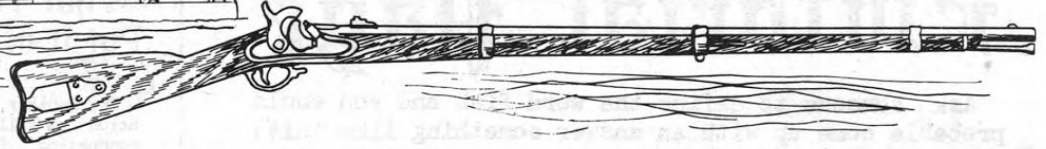


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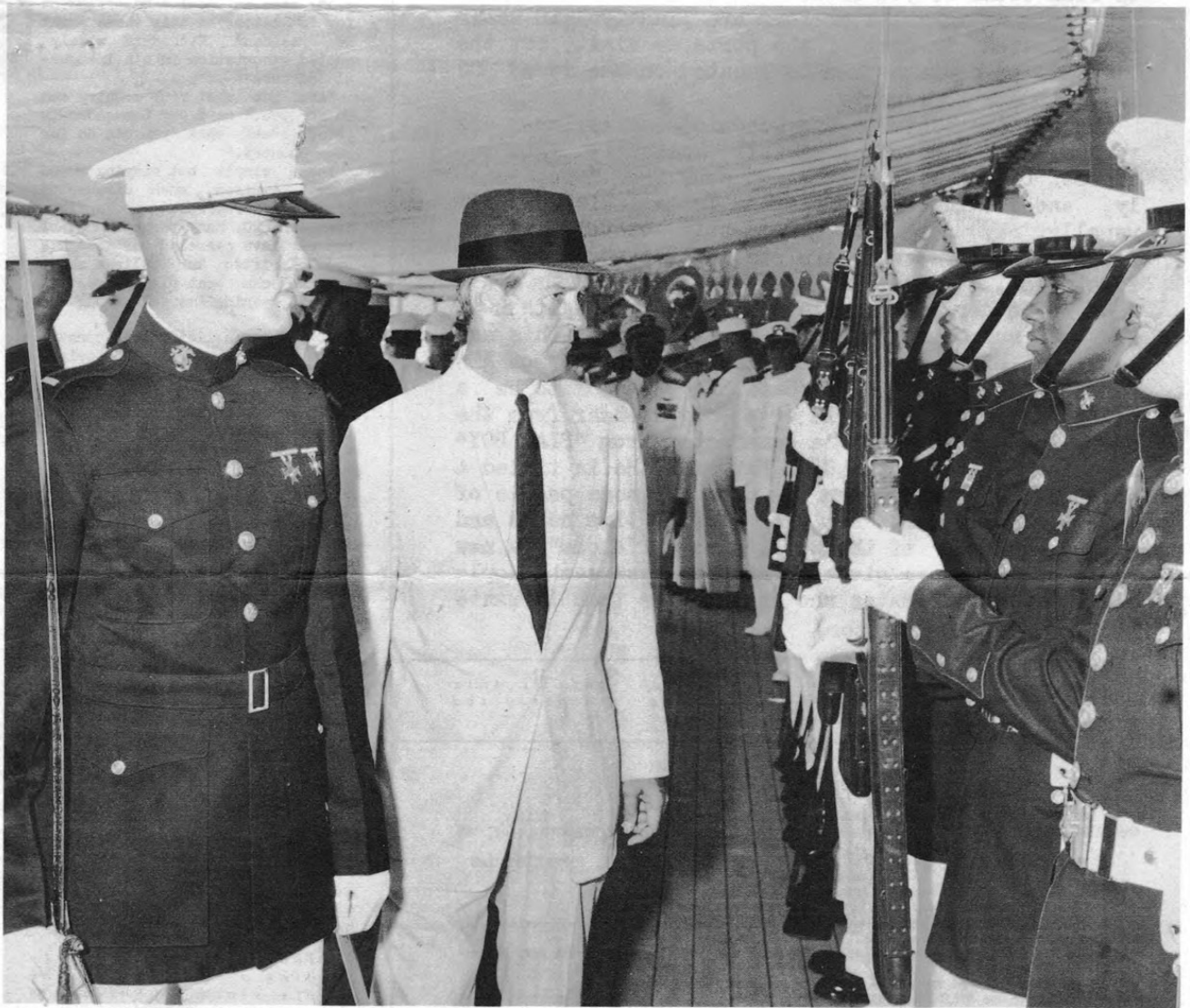


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## Secretary Of The Navy Visits SPRINGFIELD



Secretary of the Navy John B. Connally inspects the Marine Honor Guard on board SPRINGFIELD while he was touring the Sixth Fleet. First Lieutenant William Seymour leads the inspection party. (Story on page 3; pictures on page 6)

# Editorial Page

Ask someone to define the word fish and you would probable come up with an answer something like this: A fish is a cold-blooded animal living in water with a back-bone, fins, scales and has gills for breathing.

This is one definition; however, there is another form of fish living with us, and Webster has defined this form as a person who is easily lured. This type of fish could be you or I.

Schools of this latter form are plentiful in water front cafes in most of the ports we visit, but the biggest percentage can be located on the famed O2 level in our home port.

The reasons behind a man becoming easily lured are varied. But the reasons fall basically into two groups. On one side is the man away from home, lonely, and looking for affection. To get this, he will usually pay for it. This mostly occurs with the younger sailors who are facing the world for the first time.

On the other side is the so called "old salt" of our Navy who supposedly knows the facts of life. This man too, has his reasons, and these are written on his face when he enters any cafe. He pretends to be a great lover of the world or a "big spender from the north". He acts like a character from "PLAY BOY" magazine instead of a U.S. Navy man. He is titled a Casanova and Don Juan by the business people of this establishment. But as closing time nears and our "gentleman of the world" leaves "alone", a new title of "fish" is given to him by these same people plus a few shipmates who know better than to waste their money. (The Editor)

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## 'What You Can Do'— Put It in Letter Form

For another year, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., is conducting its Letter Writing Awards Program in which all service people on active duty are eligible to submit letters of from 100 to 500 words that may bring awards ranging as high as \$1,000.

The subject for the 1961 program, which as in the past has a Nov. 1 deadline, is "What I Can Do For Freedom," and the Foundation suggests that an ideal take-off point for a letter on this theme might be President Kennedy's widely-quoted exhortation in his Inaugural Address.

"Ask not what your country can do for you," said our Commander-in-Chief, "ask what you can do for your country."

Those simple but ringing words have inspired much discussion since the President spoke them last Jan. 20. Many—perhaps most—of us may have searched our thoughts and clarified our feelings about how we can best play a creative role in keeping America strong and free.

Now we can solidify this concept of our duties—really our privileges—as Americans in uniform by putting them down in words. The Freedoms Foundation program gives us a unique opportunity to do this with the prospect of substantial rewards in prizes and satisfaction.

The President, in that same Inaugural Address, also said something that should lead each and every one of us to sober self-examination:

"In your hands, my fellow citizens, more than mine, will rest the final success or failure of our course."

A letter to Freedoms Foundation this year, then, is a way of asking ourselves what we can do. (AFPS)

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

*Q: I have a deeply rooted emotional problem and feel there is absolutely no one I want to talk it over with. Yet I feel all bound up with it.*

*A: They are currently holding a special in the ship's store on Philip's tape recorders.*

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## Former Gov. Lodge Ends Cruise



*Captain Noel and former Governor Lodge chat on the bridge prior to greeting personnel from Connecticut.*

John Davis Lodge, former Governor of Connecticut and United States Ambassador to Spain, has recently ended a two-week Naval Reserve training cruise aboard ship on the staff of Commander Sixth Fleet.

Mr. Lodge, who holds the Navy rank of captain, began his two-week tour at Toulon, France, on July 27, and finished on August 11 at Palma.

Captain Lodge was Governor of Connecticut from 1951 to 1955. He was Ambassador to Spain from 1955 to 1961. Between 1947 and 1951, he served two terms as a U. S. Congressman from Connecticut, with membership in the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

A family tradition of more than 100 years of service in the United States Navy was extended by Captain Lodge's training duty this summer.

George Bancroft, an ancestor of his mother, became the first Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1845. The captain's great grandfather, Admiral Charles Henry Davis, was the second ranking Union naval officer of the Civil War. Admiral Davis' son, Captain Lodge's grandfather, was also a U.S. Navy admiral.

A much earlier ancestor, George Cabot, was named by President Washington as first Secretary of the Navy but never served in that job.

## SECNAV Visit

Secretary of the Navy John B. Connally visited the ship on 8 August 1961, during his recent tour of the Sixth Fleet.

The Secretary was given full honors upon his arrival aboard SPRINGFIELD at Villefranche, France.

During his tour a aviation fire power demonstration was staged by pilots from the USS FORRESTAL (CVA-59) while on training exercises.

This was the Secretary's first visit to the fleet; however, it was not his first meeting with Vice Admiral McDonald—they were shipmates aboard the aircraft carrier USS ESSEX during World War II.

## Carla Receives \$1,811.37

Our little sweetheart from Appleton, Wis. received a big boost in her fight against Polio, when she was handed a check for \$1,811.37.

Ted Cudworth, EML serving as the crew's representative, personally delivered the check to Carla Melchert in her home during his 30 day leave in the states this July.

Carla and her family were overwhelmed with gratitude by the generosity of the officers and men of the SPRING-

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## USO Show Arriving

Sixty minutes of music, sketches and dance in a fast revue under the title "Broadway, USA -1961" will move later this month into our home-port. The show is scheduled to play aboard ship in the afternoon and the Nice USO the same evening.

The company is working on the premise it can present sixty years of American life in a fast span of sixty minutes. Dances like the Turkey Trot, the Bunny Hug and the Samba with songs from hit shows like "Music Man", "Fiorello", "Wild Cat", "Irma La Douce", "Donnybrook", "Bye Bye Birdie", "Do Re Mi" and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" all go into the revue.

Its cast of young professionals have seasoning in Broadway theaters, frequently as understudy's and alternates for star players. Four of the company have appeared in Broadway runs of "Redhead" which starred Gwen Verden.

Details concerning this show will be made available at a later date.

A laundryman was hit by an automobile as he crossed the street. He went down with flying collars.

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Mac: "How do you like your new job as a chimney sweep?"  
Fred: "Oh, it soots me fine."

## Words of Faith

by Chaplin Peter R. McPhee



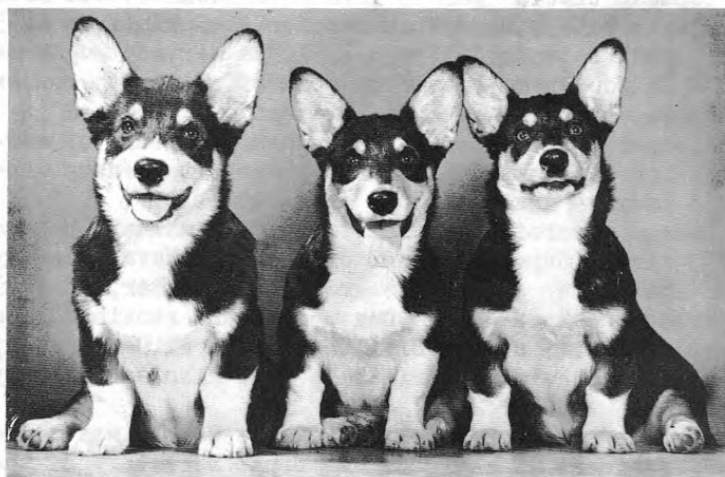
"I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety." (Psalm 4:9)

Perhaps no generation in the history of mankind has needed these comforting words more than this generation. In this fateful juncture of world history we find political, social, economic, and philosophic systems in foment. We find new nations being founded faster than in any era; yet they are struggling for existence because they lack experience leadership. And casting foreboding shadows over the whole scene are the unresolved World War II problems and ideological struggle.

Yet we must realize that every generation has brooded over its own problems. But only those segments survived which faced their problems with resolve and determination in the best tradition of their heritage.

We do not know what the future holds for us, but we can be sure that our ultimate reliance should be on God. We can also be sure that our actions should be in our finest tradition.

In a midwestern college chapel are the words, "Trust God and Work". This is an excellent motto for our generation and reflects the Psalmist's thought.



You mean we can get all that money just to stay in the Navy?



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## *Man-to-Man by Capt Noel*

Today we are at war--in every sense except for large scale shooting--with Russian communism. This so-called "cold war" is deadly serious--if we lose it we become slaves--literally.

To fight this cold war we must know what we stand for. What is American Democracy? What makes our country great? What is so different about the United States?

The Founders of our country--those who wrote the Declaration of Independence--were revolutionaries who led a rebellion against oppression, injustice, lack of freedom. They had a vision of free society where every man could work hard and make a success; never in peril of his life or his freedom.

The freedoms we cherish are listed in the Bill of Rights. All of you studied this in school. Freedom of religion, speech, and press, to assemble together peaceably, to petition the government, to keep and bear arms, are examples. Other rights are those of a speedy and just trial if arrested and the important right of habeas corpus--the right not to be imprisoned without due cause.

These may seem obvious to you--why make all this fuss about these things we all take for granted? We are fortunate; most of the world has no concept of personal freedom as we know it. The Communists offer their people none of these freedoms or rights. In a Communist state you have no rights as individuals--you are told where to live, what work to do, what you may believe. You could be thrown in jail anytime and your family would not even be allowed to question the officials.

In America a man can raise himself from the slums and become rich and influential through his own efforts. Many have done so. This is not possible in a Communist dictatorship unless the man does and believes everything the Party decrees.

In the United States we decide who shall govern us. If we have a few corrupt city or state governments at least the people can, if they wish, throw the rascals out. In a Communist state no one questions those in charge--the man in the street has to suffer in silence--there is no such thing as an honest election.

When you discuss your country with foreigners stress not only the freedom and the rights we enjoy but also the generous and unselfish acts of our country. In the world's history no peoples have done more for their fellow men--from feeding the starving Belgians and Russians after World War I to helping earthquake victims throughout the world. The Marshall Plan poured billions of U.S. money into Europe to help achieve the prosperity that it now enjoys.

When foreigners criticise us for our shortcomings--segregation, for example--we can only admit that we have not attained Utopia and, like all humans, we have faults. But we need not hang our heads in shame--we are making progress and few nations in the world are free of some sort of discrimination.

Our country is the envy and the hope of all people because we have freedom and prosperity. But we cannot sit back and hope to hold what we have in a world in which at least half the people go to bed at night hungry. We must know what we stand for and be willing to work and to fight for our freedom. We in the fleet are willing, and we should be proud of the opportunity.



# Secretary Tours Ship



SECNAV chats with VADM McDonald upon the Secretary's arrival in Nice, France. Shown also are Mrs. Connally (2nd from R) and Mrs. McDonald.



Secretary of the Navy is greeted by Captain Monroe (Chief of Staff) aboard SPRINGFIELD, while VADM McDonald and Captain Noel look on.



Secretary of the Navy John B. Connally braces himself in high-line chair during transfer to the USS DEWEY.



USS DEWEY (DLG-14) anxiously awaits the Secretary of the Navy's visit via highline transfer from the ship.

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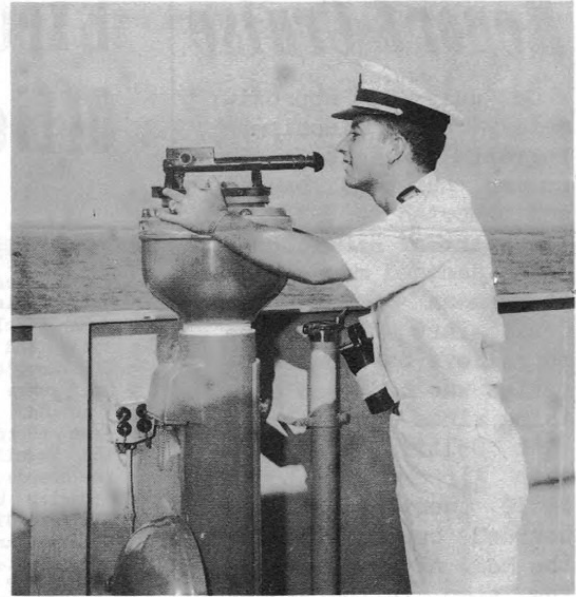
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# Midshipmen Cruise



Midshipman 1st class Jeffrey L. Benson from the University of Pennsylvania checks surface contact through high powered binoculars on the signal bridge.



Midshipman 1st class Carmine N. Tortors from the U. S. Naval Academy uses alidade to find bearing of surface contact off the ship's starboard bow.



Midshipman 1st class Neil T. Monney from the U. S. Naval Academy stands an alert watch in the ship's Main Control during an exercise at sea.



Midshipman 1st class Dock H. Davis from the University of Louisville plots courses and speeds of the ship while on watch in the ship's Combat Information Center.



## Midshipmen Report Cruise

by Philip Ridgely, Midn 1/c

On July 20 approximately 220 midshipmen regretfully left their summer pursuits behind and reported to USNA for the start of MEDMIDCRU-2 which decoded means, Mediterranean Midshipman Cruise-Part II. We were to relieve our contemporaries who had been cruising since June 7.

At Baltimore Friendship Airport we met the NROTC contingent and boarded our flights for the Med. After a refueling stop in the Azores and a "blistering" layover at Port Lyautey we landed at Nice Airport. The transit from plane to ship gave many of us our first look at Europe --surely it had to be Europe from the way they wore their Bikinis.

After boarding SPRINGFIELD we scrapped all plans as to roommates, living spaces, etc. Instead we chose a cozy, small bunkroom on the O1 level. Yes, the same location described in the last issue of the RIFLE. It was nice of the ship to allow us all to live together in our comfortable, private steam bath.

Unfortunately we were only underway for eight days, but we truly appreciated all that we learned. Our biggest contribution to the SPRING-

## Meet The New Executive Officer



CDR Benjamin T. Douglas was born near Baraboo, Wis., and spent his youth there. After attending high school, he traveled to the University of Wisconsin and graduated in 1941.

He enrolled in the Naval Aviation Cadet program in the summer of 1941, and was commissioned and Ensign with pilot wings in June 1942. CDR Douglas was assigned to an advance training command for one and half years as a flying instructor.

In May 1944, he joined Torpedo Squadron 47 at Quonset Point, R.I. From there, CDR Douglas and the squadron were deployed via the Hawaiian Islands. After two months training there, the squadron boarded the Carrier USS BATAAN (CVL-29).

During his tour aboard this ship and later aboard the carrier USS SAN JACINTO (CVL-30), CDR Douglas participated in strikes against Okinawa and the Japanese homeland. During this period, his squadron participated in the April 1945 carrier strike against the final sortie of the Japanese fleet. As a division leader (four planes) in the squadron he was partly responsible for the sinking of the Japanese battleship YAMATO.

After the war, CDR Douglas became administration officer at Ream Field near San Diego, Calif. He then served as Flight Deck Officer on the USS BOXER (CVS-21). His next duty was on the battleship USS IOWA (BB-61), where he gained regular line officer experience.

In 1951 he attended the General Line School at Monterey, Calif. CDR Douglas then returned to sea aboard the USS MARQUETTE (AKA-95), and served for one and half years in the amphibious force. During this time, he was assigned as Operations Officer to a squadron staff.

His next duty assigned him as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Research. CDR Douglas then served as Executive Officer of the USS DUNCAN (DDR-874), and then Commanding Officer of the USS HENDERSON (DD-785). From 1958 to 1961, he was assigned to the Office of Chief of Naval Operation as the Administrative Officer for the Navy MAAG and Mission Program. Before reporting aboard the SPRINGFIELD, he spent a year at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

CDR Douglas is married to the former Joyce Mae Whitehouse of Albion, Mich., and they have two children Diane, 16 and William 13. The family is now living in Villefranche.

FIELD was the fouling up of division records and programs. We will probably remember the ship best for the four day Rome tour, a memorable experience.

In Pollensa Bay we bid the ship a fond farewell as we set out to return to the good, old United States.

## A SAILOR'S TRIBUTE TO A LEADER

by R. J. Freeman, AG2

Less than a month ago, a great leader departed our ranks. He had seen two World Wars, witnessed the intermittent tides of peace, and was stolidly at the helm during some of the most

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## *You Can Do It Yourself*

Perhaps the most frequently given reason for leaving the Navy is, "I'm going to school." Unfortunately, the facts don't bear out this fine intention; only a small percentage of discharges ever enter and few of those complete school.

There is a good reason for this. When asked, "What have you done, during your several years in the service, to PREPARE yourself for college," the answer is all too frequently "nothing." Invariably, the reasons given are: "I've been too busy," or "there's no place to study," or "I can't get anyone to help me" or something similar.

Well, maybe so. But take a good look around you. There aren't many PO's on SPRINGFIELD who haven't studied for their rate. Every PO1 and Chief studied, and studied hard. At sea, too. Every Warrant and LDO did, also. And over half the officers in SPRINGFIELD are mustangs, which may be a record. They all studied.

One SPRINGFIELD officer, although not necessarily typical, is a case in point. He quit school after the tenth grade to enter the Navy, and was fortunate enough to get some service school training. Plus he did some teaching himself.

But in addition to the Navy schools, he took literally dozens of United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) courses, (including all the required math from high school algebra through integral calculus), dozens of officer and enlisted BuPers courses, (from Naval Justice to Nucleonics) and attended college extension courses when he could. As a result of these studies, he clobbered the USAFI High School and College GED exams. Of the nine tests, he made four perfect (99 percentile) scores—two 98's and all but one over 95. Partly on the basis of these tests, he received his high school diploma and the equivalent of an Associate of Arts (Junior College) degree.

He made every rate, from third class through chief, in minimum time. And when he became eligible, he sailed through his tests for Ensign, earning in the eyes of the Navy the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree. This same officer will soon retire, (at age 37), and—you guessed it—go to college.

Now, the point of all this is, DON'T KID YOURSELF. Those who quit the Navy promotion race and wait idly on the side lines until they can get out and go to school are doomed to failure. The Navy's promotion ladder is steep, but the college ladder is even steeper. If you can't make it in the Navy, you're not likely to make it in college. College is NOT a place where you say, "Here I am, Teach. Learn me."

If you sincerely intend to go to college, the time to prepare yourself is NOW. Besides, why not hedge your bet. Any college studying you do now will be of promotional value to you in the long run. And any college will be very interested in what sort of promotional and professional record you made in the service.

Remember: there are plenty of men finishing up twenty now who didn't expect to stay in when they were on their first cruise. Who knows, maybe even you---

Check at the T&E office today, and see for yourself the many interesting and valuable courses available through USAFI.



**EYE-STOPPER** — Graced with a figure that most girls dream of, movie starlet Nobu McCarthy is as talented as she is pretty. After just a few months in Hollywood, the Oriental beauty has landed a role in the film, "Two Loves."

## 01 Div.

by Marleau R. Adams

OI division recently piped aboard its own two star "Enlisted Type" Admiral, Master Chief Radarman Arthur Flowers. Chief Flowers came to the division from the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare School at the "Sailors College Town"-Norfolk, Virginia-where he instructed Navy men in the many facets of ASW.

Since the SPRINGFIELD is primarily concerned with air defense, the chief has directed his talents from Subs to planes.

Chief Flowers is now senior man on board in the enlisted ranks.

Joe Proper has answered his country's call for the third time by reenlisting for six years. Joe has been cruising the Mediterranean Sea with the Sixth Fleet for the past three years and hopes he can continue. According to Joe, "you gotta be nuts not to like this outfit". Joe plans to spend his reenlistment leave touring Spain.

As of late, the Radar-men's ranks have been slowly diminishing for various reasons, such as discharges, illness, etc. This decline in manpower has not yet been counterbalanced by an influx of new personnel.

Radar is considered by

the Navy to be one of the most critical of ratings, and by the Radar-men themselves a most interesting and rewarding one.

The field of Radar is comparatively new in the Navy, and, as in all new fields of endeavor, the path to the top and success is clear for the men who have genuine interest and a will to learn. Your future can be bright, but it is up to you.



**STRATEGIC AIRWAYS**—The three shaded lanes connecting West Germany with West Berlin outline the air corridors now in use by U.S. Forces. Berlin is 110 miles inside of East Germany and entrance to the encircled city can be made by land, air, and water. One of the land entrance check points is at Helmstedt, indicated by X.

## RADIO SPRINGFIELD

The ship's Public Information Office will be given the responsibility of SPRINGFIELD's entertainment system in the near future, which we hope will give the listeners a little more in the way of radio entertainment.

Tentative plans call for a daily schedule of news, weather, sports and music plus special taped programs from the states.

It is proposed that Radio SPRINGFIELD will be on the air daily from 0700 - 2200. During these we will do our best to give you the biggest variety of entertainment possible.



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# Sports ★ ★ ★ Roundup

**A**LL-AMERICA halfback **Joe Bellino** and center **Frank Visted**, both former Naval Academy gridsters, participated in the 28th annual College All-Star Football contest . . . **Nick Toth**, fencing coach at the Air Force Academy, has good reason to be proud of his former epee pupil, Navy Lt. (jg) **Bob Beck**. Beck, now attached to the U.S. Pentathlon Team at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., won the competition in the annual AAU fencing meet at Los Angeles. Toth coached Beck from 1957-59 and now his star student will vie for honors in the World Championships at Moscow this month . . . **Bob Coronado**, formerly stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex., and during his college days, an ace pass receiver for the College of Pacific, is bidding for a berth with the Chicago Bears of the NFL. Coronado recently copped second place in the cross-country Ft. Bliss championships . . . Quantico's grid mentor **Wil "E" Overgaard** has only six returnees from last season's All-Service Championship squad. Included in the list are tackle **Art Wallace**, fullback **Bob Johnson**, halfbacks **Jim Ross** and **Stewart Flythe**, center **Brian McNeely** and guard **Bob Davis**. However, Overgaard will have the services of two ex-Middies, quarterback **Harry Dietz** and halfback **John Pritchard**.

**SHORT BURSTS**—**Jack Lee Shue**, Tyndall AFB, Fla. southpaw, who led the 1960 Tigers to a Florida State championship with a sparkling record of 19-0, signed a contract with the Panama City Fliers recently. The 29-year-old hurler will play on the team during his off-duty time . . . An Olympic gold medal pistol shooter took a tumble at the hands of a Coast Guard pistolman, as PO1 **Stanford Hulstrom** of CGRS, Cape May, N. J. defeated Marine Capt. **W. W. McMillan** by one point. The champion Coast Guard pistoleer was declared the Mid-Atlantic 22-caliber Regional Champ by racking an aggregate score of 885-44X . . . For the fifth consecutive year, Frankford Arsenal at Philadelphia is providing the special .30 caliber match ammunition for the annual National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Some 1,800,000 rounds of this "tailor made" ammunition will be used exclusively by military and civilian teams firing the M-1 (Garand) rifle in competition . . . Disheartened, but not discouraged at Ft. Carson, Colo., is **Matt Jackson**, upon receiving word from Phoenix, Ariz. fight authorities, that his bout with **Alejandro Lavorante**, sixth ranking heavyweight, has been cancelled. Lavorante had to bow out of the fight due to injuries he received in a fight in June . . . **Larry Morrison**, a sergeant serving with the Army in Goeppingen, Germany, has a long history of ring experience in his family. Larry's brother once held the Pacific Fleet welterweight title and his father is a former Middle West champion in the same weight class. Larry grossed over \$60,000 while fighting for pay and winning 29 of his 35 pro bouts. He once fought Jimmy Martinez, then the Mexican welterweight champion.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**—When asked what she thought about the chances of **Roger Maris** or **Mickey Mantle** breaking her husband's homerun record of 60 for a single season, **Mrs. Babe Ruth** said, "I wouldn't be honest, and I wouldn't be human if I didn't say I hope the Babe's record is never broken."

## Middies Sink Ship 44-42 In Toulon

The second group of midshipmen who boarded the ship at Golfe Juan, France, promptly showed their basketball powers by defeating the ship's team 44-42 in a see-saw battle played at the Toulon Navy Base.

Superiority in height under the back-boards gave the future officers the victory in the final minutes of the game.

Lack of practice caused both teams trouble with their shooting and ball handling.

## Scuba Club



A.W. Workman, PH1, founder of the Scuba Club, climbs aboard small-boat after finding two huge sponges in the Mediterranean Sea.

## QUIZ

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. Jack Dempsey won the world's heavyweight title on July 4, 1919. Where did the fight take place?
2. In 1954 Navy's gridsters participated in the Sugar Bowl. What team did they play and what was the final score?
3. Name the first horse to win more than a million dollars for its owners.
4. The first All-Star baseball contest was played July 6, 1933. Who won?
5. Who was the only American to win two Gold Medals in individual efforts in the 1956 Olympic Games track and field competition?

(Answers to Quiz)

1. Toledo, Ohio.
2. Mississippi finished on the short end, 21-0.
3. Citation, triple-crown winner in 1948, who had earned \$1,085,760 when retired in 1958.
4. American League, 4-2.
5. Bobby Morrow won the 100 and 200-meter dashes.



Former Executive Officer T. O. Tabor, III cuts a cake wishing him luck prior to his departure to the office of CNO.

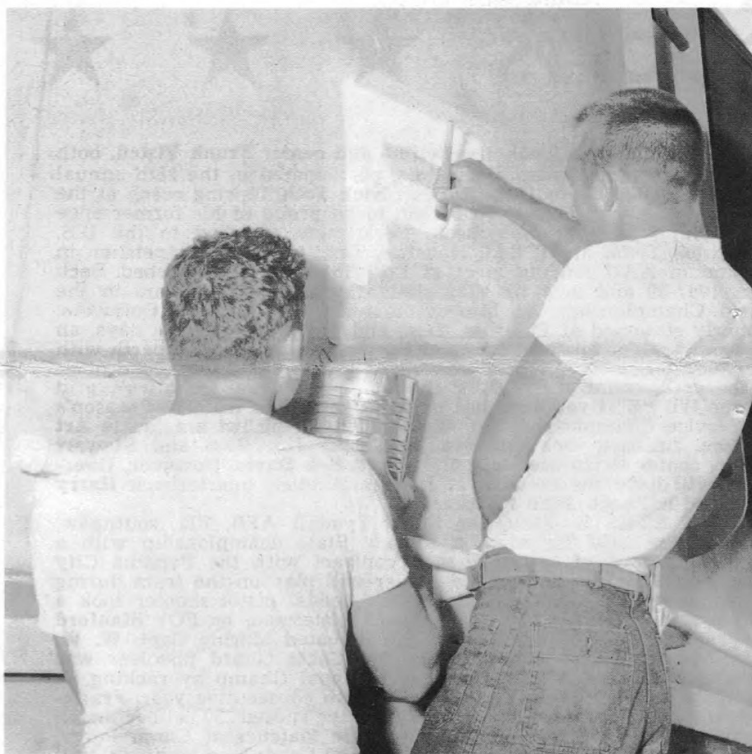
#### MELCHERT FUND

FIELD. Letters and newspaper clippings from her family and friends are being continually sent to LT Jack Sherrill, chairman of the committee which started the drive to aid Carla in her battle.

The committee hopes to reach a \$5,000.00 goal shortly; the present contributions stand at \$1,849.77.

Mr. and Mrs. Melchert have stated the money will be used to further their daughter's education.

Let's all give up the price of one night on the beach to help reach the goal and send our Sweetheart to college.



John Dunn, FT3, watches with approval while Ralph Shelkey, SN, assumes the role of painting the first efficiency "E" to be displayed by the ship. This "E" was awarded for the excellent showing of the Mark 37-5 inch director and her crew in a Z-6-G air defense exercise shot during the fiscal year of 1961.

#### CNO TRIBUTE

crucial moments of the existing cold war. His parting words were a monumental tribute of his respect for every individual that has, is now and will serve his country in the United

States Navy. By placing his love of country above all others he has given us the formula for freedom, leadership and military cause. Let us pray that we never forget the manner of a man that served his country so well as ADM Burke.

SEND THE RIFLE HOME