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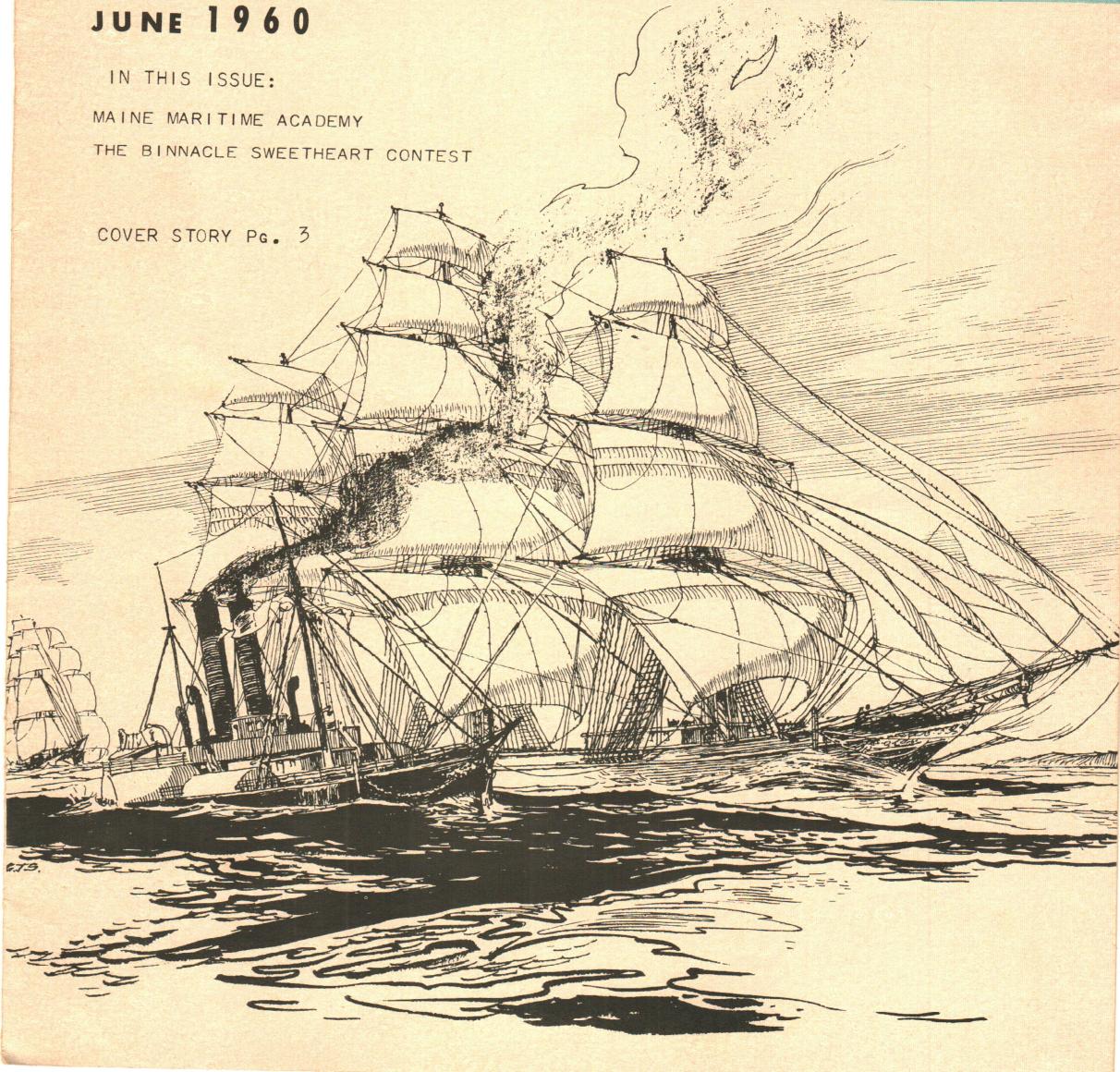
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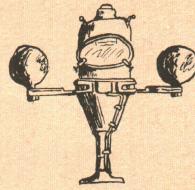


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BINNACLE SPEAKS

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, OUR JAPANESE COUNTERPART, THE KIWA MARU, RECENTLY VISITED SAN FRANCISCO. THEY WERE HERE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. SEVERAL OF OUR MIDSHIPMEN WHO VISITED THE SHIP WERE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT MOST OF THOSE ABOARD SPOKE VERY GOOD ENGLISH, AND MORE SO TO FIND THAT ALL THE LOGBOOKS KEPT BY THE JAPANESE CADETS WERE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH. THE SHIP HAS A COMPLEMENT OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED CADETS. IN ADDITION TO BEING PROPELLED BY SAIL, IT ALSO HAS A TWIN DIESEL PROPULSION SET-UP. THE TRAINING PROGRAM IS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR OWN.

THE QUESTION THAT ARISES HERE IS THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FACTS, WHY, IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THE KIWA MARU HAS BEEN IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS THERE BEEN NO EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN THE CADETS FROM JAPAN AND OURSELVES?

IN TALKING TO A NUMBER OF THE CADETS, OUR MIDSHIPMEN LEARNED THAT MOST OF THEM WERE QUITE ANXIOUS TO LEARN "HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES" AND WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY INTERESTED TO SEE OUR SHIP AND THE ACADEMY. THE BINNACLE THINKS THE CORPS AS A WHOLE FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT SEEING THE KIWA MARU.

THE VISITING MIDSHIPMEN SPOKE

ALSO WITH THE CAPTAIN WHILE ON BOARD THE KIWA. HE EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR HIS MEN TO SEE OUR CAMPUS AND HAVE A CHANCE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH US. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS A CHANCE THEY WILL RETURN TO THE BAY AREA NEXT YEAR.

WE FEEL THAT IF THE KIWA MARU DOES RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO IN THE NEXT YEAR, THE BEST WAY FOR US TO AFFECT A MEETING BETWEEN HER CREW AND THE CORPS, WOULD BE FOR AN INVITATION TO BE SENT, VIA THE ADMINISTRATION, TO THE JAPANESE CADETS, FROM THE CORPS ITSELF.

THE BINNACLE WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO BACK THIS PROJECT, FIRST OF ALL BY KEEPING ON THE ALERT FOR AN ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE KIWA MARU'S TRIP NEXT YEAR, AND THEN PLANNING SOME FUNCTION PERMITTING THE MIDSHIPMEN OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO MEET AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU REALIZE THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS PLAN AND WILL BE WILLING TO HELP OUT TO INSURE ITS SUCCESS WHEN THE TIME COMES. IF THE MEETING IS AFFECTED, IT WILL DEFINITELY BE ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN AT THE ACADEMY, NOT ONLY FROM THE POLITICAL ASPECTS, BUT FOR MUTUAL EDUCATION AS WELL.

FORT SCHUYLER TRADES SHIPS

THE BINNACLE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE NEW YORK STATE MARITIME COLLEGE HAS RETURNED THEIR TRAINING SHIP, THE FORMER HOSPITAL SHIP MERCY TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION AND HAS RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE THE MST'S TRANSPORT, USNS GIBBONS. SHE IS A C-3 AND AS SUCH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST TRAINING SHIPS IN THE WORLD.

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THE MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
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IN THE MID-1930S, A GROUP OF FARSIGHTED MAINE BUSINESSMEN BEGAN TO THINK OF FOUNDING A "MAINE NAUTICAL TRAINING SCHOOL," TO PROVIDE MEN OF THE NECESSARY CALIBER FOR THE MERCHANT MARINE. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. RALPH LEAVITT (THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES), THE SCHOOL OPENED IN 1941.

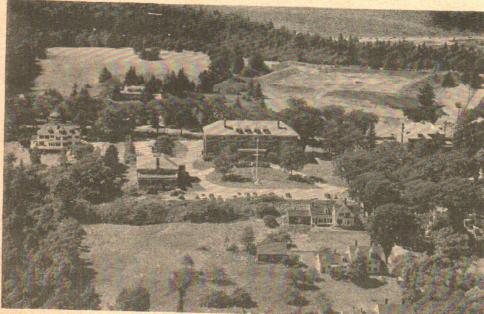
ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO TAKE OVER THE BUILDINGS OF THE EASTERN STATE NORMAL SCHOOL (FOR GIRLS) IN CASTINE. DOORS OPENED ON OCTOBER 9, 1941, WITH NINE MIDSHIPMEN AND THREE INSTRUCTORS PRESENT. AS THERE WERE STILL A FEW GIRLS ATTENDING THE NORMAL SCHOOL, THE NEW MIDSHIPMEN LIVED IN ONE OF THE LOCAL HOTELS UNTIL 1942.

REAR ADMIRAL DOUGLAS DISMUKES WAS NAMED FIRST SUPERINTENDENT AFTER A BRILLIANT CAREER IN THE NAVY (HE WAS PROMOTED TO REAR ADMIRAL AFTER A SPECTACULAR RESCUE AT SEA DURING PEACE-TIME). DURING THE WAR, UNDER ADMIRAL DISMUKES' GUIDANCE, THE ACADEMY CONTINUED TO GROW EVENTUALLY GRADUATING 356 OFFICERS BEFORE THE HOSTILITIES CEASED.

UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION, A PEAK ENROLLMENT OF 338 MIDSHIPMEN WAS ATTAINED. THE MAIN BARRACKS, RICHARDSON (SINCE RENAMED LEAVITT) HALL BECAME SO CROWDED THAT MEN WERE SLEEPING ON COTS IN THE ATTIC AND IN THE GYMNASIUM (ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN EITHER WILL REALIZE IMMEDIATELY HOW UNCOMFORTABLE THIS WOULD BE DURING A MAINE WINTER.)

ADMIRAL DISMUKES SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT UNTIL LATE 1945. THE MAIN ACADEMIC-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HAS BEEN NAMED IN HIS HONOR.

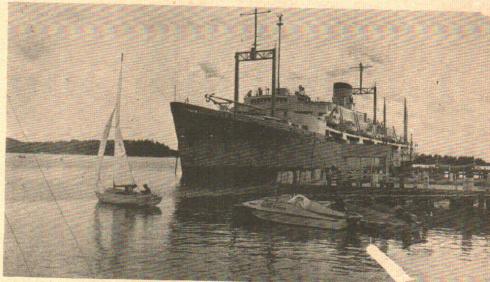
THE ACADEMY CONSISTS PRESENTLY OF THREE MAJOR BUILDINGS: LEAVITT HALL, CONTAINING BERTHING SPACES FOR 220 MIDSHIPMEN, THE GALLEY, AND MESS DECK; DISMUKES HALL; AND THE QUICK GYMNASIUM (NAMED FOR A PROMINENT MERCHANT SEAMAN FROM MAINE). A MACHINE SHOP, STEAM LAB, VARIOUS WAREHOUSES, AND STORAGE SPACES ROUND OUT THE ROSTER.



CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POWER LAB CONTAINING FOUR CLASS ROOMS, A STEAM LAB, AND A NUCLEAR REACTOR SIMULATOR WILL BEGIN THIS FALL. AUTHORIZATION FOR A SECOND BUILDING, A BARRACKS, HAS ALSO BEEN RECEIVED.

THE EX-ATS COMFORT, NOW STATE OF MAINE, A HOSPITAL SHIP, IS USED FOR CLASSROOM AND BERTHING SPACE FOR THE FRESHMEN DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR. IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, THE ENTIRE BATTALION EMBARKS FOR THE ANNUAL TRAINING CRUISE.

THE 1959-60 CRUISE CONSISTED OF NEW ORLEANS FOR SHIPYARD, THEN PANAMA (NO LIBERTY), ACAPULCO, LONG BEACH, BACK TO PANAMA (STILL NO LIBERTY), CURACAO, SAINT THOMAS, PONCE, JACKSONVILLE, PORTLAND, ME., AND FINALLY CASTINE. NEXT YEAR'S CRUISE IS SCHEDULED TO INCLUDE A SOUTHERN PORT FOR SHIPYARD, FOLLOWED BY A SPANISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND NORTH AFRICAN PORT. IT IS PLANNED TO REMAIN 12 DAYS IN THE ITALIAN PORT (PROBABLY NAPLES) IN ORDER TO GRANT TWO 5-DAY LEAVE PERIODS TO ENABLE THE MIDSHIPMEN TO ENJOY EXTENDED TOURING OF THE CONTINENT.



THE STATE OF MAINE IS 413 FEET LONG WITH A GROSS TONNAGE OF 7,000 TONS. SHE IS PROPELLED BY A HENDY CROSS COMPOUND STEAM TURBINE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 4,400 HP. THE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH THREE WATER TUBE BOILERS EACH PRODUCING 450 LBS. OF STEAM PRESSURE. SHE IS FURNISHED WITH ALL OF THE LATEST NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.

THE MIDSHIPMEN PRESENTLY ENROLLED AT THE ACADEMY ARE UNDERGOING A THREE YEAR TRAINING PROGRAM. HOWEVER COMMENCING WITH THE CLASS ENTERING THIS FALL, THE COURSE WILL BE EXTENDED TO FOUR YEARS. THE PRESENT FRESHMAN CLASS HAS THE OPTION OF TAKING EITHER A THREE OR A FOUR YEAR COURSE. THERE ARE JUST OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MIDSHIPMEN NOW ENROLLED, 110 FRESHMEN, 70 JUNIORS, AND 75 SENIORS. SENIORS GRADUATE IN JUNE. THE CLASS OF '64 IS EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF ABOUT 185 MEN UPON ITS ENTRANCE.

MIDDIE'S CHOICE

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SALLY ANN HADDOX

HER NAME IS SALLY ANN HADDOX AND SHE IS THE PRIDE AND JOY OF OUR OWN EARL "GABBY" PAGE. SALLY WAS BORN IN MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY 15, 1942, WHICH MAKES HER 18 YEARS OLD AT THE PRESENT TIME.

SALLY, WHO STANDS 5'2" TALL, WITH LOVELY BROWN HAIR AND DEEP BLUE EYES, FIRST MET OUR "TALKATIVE" BUDDY EARL, ON DECEMBER 20, 1957, WHILE HE WAS ON CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

SHE ATTENDED THE VACAVILLE UNION HIGH SCHOOL, AND AT THE PRESENT TIME SHE IS STUDYING TO BECOME A TUTOR AT AMERICAN RIVER TUTORING COLLEGE. SHE FINISHES HER COURSE AT AMERICAN RIVER IN FEBRUARY, 1961.

SHE HAS MANY Hobbies, HOLDING TENNIS ABOVE ANY OF THE REST, EXCEPT FOR EARL WHO COMES FIRST IN HER LIFE.

FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS NOW, EARL AND SALLY HAVE SHARED MANY HAPPY TIMES WITH EACH OTHER. EARL HOWEVER, STATES THAT SHE WILL FINISH HER LAST YEAR AT COLLEGE FIRST, AND THEN HE AND SALLY PLAN TO BE MARRIED.

WE HERE AT THE ACADEMY WISH YOU AND SALLY THE BEST OF LUCK, EARL, WITH HOPES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY MARRIAGE.



BETSY KIMBALL

MEET BETSY KIMBALL, SWEETHEART OF KING GRAHAM, 1960-D. BETSY WAS BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO 19 YEARS AGO, BUT AT AN EARLY AGE SHE MIGRATED TO THE SUNNY SOUTH TO RESIDE IN AERTHERTON. SHE ATTENDED GRADE SCHOOL IN AERTHERTON AND THEN GRADUATED FROM CASTILLEJA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL IN PALO ALTO.

KING MET BETSY AT A DANCE SIX YEARS AGO AND THEY HAVE BEEN WALTZING THROUGH LIFE TOGETHER EVER SINCE. BETSY HAS MANY INTERESTS IN LIFE, FOREMOST AMONG WHICH ARE DANCING AND KING. AT THE PRESENT TIME SHE IS A SOPHOMORE AT MILLS COLLEGE IN OAKLAND, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT HER HIGHER EDUCATION WILL BE STOPPED ON ABOUT 3 SEPTEMBER, 1960, WHEN SHE AND KING WILL MARRY. AT THE PRESENT TIME THEY ARE PRACTICING TRUE TOGETHERNESS BY TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO COOK BEFORE THE FATAL (?) DAY.

THE BINNACLE EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO KING AND BETSY FOR A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE. BY THE WAY, KING, HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD ADVICE; HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO WAIT FOR SIX LONG YEARS WHEN BETSY IS AS SWEET AS SHE IS?

ARIEL AND TAEPING

IN MAY, 1866, ELEVEN SHIPS SET OUT FOR ENGLAND FROM FOOCHOW. THUS BEGAN THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL SEA RACE OF ALL TIME. AS IT DEVELOPED, THE 99 DAY, 13,000 MILE RACE WAS REALLY BETWEEN THE ARIEL AND TAEPING. COMING FROM BEHIND, THE ARIEL REACHED THE CHANNEL FIRST - FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY TAEPING. THE ARIEL WAS SALUTED AS THE FIRST SHIP OF THE SEASON FROM CHINA.

BOTH VESSELS CALLED FOR TUGS, BUT THE TAEPING, ASTERN OF ARIEL, GOT THE BETTER TUG, AND WENT AHEAD. THE ARIEL'S CAPTAIN SHREWDLY WAVED AWAY HIS TUG, AVOIDED ANCHORING AND UNDER SAIL SLIPPED AHEAD AGAIN. BUT ALAS, THE TAEPING DREW LESS WATER AND WAS ABLE TO DOCK 20 MINUTES BEFORE ARIEL. WHO WON? IT WAS SO CLOSE THAT THE SKIPPERS AGREED TO SHARE THE PRIZE MONEY!

BINNACLE SWEETHEART CONTEST RULES

MOST MEN, AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, DREAM OF HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE A BEAUTY CONTEST. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE QUITE THE RIGHT SETTING, A RAMP WITH THE GIRLS PARADING IN FRONT OF YOU IN BATHING SUITS, THE BINNACLE IS GIVING THE CORPS ITS CHANCE NOW. MERELY CHECK THE NAME OF THE GIRL YOU FEEL MOST DESERVES THE TITLE OF THE BINNACLE'S SWEETHEART AND RETURN THE BALLOT TO ANY MEMBER OF THE BINNACLE STAFF.

THE WINNER WILL HAVE HER PICTURE ON THE COVER OF THE NEXT ISSUE AND THE BINNACLE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO AWARD A FURTHER PRIZE.

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WHO'S WHO



CAPTAIN CARL G. BOWMAN WAS BORN ON JUNE 23, 1908. HIS EARLY YEARS WERE UNEVENTFUL EXCEPT THAT HIS MOTHER "WOULD NOT LET ME READ SEA STORIES". CONSEQUENTLY, IN 1926 HE ENTERED THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY, GRADUATING AS AN ENSIGN IN 1929. DURING HIS 31 YEARS OF SERVICE, CAPTAIN BOWMAN HAS SERVED ON MOST EVERY TYPE OF VESSEL IN THE COAST GUARD'S FLEET.

IN 1933 CAPTAIN BOWMAN WAS AWARDED HIS FIRST COMMAND, THAT OF A 75 FOOT PATROL BOAT, USED AS THE COAST GUARD'S ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTAL VESSEL. AFTER HAVING SPENT THE FIRST FOUR AND A HALF YEARS IN THE SEAGOING COAST GUARD, CAPTAIN BOWMAN WENT TO PENSACOLA IN 1934. HE THEN SERVED IN COAST GUARD AVIATION FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

DURING THE LATTER PART OF WORLD WAR II HE SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE USCGC TANEY, A 327 FOOT CRUISING CUTTER, UNTIL 1948. AS CO OF THE TANEY HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST AMERICANS TO SET FOOT ON JAPANESE SOIL AFTER THE ARMISTICE. THE TANEY HAD BEEN SENT TO WAKAYAMA TO PICK UP SURVIVORS OF JAPANESE PRISON CAMPS. THE AMERICAN SURVIVORS HOWEVER, HAD ALREADY GONE TO TOKYO. (ON THEIR OWN, BY TRAIN) AFTER LEAVING THE TANEY, CAPTAIN BOWMAN THEN SPENT A YEAR IN THE 12TH DISTRICT OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND A YEAR AS CO OF THE ICE-BREAKER MACKINAW ON THE GREAT LAKES. IN 1950 HE WAS ORDERED TO THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY AS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SEAMANSHIP, AVIATION, AND NAVIGATION. HE WAS ALSO COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 295 FOOT BARQUE, EAGLE. IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THAT THE CAPTAIN'S PREVIOUSLY ATTAINED UNLIMITED MASTER'S LICENSE WAS ENDORSED FOR SAIL. HE WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST MEN TO HOLD THAT LICENSE AT THE TIME.

IN 1954 HE WAS ORDERED TO C.G. HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON. IN 1957 HE WENT TO NEW ORLEANS AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE 8TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT, WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1958. HIS LAST TOUR OF DUTY WAS AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE 12TH DISTRICT, AND DEPUTY COMMANDER, WESTERN AREA.

CAPTAIN BOWMAN IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS NEW COMMAND, THE GOLDEN BEAR. THE BINNACLE, ON BEHALF OF THE CORPS, WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO "WELCOME CAPTAIN BOWMAN ABOARD".

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----SWIMMING----HELPING TO CHURN THE WATER TO THE FAMILIAR FOAM 'N FROTH IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP TRYOUTS FOR THE FINALS WAS M/S PETTY 3/E. HE DIDN'T REACH THE FINALS BUT HIS TIMES IN THE 200 YD. INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY AND THE 100 YD. BREAST STROKE WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO MERIT COMMENT FROM THOSE WHO ARE IN THE "KNOW".

----INTRAMURAL SWIMMING----THE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE DECIDED SOON AFTER THE POOL IS BACK IN OPERATION. LIFE SAVING CLASSES HAVE ALSO BEEN DELAYED PENDING COMPLETION OF REPAIRS TO THE BOILER.

CONT. ON BACK COVER

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

FIRST CLASS LICENSE. AS WAS LAST HEARD FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, THE SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST CLASS AFTER FINALS IS AS FOLLOWS: 1. TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY SECOND OF JULY, SIGNING OUT AT ACADEMY. 2. TWENTY-FIFTH TO TWENTY-NINTH OF JULY, FILING AND PHYSICALS AT COAST GUARD. 3. EIGHTH OF AUGUST, THE LICENSE EXAMS BEGIN. GRADUATION WILL BE AT ELEVEN-HUNDRED, SATURDAY, 20 AUGUST. WEEKEND JOBS. A SUGGESTION WAS BROUGHT FORTH TO REQUEST THE HELP OF THE VALLEJO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PRO-CURE WEEKEND JOBS FOR THE MIDSHIPMEN AT THE ACADEMY. THESE JOBS WOULD NOT BE IN A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, BUT ODD JOBS SUCH AS MOWING LAWNS, AND WASHING CARS FOR VALLEJOANS, WHO MAY CALL THE ACADEMY TO ARRANGE FOR ONE OR TWO MIDSHIPMEN TO WORK ON SATURDAYS. OF COURSE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDSHIPMEN WOULD ONLY BE OPEN TO THOSE WHO ARE IN A LIBERTY STATUS. NOTHING IS AS YET DEFINITE, BUT A PROMISING DECISION SEEMS CLOSE AT HAND.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT THE LAST STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING WERE: NEW PILLOWS TO REPLACE THOSE BAGS OF FEATHERS YOU'RE NOW SLEEPING ON, HARDBACK CHAIRS, LIKE THE ONES IN THE WARDROOM ON THE TSGB WILL SOON BE OBTAINED, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS GOING TO GIVE A GRADUATION AWARD TO ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING GRADUATING MIDSHIPMEN.

THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A GOOD-WILL TOUR OF ALASKA, SEPTEMBER 19-28. RESERVATIONS FOR THE TRIP ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED IN THE CHAMBER'S WORLD TRADE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO AT 14 LOCAL MEMBER TRAVEL AGENTS FOR AN ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR STARTING AT VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, ON SEPTEMBER 19. INTERESTED?

A NEW COLOR-SOUND FILM IS ABOUT TO BE RELEASED BY MATSON LINES. THE NEW 26 MINUTE MOVIE, ENTITLED "PORTS OF PARADISE", WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SHOWING TO GROUPS AND CLUBS AND FOR SCREENING ON TELEVISION.

MARU IN SHIP'S NAMES

SEAMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SUFFIX "MARU" IN THE NAMES OF JAPANESE SHIPS.

BUT NOBODY, NOT EVEN THE JAPANESE IT APPEARS, IS CERTAIN OF THE ORIGIN OF MARU OR HOW IT CAME TO BE APPLIED TO SHIPS.

SEVERAL THEORIES APPEARED IN HITACHI ZOSEN NEWS, AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PUBLICATION OF THE HITACHI SHIPBUILDING & ENGINEERING CO.

ACCORDING TO ONE LEGEND, THE WORD CAME FROM CHINA. DURING THE REIGN OF EMPEROR KO OF CHINA A MAN NAMED HAKUDO MARU CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO BUILD SHIPS.

OTHER EXPLANATIONS ARE DERIVED FROM VARIOUS USES OF THE WORD IN JAPANESE. IN ANCIENT TIMES IT WAS CUSTOMARY TO USE MARU AFTER A BOY'S NAME AS A TERM OF ENDEARMENT. ANOTHER USE OF THE WORD IS ROUND IN SHAPE, WITH INFERENCE TO SIMPLICITY AND BEAUTY.

A THIRD MEANING CONNOTES MALE PERFECTION, INCLUDING THE COURAGE TO FACE LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES. INCIDENTAL-LY, JAPANESE SHIPS, UNLIKE VESSELS OF OTHER NATIONS, ARE REFERRED TO AS MALES.

OTHERS BELIEVE THAT THE WORD COMES FROM THE ANCIENT JAPANESE WORD "MARO", WHICH MEANT A POSSESSION. THUS, A SHIP OWNED BY A MR. FUSHIMI WOULD BE CHRISTENED AS HIS VESSEL THE FUSHIMI MARU.

THE SPECULATION INCLUDES OTHER THEORIES WITH VARYING DEGREES OF CREDIBILITY.

A POCKET BOOK GIVING FLAGS, HULL COLORS AND FUNNELS FOR THE BIG OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANIES OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN ISSUED BY ADLARD COLES, LTD. AND PUBLISHED BY JOHN DE GRAFF, INC., 31 EAST 10TH ST., NEW YORK 3, COSTING \$1.95, IT GIVES ALSO AN ENTERTAINING INTRODUCTION ON THE ORIGIN OF HOUSE FLAGS.

TO WEST GERMANY GOES THE HONOR OF LAUNCHING THE FIRST, ALL ALUMINUM SHIP, THE 222 FOOT TANKER "ALUMINIA" RECENTLY LAUNCHED AT RENDSBURG IN HOLSTEIN, WEST GERMANY. SHE BELONGS TO THE GUSTAV KEENIG CLASS.

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CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

SPORTS CONT.

----INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL----DIVISION 2 HOLDS THE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AFTER COLLIDING WITH AN ALSO UNDEFEATED DIVISION 5. THEY WERE A BIT WORRIED AS EACH OF THE TWO TEAMS WON ONE OF THE FIRST TWO GAMES EACH. IN THE FINAL, "DALE'S DARLINGS" PULLED THROUGH AND WON THE LAST GAME, GIVING THEM THE TITLE. THE SCORING LINE-UP OF THE SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

DIV. 2	6 WINS	0 LOSSES
DIV. 5	5 WINS	1 LOSS
DIV. 7	3 WINS	2 LOSSES
DIV. 3	2 WINS	3 LOSSES
DIV. 1&6	1 WINS	4 LOSSES
DIV. 4	0 WINS	5 LOSSES

----INTRAMURAL BOWLING----DIVISION 7 IS LEADING AFTER 4 WEEKS OF PLAY. THEY HAVE LOST NO MATCHES, TO DATE. THE LANES ARE FILLED WITH THE RUMBLE OF BALLS AND THE CLASH OF PINS. C'MON MON, LETS GET OUT 'N ROLL A FEW FOR YOUR DIVISION.

----"B" LEAGUE SOFTBALL----KEEMA'S ILLUSTRIOUS SOFTBALL TEAM IS TO FACE 5 OTHER TEAMS IN A ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULE IN VALLEJO'S "B" LEAGUE. THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

17 MAY.....CMA VS. MILL HOLLAND
26 MAY.....CMA VS. PAC RES FLT
31 MAY.....CMA VS. PT & T
6 JUNE.....CMA VS. NAV RAD STN
14 JUNE....CMA VS. CSEA

THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIERCE COMPETITION TO SEE WHO IS GOING TO HURL THAT BALL INTO THE CATCHER'S MITT, AND IT SEEMS AS IF JERRY SLADE IS THE ONE MOST LIKELY TO WIN OUT.

----INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL---- THE MOST AWAITED GAME PROMISES TO BE A GAME BETWEEN THE DIVISION CHAMPS AND THE FACULTY TEAM. MANY A BIT OF SPICE WILL BE ADDED TO AN OLD SALTS LIFE IN THE CONFLICT THAT IS FORTHCOMING ON THAT DATE. HOME-RUN KING OF THE "SALTS" WILL BE CDR. FLANNER, HEADING HIS ONE-MAN CLEAN UP COMMITTEE FOR DRIVING DEAD BALLS INTO SAN PABLO BAY. HARRY "THE MITT" ROSS WILL BE SNAGGING ALL THE DEAD FLYS AT THE CATCHER'S PLATE. WE RECEIVED THE WORD BY A COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND DEFINITELY UNCONFIRMED SOURCE THAT LAST YEAR ONE OF THE HORSEHIDE COVERS TURNED UP IN A HORSE-? SANDWICH ON A LONELY QUARTERDECK WATCH LATE ONE NIGHT. (GOD BLESS THOSE NIGHT LUNCHES). THE BOOSTING TRANSFUSION OF YOUNGER BLOOD WILL BE GIVEN TO THE "SALTS" BY THE NAVAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT. ADDING TO THE RENOWNED HITTING ATTACK WILL BE FRANK LABOMBARD. WHO'S TEAM-? WHY THE "SALTS" OF COURSE! WHO ELSE? WHEN QUERIED BY HIS VIVACIOUS SECRETARY AS TO HIS POSITION ON THE TEAM: COACH THWING EXCLAIMED, "WHY I'M THE COACH." (METHINKS HE PLANS TO DO A LITTLE REFEREEING AS A SIDELINE IN THIS PARTICULAR GAME.) THE LATEST IN MEDICAL SCIENCE WILL BE STANDING BY TO CLEAR THE FIELD OF BODIES WHEN THE FAMOUS FACULTY'S JAMAICA FIREBALL SHATTERS THE BAT AFTER THE OPENING PITCH OF THE GAME.