishments, we must recognize that this is an important step and should encourage us in our conviction that we can move forward if we work together toward our objectives.

## Leadership Needed

I have reserved the most vital and important area demanding our attention until now — and that is the people who make up the shore establishment family, both civilian and military.

We accomplish our mission through people — and no matter how dedicated and zealous those of us in this room may be, we will accomplish little unless we provide the leadership and the example to encourage our fellow workers, at all levels, to join us in our resolve for improvement.

All of our employees are dedicated Americans who have proven that they can rise to any occasion when the necessity becomes known to them.

The necessity is here.

## We Are at War

The cold war and the results thereof are just as real and effective as those of a shooting war. However, a cold war is the more insidious because it lacks the dramatic awakening and national alertness which is generated by a shooting war.

In other words, a cold war permits and even encourages individual and group complacency.

In a way a further handicap is our national history of world superiority. We have led the field for so many years that we find it difficult to realize that our world position is being seriously challenged.

## Living Morality

The purpose of General Order No. 21 is to improve the quality of leadership of the military and civilian supervisors of the Department of Defense so as to bring about a massive revitalization of the basic moral principles which

are the foundations of this democracy.

General Order No. 21 recognizes a gradual but steady drift away from strong personal convictions and firm commitments to definite courses of action which are traditional in America.

Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" — and Jefferson's . . . "We pledge our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor" are examples of the type of moral courage which made our heritage possible.

The modern tendency seems to avoid taking a firm stand or course of action for fear of ridicule, or of offending someone, or being accused of being a "flag waver" and oftentimes our immobility is controlled by purely selfish reasons.

## Looking Within

We need to generate a grass roots movement to rededicate ourselves to the type of patriotism which made this country the light of the free world in order to meet the challenge at hand — for each of us to make a critical self-appraisal of our own performance to see how we can improve as individuals and as a group.

All of us have benefited handsomely from the wealth of this country. This is our heritage and certainly no one wants to reduce our benefits and blessings. But, as we continue to reap our privileges, benefits and protective rights which our forefathers never dreamed of — but for which we avidly continue to strive — do we give sufficient reflection to the obligation on our part to make an adequate return for these benefits?

## Job or Self First?

Do we give equal concern for the adequacy of our own job performance as we do for the protection of our personal rights and privileges? Do we react to these increased benefits by greater dedication to the job or do we just accept them as a matter of our just due and keep pressing for more?

President Kennedy clearly set forth the principle when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you but rather what you can do for your country."

Whether we realize it or not, we are now in a contest to prove that a free people, wealthy beyond the fondest dreams of most nations, still has the stamina and courage to resist and overcome the concerted opposition of a way of life completely inimical to our own.

As the leaders of our entire Navy industrial complex, we have the responsibility and the opportunity by our own attitudes, job performances and personal example to set in motion an employee revitalization all down the line.

## Call to Greatness

You have a tradition of performance behind you which is shared by few organizations. I am confident that you can add further lustre to this tradition by the leadership and example you will provide to all your employees during this time of need.

In closing, let me quote from a recent speech by Secretary Conally to Navy and Marine Corps officers, and I quote,

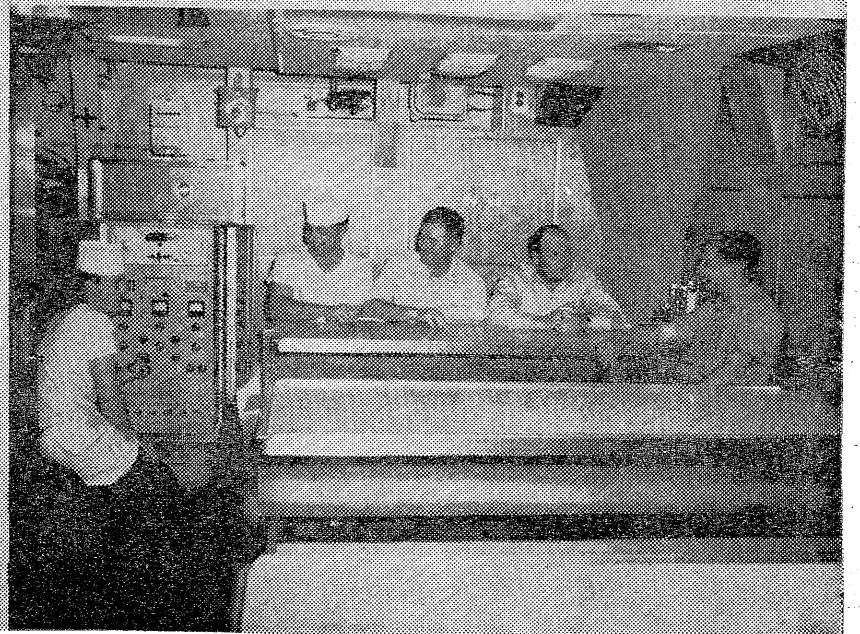
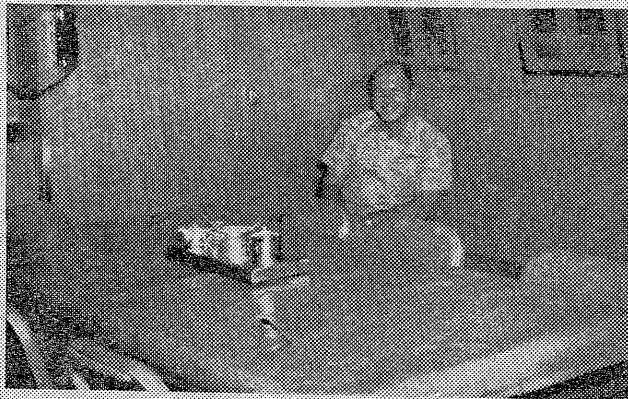
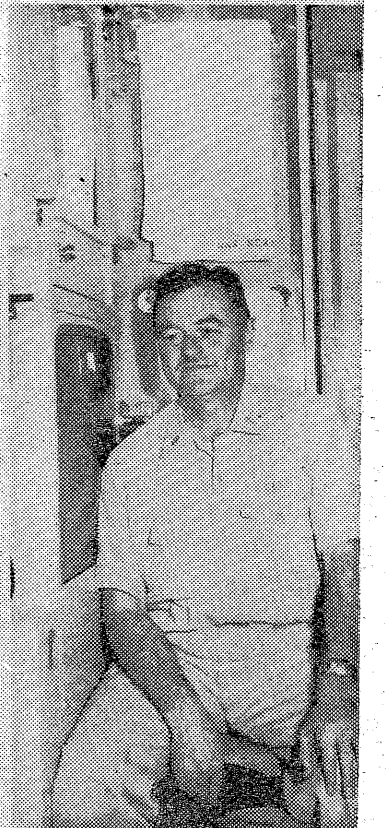
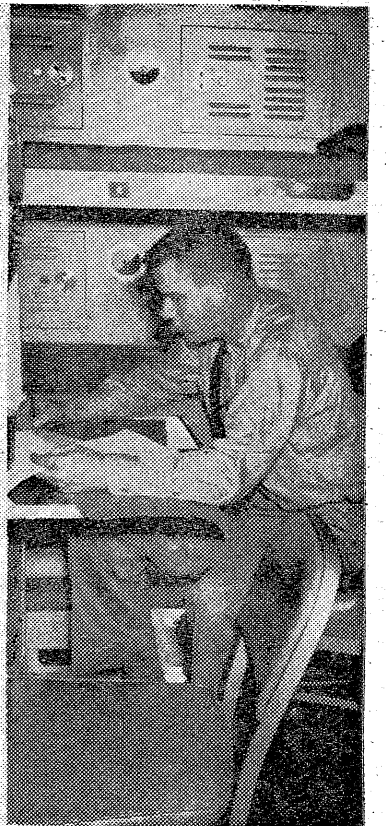
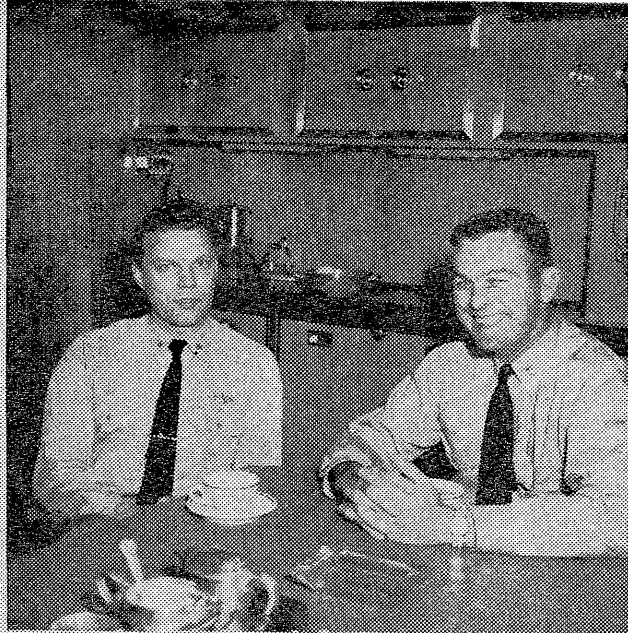
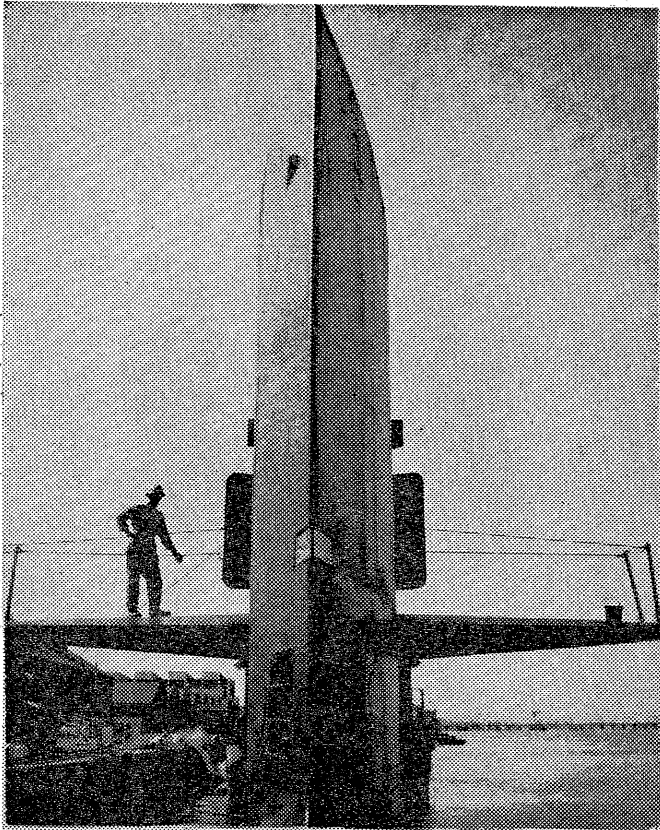
"Our tasks are great — our responsibilities no less exacting, whether we are worthy to stand in the reflected light of those who preceded us we cannot now know. That judgment truly can be made only by those who follow us."

"Let it at least be said of us: "They understood their task — "They accepted their responsibilities — large and small —

"They were men and women of courage and understanding —

"And above all, they place country above service and service above self."

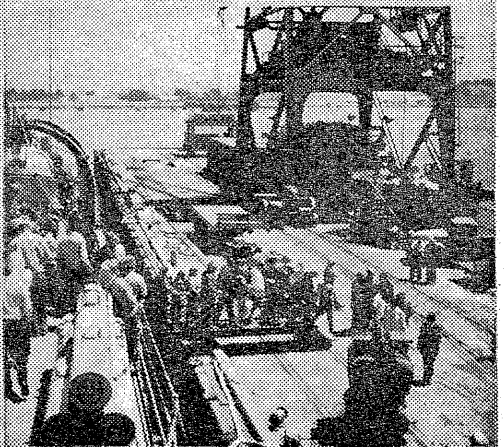
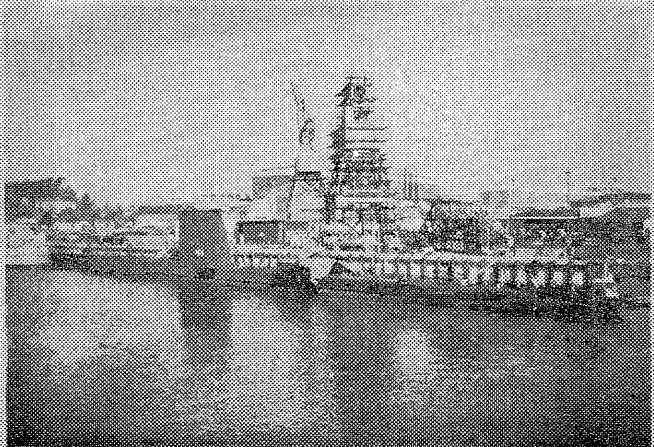
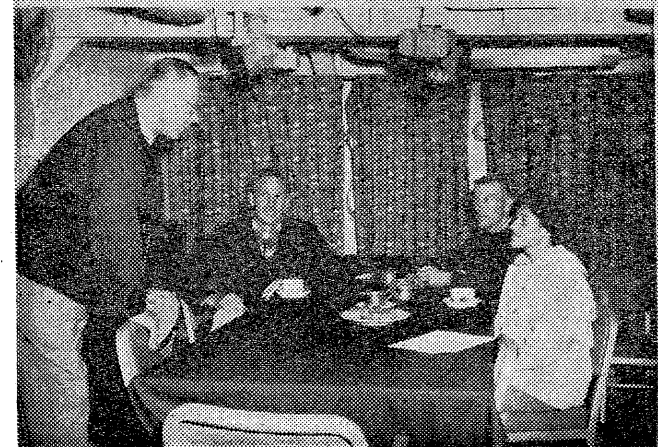
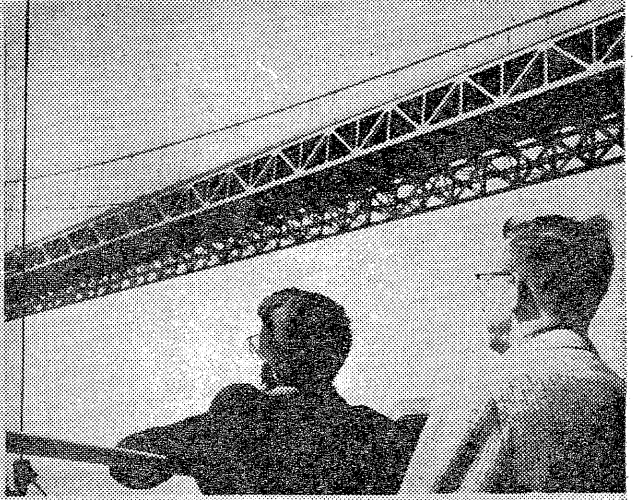
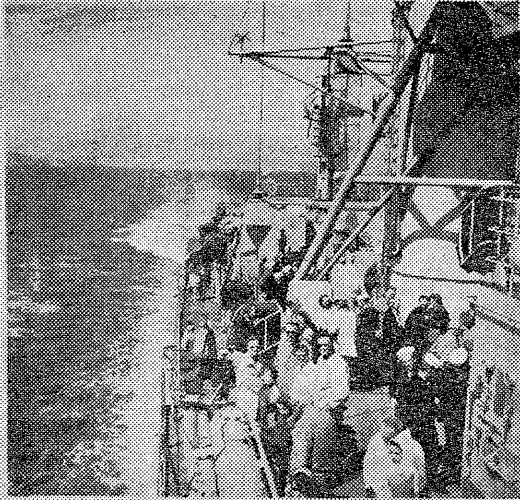
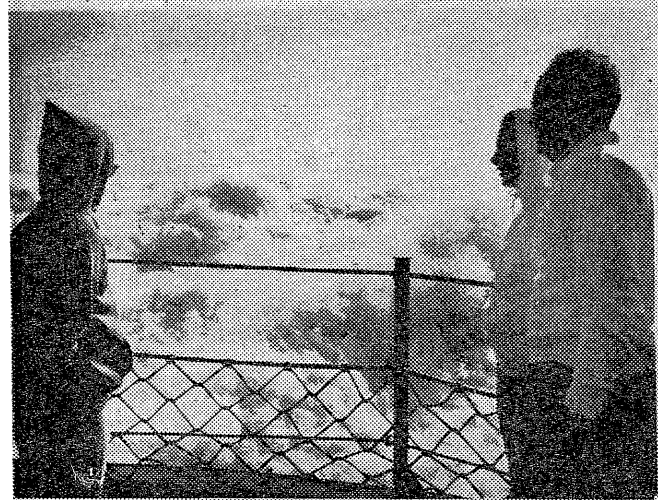
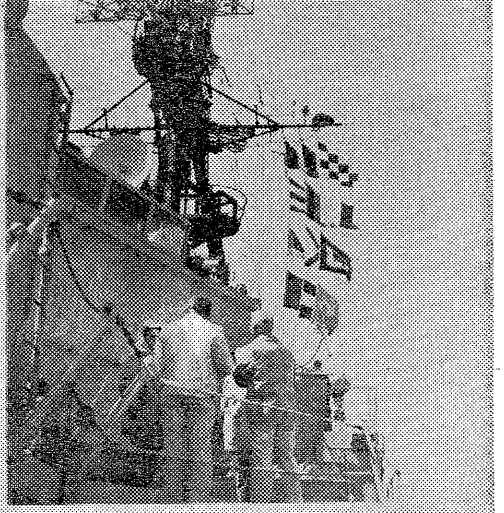
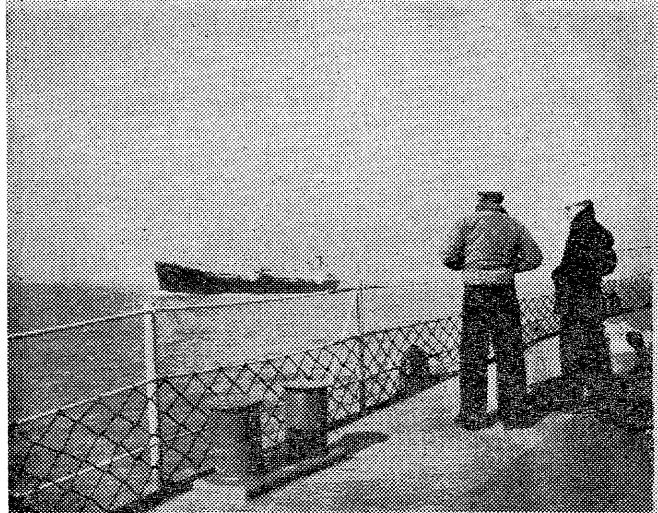
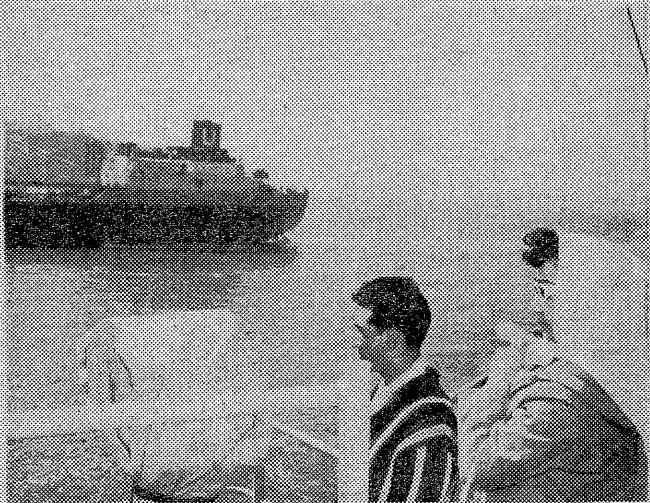
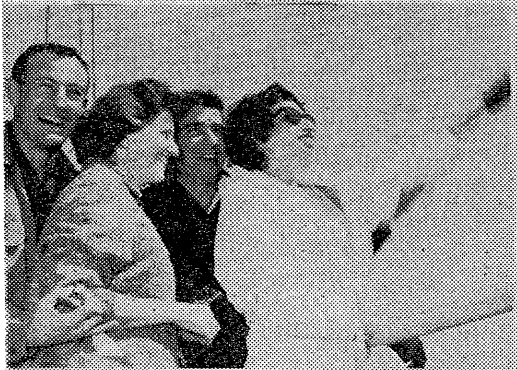
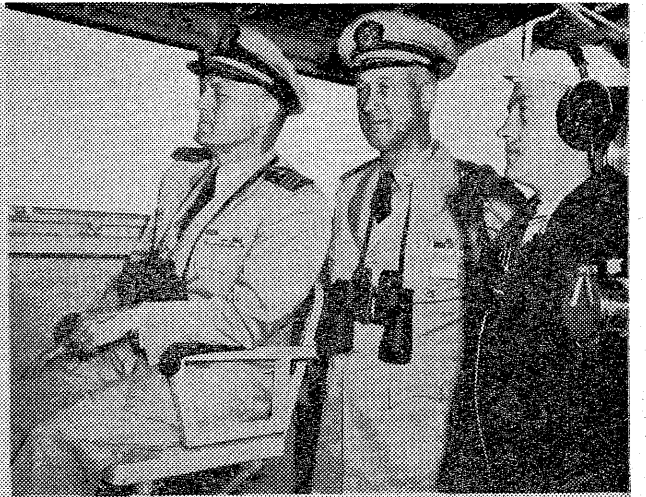
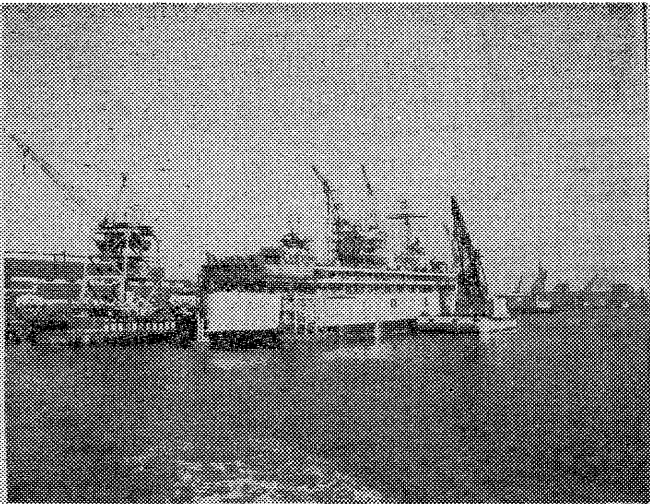
# Let's Look at Scamp



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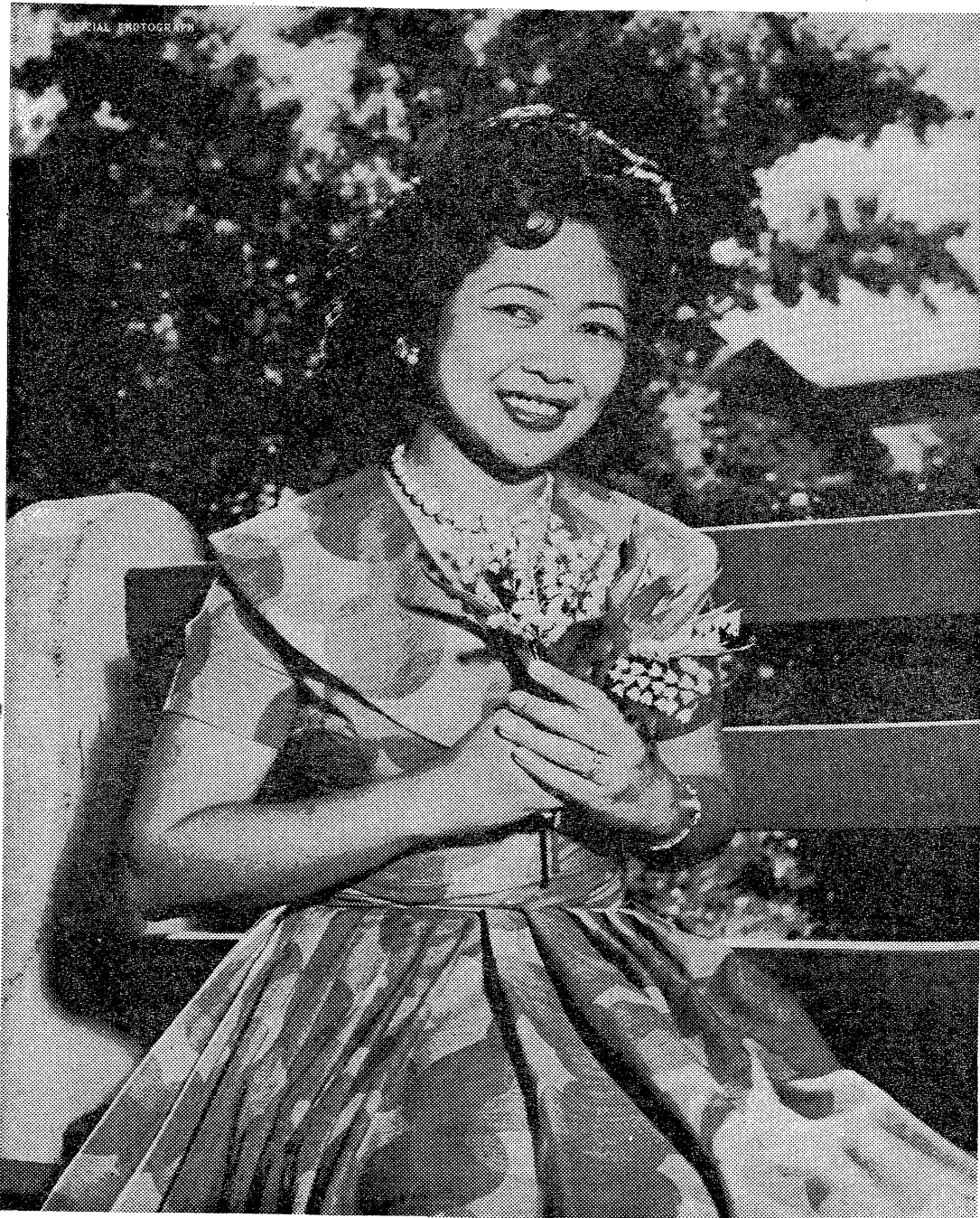
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# Yarders Sail on Knox



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## Good Looking to You? 'Guys, Save Your Eyes'

EMPHATIC in her support of the Yard safety program, May's birthday girl, Petrona (Toni) Spencer, Administrative Department, says, "As a wife, I want my husband to obey safety rules.

I want him home in one piece every night." She holds her birth month flowers, lilies of the valley, but does not wear her birthstone, the emerald. Her birthday was Mother's Day.

## Safety Girl of Month Was Freed by GI, Became Prisoner of Love

Romance in a safety story? Chances are practically nil, but GRAPEVINE unearthed the incredible this week as we talked to the lovely Safety Girl of the Month. She is Petrona (Toni) Spencer, head of the Duplicating Section, Administrative Department.

FIRST of the incredible facts (see picture above) is that Toni is the mother of four children, the eldest aged 15. She is the wife of William Spencer, Design. Bill met her in her native Manila when he was a GI participating in the liberation of the Philippine Islands in World War II.

As a matron, the attractive Mrs. Spencer has learned the value of caution and strongly recommends

to all Mare Island workmen that the wearing of safety goggles, shoes etc. makes very good sense. But in her "youth" she was willing to take a chance on a GI husband.

SEEMS that Toni was visiting her cousin in Manila. The girls were playing the phonograph record, "You Are My Sunshine." Four GI's, among them Texas-born Bill Spencer, were strolling along with time hanging heavy. They were attracted by the music. They went to investigate.

Well, you know what happened. Bill saw Toni, Toni saw Bill, and that was it. They were married and are living happily ever after.

AFTER Bill's discharge from the Army, he worked at Subic Bay

for four years. Then the family came to the States and tried farming down Fresno way. They discovered that it was not the life for them, so Bill entered Federal service again, going to work at Mare Island Naval Hospital.

When the Hospital's services were curtailed, Bill had to take a lower rating and this decided Toni to go to work to aid with the family's expenses.

THIS decision was Mare Island's gain. Evidence? In the four years, since Toni came to work as a trainee in duplicating, she has won an "O" rating and has been recommended for another. (Outstanding performance ratings go to very, very few at Mare Island.) In addition,

she has received two Superior Accomplishment Awards. And she has become the supervisor of the section.

Her contacts throughout the Yard's offices are many. There you will hear many tributes to her efficiency, her willingness, her sunny personality.

TONI's birthday this year fell on Mother's Day—last Sunday. There was a double celebration at the Spencer home, 202 Orange St., South Vallejo.

Eldest son Kenneth, 13, served his mother breakfast in bed—a meal which he and the other three, Edith, 15, Glenn, 12, and Cristal, 10, had prepared.

BILL'S proof that he thought he

had been a good picker in Manila was the keys to a brand new, red Volkswagen—delivered at the birthday party arranged for Toni.

Spencer family is active in the Filipino community in Vallejo. Toni was president for two years of the American Legion Auxiliary, Manuel Quezon Post 603. She has also been secretary of Allied Wives Club, organization for foreign-born wives of American servicemen, sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.

## Michael's Parents Give Thanks to MI

Coordinator of reserves for Mare Island Blood Bank is Mrs. Lillian Palmer, Code 191. She has received the following letter from parents of little Michael Schmidt who was in need of blood. The John Schmidts live at 4049 Encina Drive, Napa.

THEIR letter reads: "As parents of Michael Schmidt, we would like very much to thank you for the eight units of blood that you replaced to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital which they used for Michael.

"WE WOULD also like to express our gratitude to all the employees of Mare Island for the blood they donated to the Blood Bank. Without them, all of this could not have been possible. Thank you from a grateful family."

SAFETY SAM SAYS: Listen to your conscience before an accident happens.

## SHIPMATES TOGETHER

# Shipyards Call Knox Trip 'The Most' - - Voice Thanks

Mare Islanders who were fortunate enough to sail with the FRANK KNOX on the Bay cruise last Saturday were busy this week telling about it. According to comments GRAPEVINE has heard, the consensus is the trip was "the most." And the staff agrees heartily, though it was a working cruise for us, what with setting up and taking pictures and talking to the passengers.

Electricians, shipfitters, shipwrights, designers and men of other trades were happily absorbing the world-famous sights of San Francisco Bay when they were not pointing out, to the little woman and the kids, just where they had done their work for KNOX.

SOME who had worked long years for the Navy and on its ships had never before been able to say that they had been aboard

when the completed job put to sea. And they really appreciated the opportunity given them by the kindness of the skipper of the KNOX, CDR S. W. Henderson. His hospitality and that of his helpful officers and crew made the day a memorable one for Mare Islanders.

Natalie McDermott, wife of Leadingman Shipfitter Milt McDermott, spoke for the women aboard, "I think it is tremendous," she said. "I never realized how important my husband's work was before. And our kids are thrilled to death."

EQUALLY happy about the whole thing was the Shipyard Commander who was aboard with Mrs. Honsinger and other yard officers and their wives.

It had been up to him to say that Mare Islanders could accept the KNOX's fine invitation and he was tremendously pleased with the results he saw.

"I THINK this sort of thing is wonderful," he said. "This way, Mare Island families, military and civilian, get to know each other and see the results of our work at the Shipyard."

Well, what more can we say? Weather cooperated. The Bay was beautiful. The Golden Gate Bridge is thrilling from the underside. Coffee was delicious. And speaking for all the passengers, we say, "Thanks a million, KNOX, and come back here for your next overhaul, please!"

## Reservations Being Placed For 'Holiday'

Idea of a glorious vacation in Hawaii appeals to many Mare Islanders. Evidence: reservations that have been received by the Recreation Director during the past week.

However, a number of spots on the chartered DC-7C remain open to employees and members of their families. This situation will not last long and reservations must be made by June 1.

"Hurry, hurry!" was the advice to those who would take advantage of the eight-day Hawaiian Holiday in July. The \$275 price includes air fare, hotel accommodation and a number of special events. To reserve your spot, register with your Shop Recreation Chairman or the Shipyard Recreation Director, Code 190, extensions 6115 or 8106.

## Here's Key to Picture Spreads on Scamp and Knox

TRADITION that Mare Island does well by its nuclear submarine crews is borne out by the scenes shot this week, as the fast attack ship shapes up for her commissioning June 5. Top left shows painter Howard Richardson pausing a moment in some last minute touch-ups, outside the sail hatch; in the shining wardroom, bright with sand formica, Executive Officer LCDR R. W. Dickieson and CDR W. N. Dietzen, Jr., skipper of the SCAMP, have coffee; at right, LT Mike McGowan, ship's doctor, is busy at his stateroom desk; middle left, John Wilson, HM1, smilingly withdraws a towel from the washer in the EM launderette and wash room; Ken McIntosh Code 252, points out the first covered ceiling in an M. I. crew's mess; at right, Chief of the Boat H. M. Jester occupies the "anxious seat" in the Exec's office. (Seat is an innovation for SCAMP.) Below Mac, Officer of the Day LT T. K. DeMun relaxes on the upholstered divan in the wardroom (note spacious table and chairs covered in artificial leather). At lower left, in the CPO lounge, W. J. Ford, ETC, has a word with John Winn, Shop 72 upholsterer, about the placing of a cushion. In spacious crew's mess, R. P. Hass, MMFN, H. W. Seigler, CS2, COB Jester, W. E. Thomas, CSC, and R. F. Cushing, SN, show their happiness with modern appointments. Habitability triumphs here and throughout SCAMP reflect the fine work of Design, Shops 17, 72, 71, and 64. PCO Dietzen expressed great satisfaction with the sub.

EAGER for adventure, shipyarders hurry aboard FRANK KNOX, radar destroyer, for the Saturday Bay cruise to which 200 were invited by KNOX's skipper, CDR. S. W. Henderson, in appreciation of a fine FRAM job. Center top, we see tender DIXIE as KNOX pulls away from Pier 21; right, Commander Henderson and his Exec, CDR E. Wilmarth, on bridge; next row, 1 to 4, Electricians Ed Sullivan and Reuben Goldstein, with wives Edith and Charlotte, register good time had by all (Couples live in Petaluma and Vallejo; GV found yarders from many towns.) Joiner Orlando Roybal and wife Jean of San Pablo watch a passing ship; Mike Stillion, SOGSN, takes a navigation bearing. Two sailors rubberneck at ship, like civilians, and next we see a Shop 38 group: Machinists Del Brookings and wife Dottie of Napa, Ivan Bickford and wife Letha of Benicia, Robert Grammont and wife Erica of Vallejo; signal flags snap colorfully in breeze. Hooded and comfortable, Claudia and Beverly Ludwig, guests of Shop 31er Bill Rice, watch boiling wake as KNOX picks up speed; a happy group from above; (Golden Gate was background, but hazy.) Young Steve Rae gets an eyeful almost under the bridge with father George, Design liaison for the ship. In the last row, left, Shipyard Commander RADM L. V. Honsinger chats informally with Ship Supe LT J. C. Schasteen and Leadingman Shipfitter Milt McDermott and wife of Napa. Next, submarine POMODON, as M. I. draws near, and voyagers hate to leave.

## Most Employees Consider Health Insurance OK

Overwhelmingly majority of Federal employees are well satisfied with their nine-month-old health benefits program. But many would like to see certain changes made, preliminary data from a Civil Service Commission survey reveal.

**INCOMPLETE** returns from short questionnaires being filled out anonymously by one of every ten employees show that:

**1**—Ninety per cent of all employees would stay with their present plans; only ten per cent would change if they could so now.

**2**—More than a third have actually used their plans since the program started last July.

**3**—Four out of every five employees who have used their plans were satisfied.

**4**—About one-third of the employees who have filled out questionnaires suggested specific changes in their present plans, and about one-fifth suggested changes in the overall program.

Major complaints of the "dissatisfied users" concern: (a) Delays in paying claims, (b) other difficulties with claims forms and procedures, and (c) the belief that the plans "don't pay enough" for what they cost.

**CHANGES** most desired by employees (users and non-users combined) whose answers have been tabulated are to: (a) Abolish, lower, or combine individual deductibles into family deductibles, (b) broaden basic benefits (those paid without regard to a deductible), and (c) pay a larger per cent on the expenses that are covered.

Somewhat surprisingly, the level of maternity benefits ranked only twelfth on the list of reasons for dissatisfaction among those who have used the plans and seventh on the list of improvements most desired. It had been expected by some

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## Tunefest on Tap

Music in Mare Island air! C. Prenderville and boys of band will provide rousing airs as follows: **Tuesday, May 32, Finger Piers; Wednesday, May 24, South Cafeteria; Thursday, May 25, Drydock 2; Friday, May 26, PA system broadcast.**

## HUMAN SIDE OF AWARDS

# Where's Lopez? Someplace Above, Beyond Call of Duty

Antonio A. Lopez may not have much left but he carries more than his share of the load at Mare Island. First fact is readily apparent in a glance at his five-foot, 112-pound frame. To appreciate fully his energy it would be necessary to follow him through his M.I. day and off the Yard to his home.

**INDUSTRY** like Tony's does not go unrewarded by the Shipyard, however, and he will soon be pocketing a \$100 check for sustained superior performance—the second he has earned.

Care of the large central power plant falls to the laborer cleaner who is on loan to Shop 03 from 07. Keeping this building clean and tidy, until a few years ago, occupied a couple of men. Tony does it, and very well, alone. He has also added to his basic duties by regularly helping the shop with a number of other tasks.

**UTILITIES** Master Keith R. Kimball, in recommending Lopez

for award, had this to say (in part) of him:

"He performs these many acquired duties in an industrious and exemplary manner, is always busy at some necessary task with a minimum of guidance or supervision. His constant application of effort, his dependability and punctuality are of definite superior quality and his adaptability is seldom equalled."

**BORN** in the Philippine Islands, Tony came to the U.S. as a youth in 1928. Joining the Army in World War II, he was discharged on disability after 18 months' service because of a back injury.

It was agriculture for him until he came to Mare Island in 1952. Tony still spends his vacations working in the orchards around Rockland.

**IT IS** a big job being both father and mother to the five Lopez children but Tony expends the same care and energy on his family as he gives to his job. He credits them all with being "good kids" and things go fine.

Little Tony (eight years old) has four sisters—Constance, Rose Marie, Delores and Frances—ranging in age from 16 to 10 to take care of him, his father and the home at 510-A Napa St., Vallejo.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Officer CAPT Andrew S. Klay, said, "Wish we had more people like this," when he learned of Tony. He was seconded right down the line. S-03 Quartermaster G. Ringsmith, in echoing the sentiment, used a number of adjectives—all complimentary.

## Machinists Fete Their Veterans

Twenty-eighth annual Old-Timers' Night was celebrated by more than 400 members and guests of Lodge 252 of the International Association of Machinists. Presentation of service awards was made to over 40 members during the Saturday evening dinner dance.

**HONORED** guests at the affair were Harold Denson and A. L. Wilson. Both received pins for 50 years of service and both were employed by Shop 31 prior to retirement. Wilson worked in the main shop and Denson saw service with Shop 31E.

Addresses by Shipyard Commander RADM L. V. Honsinger and Brig. Gen. R. F. Bromiley, Commandant of Travis Air Force Base, were highlights of the annual event.

**THOSE** attending rounded out the evening at Vallejo's Moose Hall with dancing until one o'clock to the music of Enar Osmania.

## Personnelities

### SHOP 38

(By Anne Lewis)—Spring is in the air and with it comes the desire to hit the road, get away from the old routine, and do something new and different. Don Ireland, one of our first vacationers, has reported back to the job with renewed pep having just spent the past three weeks at Shasta Lake—fishing, boating and relaxing.

**"TEX"** Woessner is also enjoying an early vacation, in Texas visiting his mother who is 90 years old. Frank Armentrout dropped a card to the shop from Texas, mentioning those long straight highways; Carl Peterson and Harold Robnett both spent a week's leave at home.

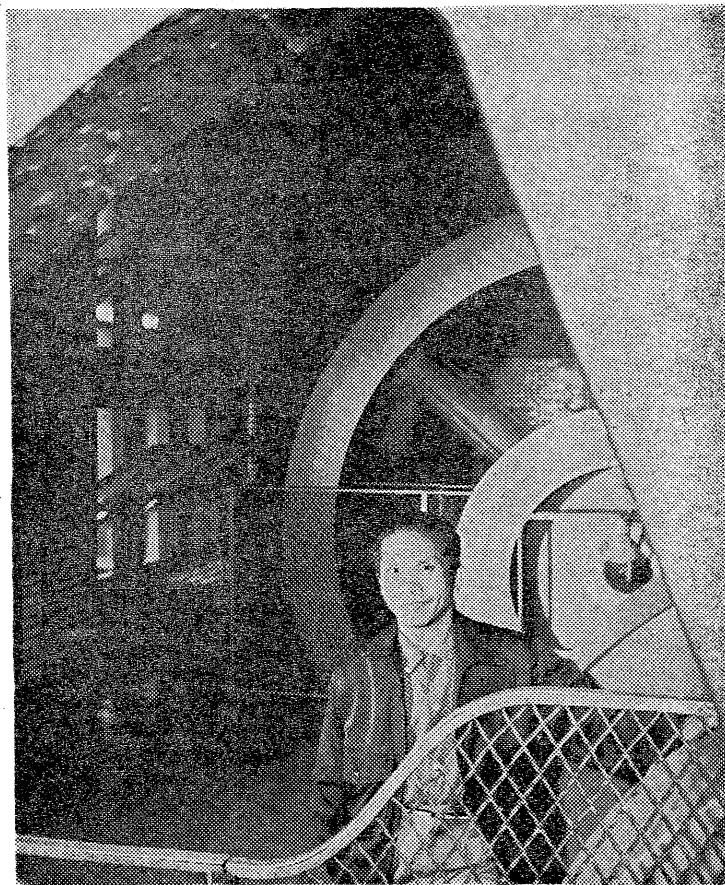
Congratulations are in order on recent promotions to Harold Haloran, now a quartermaster; also to George Evans and Leonard Finch who have joined the ranks of machinist, marine. Good luck to the Ordnance Group who recently were reassigned to Shop 36! Welcome back to Bill Roberts who has spent the past six months in Shop 34 as an inspector.

**APPRENTICE** Machinist Don Felkins has up and done it, yup, he's taken himself a wife and joined the old ball-and-chain gang!

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## GOING FAST: ICE FOLLIES TICKETS

Choice seats to the Ice Follies on Friday, June 16 are still available but going fast. Bargain prices of \$3.50 for \$4, and \$2 for \$2.50 seats are making the event very attractive to M. I.ers. Tickets are on sale at South and Central Cafeteria check-cashing booths, 11:30-12:40, Monday through Thursday...



Some Big Wheels Here

USUAL work surroundings for an unusual worker are the setting for the picture of Superior Award winner Antonio Lopez. The 03er keeps M.I.'s Central Power Plant spic and span.

## Pair of 67ers, 26er Garner B. Sugg's OK for Top Ideas

May 9th meeting of the Beneficial Suggestion Panel brought recommendations of a \$200 for a Shop 67 team and \$470 to others. Willard S. Granger and Rolfe C. McMorrin submitted "Assembly of BQQ-1 Transducers" which outlines an assembly line plan to accomplish this work in less than one-third the time formerly required.

Close behind the pair, in amount of award, is William R. Miller of Shop 26. First-year savings of \$6,552 through "Disposable Protective Cap in Contact Tube in Inert Gas Welding Guns" earned recommendation for a \$190 award.

### OTHER AWARDS

**Raymond E. Jackman**, Shop 02, "Tie-Down Hooks for Lumber Carrier Skid;" **George E. Madden** and **Paul N. Caratti Jr.**, Shop 67, "Miniaturized Plug-in Oscillator Units"—\$35. **Lenard P. Hickman**, Shop 51, "Valve for Air Testing Sub Battery Cells"—\$25.

### \$15 AWARDS

**Alfred Viele** and **Edward E. Walls**, Shop 17; **Elda L. Cooper**, Shop 41.

### \$10 AWARDS

**Robert J. Samo**, Shop 11; **Jack S. Dawley**, Shop 51; **Walter W. Cullison**, Shop 51; **Richard E. Book**,

Shop 64; **Vernon M. Flock**, Shop 67; **William DeSilva** (3) Shop 67.

### ADDITIONAL AWARDS

**Robert O. Klindera**, Shop 38, "Fixture for Positioning Electrical Bulkhead Stuffing Tubes"—\$45. **Joseph N. Silva** and **Robert T. Wallace**, Shop 51, "Addition of Exterior Corrector Magnet Trays for Adjustment of Magnesium Compasses on Submarines"—\$20.

## Cafeteria Menu

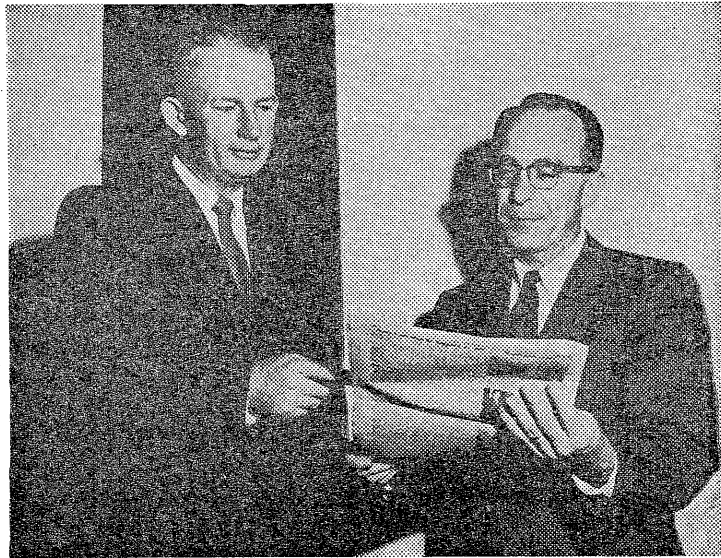
All entrees include vegetables.

MONDAY	
Julienne Ham, Rice	.35 & .60
Spaghetti, Chopped Beef	.50
Breaded Veal Cutlet	.70
Baked Dinner Steak	.90
TUESDAY	
Old Fashion Chicken Pie	.35 & .60
Sirloin Tips, Mushrooms	.60
Roast Beef Hash	.50
Grilled Pork Chops	.70
WEDNESDAY	
Beef Short Ribs	.35 & .60
Fried Fish Sticks	.60
Egg Noodles, Diced Ham	.50
Roast Beef, Brown Gravy	.70
THURSDAY	
Meat Balls & Spaghetti	.35 & .60
Turkey Parts in Sherry Sauce	.60
Stuffed Pepper Creole	.50
Corned Beef and Cabbage	.70
FRIDAY	
Braised Beef, Sauce	.35 & .60
Macaroni & Cheese	.50
Fried Prawns, Tartar Sauce	.70
Special Steak, Onions	.90
SATURDAY	
Beef Ribs, Gravy	.60
Baked Ham & Candied Yams	.70
Frankfurters, Macaroni	.50
Grilled Dinner Steak	.90



## IA of M Honors 50-Year Men

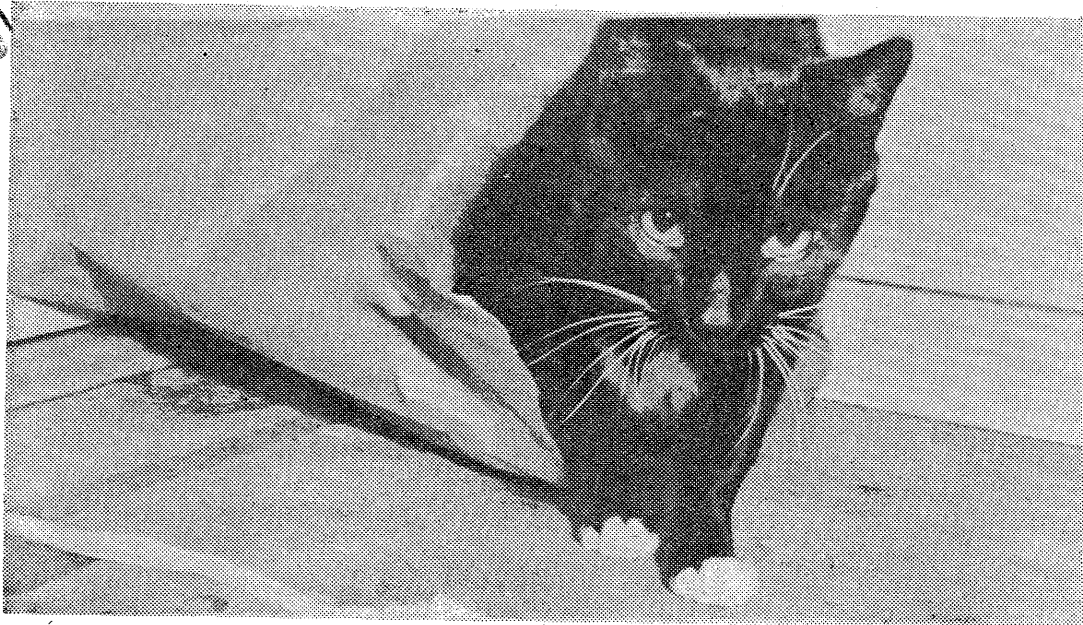
SHARING the spotlight at the annual Old Timers' Night of the International Association of Machinists, Lodge 252 were the pair of former Shop 31 employees rating pins for 50 years of service—Harold B. Denson (left) and A. L. Wilson. Also at the head table were the military commanders of Mare Island and Travis AFB and their wives, IA of M District 44 Representative Howard Nickles and wife and Roy Arnold, president of 252, and wife.



## Washington Visitor at Yard

LOOKING over the GRAPEVINE are Philip Meyerson, Assistant Director, Industrial Relations and Manpower Division, Bureau of Ships, and B. A. Burke, Mare Island Industrial Relations Officer at Mare Island. Visitor was here last week.

# CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG



## These Two Months, May and June, Vital

**SCOOP** is that Savings Bonds are better than ever—better investment, that is, with interest upped. Speaking of “up,” that is what the Shipyard is trying to do with its bond-buying percentage. Word is that M. I. may lose its 90 per cent flag unless all bond agents make a big push to enlist payroll bond buyers among new hires and other employees. Let’s get back of

bonds during May and June and close out the fiscal year with flags flying—the 90 per cent one at least. (Lest Mary Isle get lots of inquiries—yes, the cat is the Editor’s. Name: Brother; weight: 12 pounds. He expects a prosperous old age supported by the Savings Bonds we are buying now. Can you say the same?) Remember, May is National Savings Bond Month!

# JOB BULLETIN BOARD

## Promotional Opportunities

Applications will be accepted from Career or Career-Conditional employees of the Shipyard only, unless otherwise stated. Send Form 57 to Code shown. Call extension given for details.  
**SUPVRY. EQUIP. SPEC. (GEN.), GS-1670-10;** \$6995 through \$7985 a year; Supply Dept.; Bul. No. 66-61; closes May 24; Code 172c; ext. 6256.  
**ENGR. TECH. (GEN.), GS-802-7;** \$5520 through \$6345 a year; Public Works Dept.; male only; Bul. No. 67-61; closes May 24; Code 172c; ext. 8109.  
**ENGR. TECH., GS-802-9;** \$6435 through \$7425 a year; Planning Dept.; male only; Bul. No. 68-61; closes May 25; Code 172c; ext. 8109.  
**ELECTRONIC ENGR. (GENERAL), GS-855-12;** \$8955 through \$10,255 a year; Industrial Manager, 12ND, Elec. Dept., Electronics Shore Div.; male only; Bul. No. 69-61; closes May 26; Code 172c; ext. 8109.

## Applications Accepted Indefinitely

Applications for the following bulletin will be accepted from Career or Career-Conditional employees of the Shipyard only. Send Form 57 to Code 172f, call ext. 8418 for details.  
**PRODUCTION DISPATCHER;** shipyard wide; male only; Bul. No. 46-61. Immediate vacancies exist in Shop 31.

## Civil Service Exams Open

The Mare Island Board announced on May 15th that applications will be accepted for **APPRENTICE, MECHANICAL TRADES** with a starting salary of \$2.31 an hour. **THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CLOSURES MAY 25, 1961.** Send Form 5000-AB to the Board of Examiners at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo. See Annc. 12-39-16(61) for details. The written test will be held in Vallejo, California, only.

## Position Openings Elsewhere

Job vacancies and announcements elsewhere are listed herewith. Send Form 57 to addresses given.  
**Foreman Electr. (S51);** Annc. IVA-5(61); closes June 19; send 57, 4155AB and 4156AB to I.R.O., N.Y.N.S., Brooklyn 1, New York (Code 172).  
**Master Mech. (Utilities);** duty on Guam; closes June 15; send 57 to Navy Overseas Empl. Off., Fed. Office Bldg., San Francisco 2, Calif.  
**Foreman Transportation;** Annc. 170-46(61); closes May 31; send 4155AB to I.R.O., Code 172a, L.B.N.S., Long Beach 2, California.  
**Management Anal. Ofcr., GS-11,** Guantanamo Bay, closes May 24; **Budget Ofcr., NM-11,** Canal Zone, closes May 29; **Insp. (P.W. Elect. Sys.),** Guantanamo Bay, closes June 8; **Qtrmn. Pipefitter,** Morocco, closes June 9; **Placement & Empl. Relations Spec., NM-11,** Canal Zone, closes June 9; apply to Navy Overseas Empl. Off., Hdqtrs. P.R.N.C., Washington 25, D.C.

## Promotions Effective May 14

**DATA PROCESSING OFFICE—**Digital Computer Programmer, GS-9, Helen E. Comerford, Bert A. Munger, Mary Thomas.  
**INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICE—**Clerk-Typist, GS-3, Shirley A. Kalamaras.  
**PLANNING DEPARTMENT—**Card Punch Operator, GS-2, NTE 8-5-61, Evelyn M. Freeman; File Clerk, GS-3, NTE 5-12-62, Clara E. Bourgeois; Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4, NTE 11-11-61, B. Darlene Pittwood; Engineering Technician, GS-5, Charles A. Hemsley; Marine Engineer (Machinery & Piping Arrangements), GS-11, Allan P. Rillera.  
**PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT—**Shop 11, Shipfitter (Limited), Calvin Riley, Francis E. Young, Jr.; Leadingman Shipfitter, NTE 8-5-61, Richard E. Andrews; Shop 34, Inspector (Ships Electrical Systems-Nuclear), NTE 8-5-61, Sidney Bock; Shop 56, Helper Pipefitter, Robert A. Leslie, James A. Westman; Shop 64, Production Dispatcher, Jacob G. Eisenmann; Hull Outfitting Shop Group, Production Dispatcher, Farnham E. Lyon, Jr.  
**MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—**Supervisory Health Physicist, GS-14, Donald E. Long.  
**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT—**Guard, GS-4, Herman Herzberg, Jr.

# Weekend Links Battle Set For Seven Tourney Berths

Tomorrow and Sunday 30 Channel Club golfers hit the links as they vie for berths on the seven-man team to represent M. I. in the West Coast Shipyard Tournament to be held at Long Beach.

The 30 are those who qualified for the playoff in qualifying rounds last weekend. Prizes for low-net scores of last week's play will be announced in the coming week.

Playoffs tomorrow and the next day will be by foursomes, with a 12 o'clock tee-off time each day. Saturday starting times and pairings:

- 12:00 — A. Maki, K. Henley, V. Wagner, A. Ball; 12:06 — R. Marshall, G. Luna, F. Moon, V. Fagan; 12:12 — L. Devita, M. Farley, R. Jordan, R. Krause; 12:18 — G. Kephart, G. Oriarte, A. Sprawkins, O. Clendening; 12:24 — A. Lewis, H. Nelson, W. Bertino, F. James; 12:30 — R. Brazzi, C. Cavett, C. Ogan, J. Moroney; 12:36 — E. Carey, J. Nichol, S. Easton; 12:42 — O. Boling, E. Barnett, J. Moore.
- Above is for Saturday only. Low four golfers will tee off first on Sunday.

## A's Test Old Adage - Will Try, Try Again

Softball squad of the Mare Island apprentices lost out in their first game of the league season last Monday. Next Thursday they will be back, with efforts redoubled, in their meeting with the California Maritime Academy—May 25, 8:30 p.m., at Vallejo's Washington Playground.

A's initial effort was a 5-3 loss to the U&I Oasis nine.

## Personnelities

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Only fooling, Don, this is really a wonderful gang to join and we hope both you and Linda will be very happy.

Glenn Stewart, shop planner, has added a new pet to his household menagerie, a four-month-old squirrel monkey! What next?

NOW recovering from a bout with the measles is William Young of Graveyard Shift. Wonder how the rest of that shift is feeling? Be on the lookout for a temperature, rash, or a cough.

A very special guest at the Gephart home is their 10-month-old granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth, who flew out from Virginia for a visit.

NICE to see Nick Cella, George Petitti, Gerald Wyly and Bill Burrell back on the job after extended periods of sick leave . . . What is it about golfing that cripples a fellow up causing him to hobble around?

### SAFETY SAM SAYS:

Safety pays, when you're careful—you pay, when you're not.

# Insurance . . .

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that maternity benefits might top both of these lists.

Overall program changes most frequently requested so far are to:

- 1—Give employees more detailed and specific information, especially about benefits.
- 2—Provide a Government contribution for married women whose husbands are non-dependent, equal to the contribution for other married employees.
- 3—Establish special reduced rates for certain groups, such as “young” families, small families, and older couples beyond the child-bearing age.

**COMMISSION** emphasizes that these are preliminary findings based on a relatively few questionnaires (slightly more than 15,000) and that later returns may give a different picture. Additional returns are being coded and tabulated as rapidly as possible, so that they can be used in negotiations for new health benefits contracts and in planning for better, faster service to enrolled employees.

## THEY'RE ALL STILL SERVING NAVY

# It's a Small World - - Dixie Holds O'Brien Reunion

Sometimes in the press of business we overlook the fact that in a shipyard there are many former sea-going men who are working on ships, building and overhauling them.

**SUCH** was the case when P. C. (Pres) Campbell, Shop 56, working on DIXIE, accosted CAPT W. K. (Bill) Rogers of the DIXIE. He reminded him that they were shipmates on the old “Gold Plater,” USS O'BRIEN (DD-415), when she was torpedoed (pictured below with the carrier WASP burning in the background) in the

South Pacific. She was off the Solomons, in August, 1942; she later sank off Samoa as a result of the damage.

Another coincidence related to the old O'BRIEN is that L. B. (Lou) Burgelin of the Status and Scheduling Branch was leading progressman for repairs of damage sustained by the O'BRIEN when she was rammed by the USS CASE (DD-370) in fog off the Farallons in January, 1942.

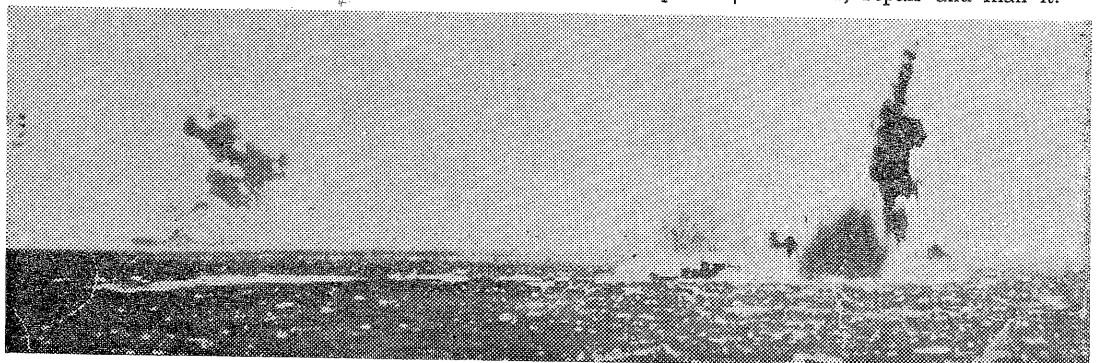
**GROUP** picture shows a reunion of those who sailed and repaired

the old O'BRIEN with the skipper of the new O'BRIEN (DD-725), CDR B. R. (Mickey) Dodson, taken prior to lunch on board the DIXIE where some tall yarns were exchanged, possibly somewhat “taller” for the many years that have intervened.

Said Captain Rogers, “It is heart-warming to know that we have these ties of history long past with our present-day Navy, streamlined in configuration, but still only as strong as the people who build, repair and man it.”



Old Shipmates Get Together



Old O'Brien Met Sad Fate in World War II