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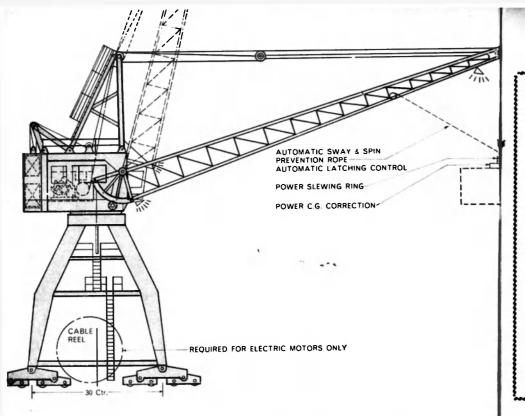
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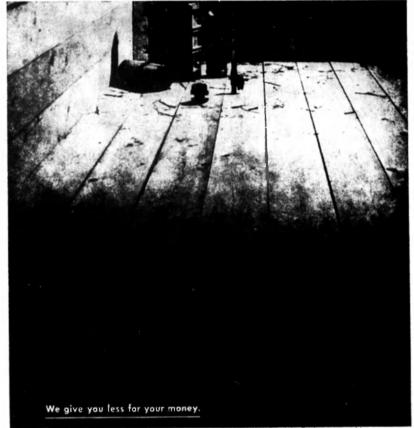
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Battleships Resurrected for Vietnam Role?

U.S. Defence Secretary Mr. Robert McNamura has ordered a Pentagon study of gunfire support requirements in Vietnam which may involve which the utility of the battleship recommissioning of one or two of America's four 16-incb-gun battleships in the reserve fleet

mended recommissioning of two of amphibious landing threat commore 8-inch gun cruisers to assist inshore bombardments.

According to "New York Times" military writer Hanson Baldwin, the Navy is split on the battleshin issue. Previous plans to use battleships have foundered on the basis of targets, costs and manpower.

One high-ranking Naval officer is quoted in Washington as describing battleships as "antediluvian monsters out of the dark age of Naval power."

But other officers, notably Vice-Admiral John S. McCain, commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier. have urged recommissioning of battleships for shore bombardment and as Commando-type ships.

According to Hanson Baldwin. "these would be aquipped with helicopters, a small Marine landing force and a command and control

An earlier Navy study recom- communications system - a kind pressed into one ship.

"The Marines have solidly supported the relatively few Naval officers who have urged the recommissioning of battleships."

It was not until the White House gave the Navy permission to use its guns against coastal targets in North Victnam that the arguments for a 16-inch gun, as compared to the 5-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch Naval guns now available, won support at high levels in the Pentagon.

Battleship men are encouraged by Mr. McNamara's action in ordering a review of naval gunfire requirements.

Many navy officers say privately that the Navy went too far too fast in converting its gunned ships to missiles, and that Vietnam demonstrated conclusively that more guns were needed in a balanced fleet.

However, the vardsticks against will be judged are its targets.

Gunfire can be directed against map targets or fixed grid coordinates, such as crossroads and bridges, or against coastal targets that can be "seen" by radar without the need of spotting aircraft,

The U.S. has retained four battleships of the Iowa class of World War II in its reserve fleet, each with nine 16-inch guns.

The "Missouri" is laid up in Bremerton Navy Yard on the Pacific coast: the Iowa, Wisconsin and New Jersey are in the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Navy sources say there is an ample supply of 16-inch, high capacity, 2,400 pound shells in storage. The powder, which is old, would have to be reworked, but at slight

Recommissioned battleships would have to be furnished with new electronic equipment and thoroughly overhauled. The cost for each ship is estimated at between \$11 million to \$25 million.

They would require crews, if fully manned, of about 3,500 men. but suggestions to secure one boiler room and to leave undermanned some secondary battery guns are under study.

Some experts believe that the ships could be operated safely with as few as 1.100 men each.

The time required to take hattleships or cruisers out of mothballs, to modernise them and to assemble and train their crews would be measured in months, doubtless more for a battleship than a cruiser.

According to the "New York Times" expert, nine to 16 months might elapse before a battleship could be in action off Vietnam after recommissioning started.

Because of this time element, the Navy is pressing the Pentagon high-ups for a quick decision.



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RETIRES

Rear Admiral Frank Leveson George, C.B.E., 57, who has been Third Naval Member of the Naval Board and Chief of Naval Technical Services since February, 1963, retired on 14th March.

Admiral George was succeeded by Captain Frederick William Purves, O.B.E., who has been promoted to Rear Admiral.

Since graduating from the Naval College at Jervis Bay in 1924. Admiral George has specialised in engineering and has held many of the Navy's senior engineering posts. including that of General Manager of Garden Island Dockyard, Sydney. He was the first Captain of the R.A.N.'s Training Establishment, H.M.A.S. "Nirimba", and, with the rank of Commodore, the first Engineer officer to command H.M.A.S. "Cerberus".

During the Second World War he served in the Mediterranean and Pacific.

Admiral Purves, like Admiral George, has specialised in engineering since joining the R.A.N.R. (Seagoing Branch) as a Lieutenant in 1940. He was granted a permanent commission in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Prior to his appointment as Third Naval Member, Admiral Purves had been in England for two years on the staff of the Australian Naval Representative as Chief Staff Officer (Technical).

UNITED STATES NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

A party from the U.S. National War College visited Australia during April in the course of a tour of the Far East.

The group comprising 34 students (senior officers from the U.S. Departments of State, Navy, Army and Air Force) and members of the faculty staff was led by Colonel

THIRD NAVAL MEMBER Stuart M. Porter. The National War TA-4G Skyhawk trainers, together College was established in 1946 with ground equipment and trainand is controlled by the American ing aids for use at H.M.A.S. "Alba-Joint Chiefs of Staff. It prepares tross", the Naval Air Station at selected members of the Department of Defence, the State Department and other agencies of the after service in South-East Asian Federal Government to exercise high level policy, command staff functions. Other groups from the College are currently visiting countries in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. These visits are an integral part of the College curriculum and permit firsthand observation by the students of conditions in various parts of the world in preparation for their future duties.

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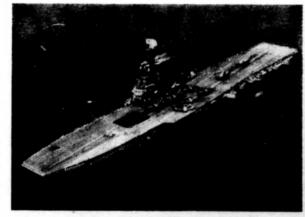
"Melbourne" will sail to the U.S. waters, attached to the British Commonwealth Strategic Reserve.

JOINT AUSTRALIAN/U.S. **DEFENCE REVIEW**

The second annual review of Cooperative Logistics between the Australian and American Governments, was held at the Department of Defence, Canberra, from April 26 to May 4.

In addition to reviewing planned procurement of weapons from the U.S., the representatives also discussed the feasibility of Australian production of supplies and equipment for U.S. military forces in South-Eact Asia.

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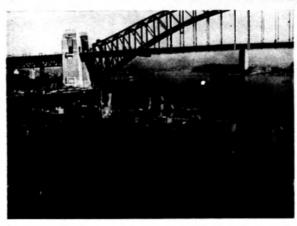
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with the Chiefs of Staff Committee

The Chief of the Malaysian Arm-

designed to assist in equipping the Australian Services during the threeyear defence programme ending in June, 1968.

The review confirmed the credit financing programme of Australian purchases for \$U.S. 350 million at 41%, \$U.S. 80 million at 4% and SU.S. 20 million at 51%.

Lengthy discussions were held over the F-111 aircraft and covered ceiling price, interest rate and production delivery schedule.

Production costs on the first two guided missile destroyers (DDG) (see photo) being bought by Australia showed a 16% saving on es-

There was a warning however. that there could be a possible delay destroyer, H.M.A.S. "Brisbane", owing to outfitting delays.

The further extension of mutually advantageous use of logistics in S.E.A.T.O. planning was also discussed by the representatives.

HOBART FOR VIETNAM WATERS

The Guided Missile Destroyer. H.M.A.S. "Hobart" (D39) sailed from Sydney at 5.30 p.m., 7th March for service in Vietnamese

"Hobart", under the command of Captain G. R. Griffiths, R.A.N., and carrying a ship's company of 330 officers and sailors, has been saw at first hand the training being undertaken by the Malaysian Services personnel in Australia under the Malaysian Aid Programme.

ARMED SERVICES **STATISTICS**

A statement released on May 1 gave details of recruiting for the Armed Services for February and March of this year.

Actual strengths at March 31 were: Navy 15,795; Army 39,187 (25,291 regulars and 13,896 National Servicemen): Air Force

COLLINS TROPHY-1966

The Collins Trophy donated to the R.A.N. by the Fairey Aviation Company for annual competition between Squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm was won last year by 723 Squadron.

The Squadron which is stationed at H.M.A.S. Albatross, has the responsibility of training helicopter pilots and is also involved in search ed Forces Staff. General Tunku and rescue duties (see photo).

The men of 723 Squadron played P.M.N., visited Australia during a prominent part in the search for survivors from the dredge "W. D. While in Australia he exchanged Atlas" during May last year, resviews on matters of mutual interest cuing four men from the sea.

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H.M.A.S. "Boonaroo" decommissioned from the Royal Australian Navy at an informal ceremony held on Monday, May 8, 1967, was handed back to her civilian owners, the Australian National Line.

H.M.A.S. OXLEY COMMISSIONED

At the yards of Scotts' Shipbuilderly in 196 ing and Engineering Company, a year later.

Greenock, Scotland, on March 21, H.M.A.S. "Oxley", first of four Oberon Class submarines for the R.A.N. was commissioned.

The commissioning of "Oxley" marked the re-introduction of a submarine force into the R.A.N. for the first time in 35 years. "Oxley" was launched (see photo) on September 24, 1965, by Lady Downer, wife of the Australian High Commissioner in Britain. The second of the class "Otway" was launched by Princess Marina in November, 1966. "Ovens" is expected to be launched early in 1967 and "Onslow" about a year later.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME

The ninth annual meeting of representatives of the U.S., U.K., Canada and Australia on the Technical Co-operation Programme took place at Canberra on May 15.

The mission of the Programme is to further defence research and development among the four countries, to avoid duplication of effort and to provide economies in the use of scientific resources of the member countries as well as to afford mutual assistance through collaboration among scientists engaged in selected fields of research.

VISIT BY NEW ZEALAND ADMIRAL

The Royal New Zealand Navy's Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral John O'Connor Ross, C.B., C.B.E., visited Canberra last March.

While at Canberra he held discussions with the Australian Naval Board, the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Secretary, Department of Defence. He also visited the R.A.N. College at Jervis Bay to see the New Zealand Cadet Midshipmen in training. Finally on March 14, Admiral O'Connor Ross held discussions with the Flag Officer in Charge, East Australia Area, Rear Admiral T. Morrison, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C.

UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE

Three officers, one from each Service, have been selected to attend the 42nd course at the United States Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia.

The officers selected are Commander J. G. Sommervelle, R.A.N., Lieutenant Colonel K. P. Outridge, Army and Wing Commander H. J. Hurley, R.A.A.F.

AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL MISSION TO MALAYSIA

An Australian Technical Mission visited Malaysia from May 22-June 5 for discussions on defence aid. Within the limits imposed by competing demands on resources, it



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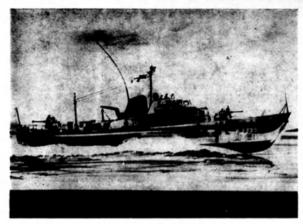
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was agreed that the current defence aid programme would be extended until the end of 1970, the termination date for Malaysia's present expansion programme.

The current programme covers the provision of training courses in Australia for Malaysian Servicemen, the secondment of Australian Servicemen to the Malaysian Armed Forces and a wide range of military equipment.

In addition to discussions with the Malaysian Ministry of Defence and Royal Malaysian Police authorities, the members visited Service installations, ammunition depots and dockyards to obtain as complete a picture as possible of Malaysia's defence and internal security requirements.

INDUSTRIAL MOBILISATION REFRESHER

The problems associated with industrial support for the Defence effort were discussed by more than 100 representatives of industry, the armed forces and State and Commonwealth Departments at an Industrial Mobilisation Refresher Course in Sydney on May 10 and 11.

Commenting on the object of the course, the Honourable Allen Fairhall, M.P., Minister for Defence, said that it was in the best interests of both the Government and the industrialists to keep abreast of developments in industry and defence. Planning necessary to meet equipment needs of the forces could then be undertaken.

PATROL BOATS

H.M.A.S. "Attack" was launched by the Mayoress of Darwin, Mrs. Lilyan Chan at the shipyards of Evans Deakin and Company Pty. Ltd., Brisbane, at 9.35 a.m. on Saturday. April 8.

The wife of the Member for Manus in the Papua-New Guinea House of Assembly, Mrs. Maloat Paliau launched H.M.A.S. "Aitape", the first of five patrol boats being built for the R.A.N's Papua-New Guinea Division, late last May at Walkers Limited. Maryborough, Queensland (see photo).

THAI NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

A party of senior Service officers and Government officials attending the Thai National Defence College visited Australia from May 14-16, as part of the group's 1967 study tour of the Far East.

The Superintendent of the College. Lieutenant General Chalerm Mar-Haddh-Na-Nond. led the party whose principal objective was to see at first hand various aspects of neighbouring countries.

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Flagship of the Royal Australian Navy, the aircraft carrier, H.M.A.S. "Melbourne", the fleet tanker H.M.A.S. "Supply" (see photo on previous page) and the destroyer escort H.M.A.S. "Derwent" made goodwill visits to Japan during Maylune

"Melbourne". currently serving with the British Commonwealth Strategic Reserve called at Yokohama from May 25-29 and Kure from May 31-June 3.

"Supply" was in Yokusuka from May 25-June 2 and "Derwent" visited Tokyo. May 25-27, Hiroshima, May 29-31, and Sasebo from June 1-3.

RECORD CHART SALES

Sales of Royal Australian Navy charts reached the record number of 24,118 in 1966.

Nineteen new charts were published last year, including Mackay, Cairns, Whitsunday Passage, Groote Eylandt, Port Hedland and Dampier and a yachting chart of the approaches to Port Jackson.

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Rear Admiral T. K. Morrison, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., Flag Officer in Charge, East Australia Area, impecting members of the guard at the annual Church Parade of the New South Wales Division of the Australian Sea Cadet Corps, Garden Island, Sydney (see story under heading "Sea Cadet Corps News").

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The Royal Navy in the Fisher era, 1904-1919. Volume III, Jutland and After: May, 1916-December, 1916. Author: Arthur J. Marder. Professor of History. The University of California, Irvine. Publisher: Oxford University Press, 1966, 297 pages; 16 folding charts, Price: \$10.90. Review By: B. R. Nield, Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R. (Retd).

indigestible: voluminous official histories, personal reminiscences and so forth. Finally, some very scholarly concise works have been written. Arthur Marder, of the University of California, has written these three volumes - one volume has yet to appear - using all the information. official and unofficial, which is now available

In these three volumes Professor Marder has shown outstanding zeal for historical research. He has ransacked nublished works, official documents, unpublished manuscripts and every other other source of information, and has, of course, corresponded with individuals who were able to provide further facts or opinious. By these labours he has produced, in these volumes, an excellent guide to the events of the war and to the doctrines held by the naval leaders. By this full command of his material he has composed, instead of a dull thesis or a jumble of data, a vivid, apparently effortless narrative.

It can be used as a work of reference even for specialised questions. Let us consider, for example, two matters of specifically Australian interest. Firstly, we may wish to know something about the career of that distinguished Australian, Lord Hankey. Professor Marder tells us so much about the part played by Lord Hankey in strategic planning. and also refers us to Lord Hankey's own account. Secondly, we may, perhaps in connection with Anzac Day, wish to know something about the Gallipoli campaign. Professor Marder gives us the strategic background of that campaign and traces the controversies which it caused.

easier to study the First World War. der's history are those which he A generation ago, much informa- states himself. He concentrate on tion was available but it was rather the Grand Fleet and on major strategic issues and does not attempt to deal in detail with minor engagements or with events in the minor theatres of the war. These limitations are perfectly reasonable, but it is worth bearing in mind that some of the small-scale activities of the First World War had very important consequences. This applies to the beginning of naval aviation and to naval activities in the Far East and Middle East.

> The British admirals of this period had been greatly influenced by the tradition of Nelson and by the writings of A. T. Mahan. Battles against enemy warships were expected to be decisive in a war, and the protection or destruction of merchant ships was regarded as less important. Along these lines, we can explain the Admiralty's failure to anticipate U-boat warfare or to institute a convoy system in 1914. In learning from history, a little knowledge is dangerous. Why concentrate on the battle of Trafalgar? It did not bring Napoleon to his knees. In the fifth century B.C., the Greeks defeated the Persian invasion by commerce destruction and then, two generations later, the Spartans defeated the Athenians by commerce destruction. That was long ago. Very recently, in 1945, Japan was defeated by commerce destruction.

Much of the controversy about the battle of Jutland can be explained in the same way. On the Mahan theory, it should have been the decisive battle of the war, but obviously it was not. The first person to blame should be Mahan, not Beatty or Jellicoe.

Professor Marder provides food for thought in this matter and in liaison work in the Far East.

In recent years it has become The limitations of Professor Mar- others, not by partisanship but by facts. His book is a good first book on the period, and many readers who have been led farther afield will finally turn back to him, thinking "What does Marder say?"

Commander A. H. Green who died in Hobart on April 3 almost became a legendary figure in the Service.

He had been in retirement for some years but memories of his "exploits" were revived by the series of articles published in "Navv News" under the nom-de-plume of "Garnold Reen"

These humorous stories, all true, and which reflected the character of Commander Green, created wide interest.

Commander Green, who was born at Surrey Hills. Victoria on March 23, 1906, entered the Royal Australian Naval College in 1920

He gained his colours for cricket. athletics and rowing and his career was full of interest.

He served in the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Navy ships, and at the outbreak of war in 1939, he was serving in H.M.A.S. "Canberra" in which he remained until August, 1940, when he was posted to H.M.A.S. "Stuart".

While in this ship he was lent to H.M.S. "Nile" as liaison officer with the Western Desert Forces.

In 1942 he commanded H.M.A.S. "Warrego" and was in command of H.M.A.S. "Napler" from 1942 to 1944. A year later he commanded H.M.A.S. "Norman".

Commander Green was awarded the D.S.C. while serving in H.M.S. "Nile" during the Libyan Campaign and a Bar to the D.S.C. for similar

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JAPAN'S MARITIME SELF-DEFENCE FORCE (MSDF)

A survey compiled from information supplied by the Maritime Staff, Japanese Defence Agency and other sources. All photographs produced are official. The Editor expresses his appreciation for the assistance and co-operation rendered by Chihiro Katsuta, a Consul in the Consulate-General of Japan.

More than 2,000 years of victory the Self-Defence Forces Law ". . . Emperor of Japan called upon the direct and indirect aggression for vessels. Supreme Commander of the Allied the purpose of preserving peace and Powers in 1945.

which had once been the pride of of maintaining public order." the nation was forgotten as were all a stable reality.

THE MISSION OF THE SELF-DEFENCE FORCES

Japan has no navy, army or air force but she does have Maritime. military forces of other nations.

the independence of our country. With the end of the War, Japan and to maintain the national securwas thrown into confusion. A Navy ity and when necessary, take charge

When Japan was occupied by the other things military. But, by the Allied Powers in 1945, she was end of a decade the new Japan was totally disarmed. All regular officers of the armed forces were demobilised as were members of parliament, businessmen and industrialists.

However, in 1952, as the Korean Ground and Air Self-Defence War continued, General Douglas Forces whose basic mission, organ- MacArthur, Supreme Commander isation, equipment and training are Allied Powers, authorised the forgenerally the same as those of the mation of a Maritime Safety Force, as a U.S. Bilateral Treaty Power. the forerunner of the Maritime The primary mission of the three Self-Defence Force and on 12th

concluded an Agreement with the had come to an end when the is to defend our country against United States for the loan of Naval

Mutual Defence Assistance Agreement and Establishment of the Maritime Self-Defence Force

During the first half of 1954 the Mutual Defence Assistance Agreement was signed by Japan and the United States of America. Also further agreements for the loan of U.S. Naval vessels were concluded whereby eight destroyers, one submarine and aircraft together with ammunition, were supplied. Thus Japan, like Spain, Iran, South Korea and Taiwan is now classified

On 1st July, 1954 the Coastal Safety Force became the Maritime Self-Defence Forces, as defined by November of the same year Japan Self-Defence Force (MSDF). The same year saw the formation of the Ground Self-Defence Force (GSDF) and the Air Self-Defence Force (ASDF).

> Together with the establishment of the Joint Staff Council and with the increase of civilian staffs, the Self-Defence Forces (SDF) were formed and the Japan Defence Agency (JDA) was established as the overall administrative body.

> Two distinct features of the total defence establishment are the Defence Agency and Defence Academy. Except for the defence capability plan and the operating plan of the Joint Staff Council and the three Services, all major defence plans are formulated within the defence Bureau of the Defence Agency without the direct participation of uniformed personnel and it should be made clear that there appears to be no objection to the



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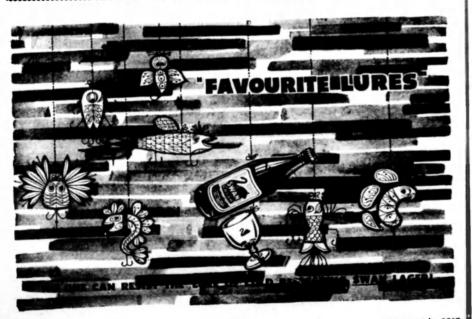


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defence organisations being administered by civilians.

Defence Academy

The Japanese are one of the first powers to fully realise the feasibility, importance and advantage of three-force co-operation. viz: a single combined force to play the major role in any future war, thus the Defence Academy is a combined naval, military and air college where a total of 530 cadets (current ligure) are admitted annually.

The first year of the four year course provides a common curriculum for all cadets regardless of service interest, but from the second

vear 100 are assigned as officer candidates for the MSDF, 300 for the GSDF and 130 for the ASDF. From this time on cadets receive a specialised education in the service to which they have been assigned.

Unique Fratures of the Japanese Self Defence Forces

There are five very interesting and distinct facets peculiar to the Forces, namely:

(1) No person serving in the Forces can be court martialed; instead, a Jefendant is brought before a civil court and may choose his own counsel who in turn has access to any classified information regardless of his security rating.

(2) Censorship is prohibited — freedom of expression in any form is permitted and guaranteed by the Constitution.

(3) All members must be volunteers; conscription is not permitted, neither are Reserve forces except for 19,000 in the GSDF Reserve. When a man leaves the Service his obligations also cease, he retains neither rank nor uniform and even in a national emergency no former member of the forces is obligated to re-enlist.

(4) The terms of the Constitution prohibit the sending of any Self-Defence Force unit abroad for defence purposes.

(5) The Emperor holds no rank in the forces, nor does he wear Service uniform, and to date, has never visited a Self-Defence Force

The MSDF Today

There are at present more than 35,180 officers and ratings in the MSDF and some 4,980 civilian personnel. Japan's total Defence Estimates for 1966/67 were 340,635,000,000 Yen, equal to 5946,000,000; which figure is 1.3% of the Gross National Product and 8.2% of total government expenditure. There are approximately 205 ships and 240 aircraft attached to the MSDF.

Present Strength

Destroyers, Total: 22.

(a) Antisubmarine type of the improved "Moon" class.

Takatsuki—DD164 (Photograph) is the first of four of this class to be completed, one sister ship will be named Mochizuki—DD165 and the remaining two to be listed as DDA's are as yet unnamed. Ships of this class have combined masta and stacks.

Displacing 3,000 tons and having a length of 426½ feet and a beam of 44½ feet, vessels of this class mount two, 5 inch dual purpose guns in single mounts. Anti-submarine equipment comprises octuple ASROC; a DASH helicopter; one, four-barrelled rocket launcher and two. triple homing-torpedo launchers. Two Foster-Wheeler boilers together with geared turbines turning two shafts, develop 60,000 S.H.P. equal to 32 knots.



The Destroyer OONAMI of the Wave Class.

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Of a total of seven to be con- absence of superstructure. structed, the Yamagumo--DD113 and Makigumo-DD114 (photograph) have been completed, the third vessel has as yet only been named, Murakumo-DD115; the maining four of this class will be built under the five year defence plan-1962 to 1966.

Vessels of the "Cloud" class are fitted with a lattice mast and two funnels. Their official displacement figure is 2.050 tons: dimensions: 347 feet in length with a beam of 381 feet. Weapons include four. 3 inch anti-aircraft guns in two twin mounts: Octuple (viz: eight) ASROC; one, four-barrelled rocket launcher: two, triple homing torpedo launchers. Power is provided by Mitsui B & W diesels turning two shafts and developing 26,500 B.H.P. equalling 27 knots. Complement-215 officers and men. (c) Guided Missile Armed Typeone only.

Amatsukaze (photograph) DD163 was laid down on 29th November, 1962, launched 5th October, 1963 and completed 15th February, 1965: a creditable feat for a prototype of the size and complexity of this vessel. Displacing 3,050 tons standard and 4,000 tons full load, she is the largest naval vessel completed in Japan since the end of World War II and the first to be armed with a guided missile launcher. She is distinguished by very clean lines,

(b) Diesel type of the "Cloud class, with flush deck and a marked

This ship has an overall length of 4291 feet and beam of 44 feet and is fitted with the radar guided. surface-to-air guided missile, "Tartar", in one single launcher.

This destroyer is equipped with four, 3 inch anti-aircraft guns in two twin mounts: her anti-submarine weapons comprising one set two hedgehogs; two Y-guns; one

on each side and two Hedgehogs. Ship's complement is 290 officers and ratings. Two Ishikawaiima Foster-Wheeler boilers and geared turbines turning two shafts and developing 60,000 shaft horsepower provide a speed of 33 knots.

Amatsukaze is designed to carry a helicopter and it is understood she is shortly to have ASROC fitted amidships.

(d) Two, "Moon" class-Akizuki-DD161 (photograph) and Teruzuki -DD162

Destroyers of a new design having a long forecastle hull these vessels were buit in Japan under an Off-Shore Procurement Agreement. They serve as flotilla leaders and senior efficers' ships, Akizuki sisited Sydney and Melbourne during August last year with the MSDF training squadron.

Having an overall length of 387 1/6 feet and a beam of 39 1/3 feet, vessels of the "Moon" class are fitted with three, 5 inch dual-purpose guns in single turrents and four, 3 inch anti-aircraft guns in two twin mounts.

They are equipped with four, 21 inch (quadrupled) torpedo tubes and anti-submarine weapons include of Short Torpedo Dropping Gear U.S. model Mk 108 rocket launcher



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and two depth charge throwers. These destroyers are also equipped with two homing-torpedo launchers two radar systems and two sonar installations.

Shaft horsepower is 45,000 equal to 32 knots. Ships' complement is 330 officers and men

(e) Seven Inti-Submarine ("A" Type DDK)-"Wave" class: Avanami, Isonami, Shikinami, Takanami, Uranami, Oonami (photograph) and Makinami.

All vessels of this class were completed during the period 1958/1960 under the First Defence Build-up Programme and are reported to be very successful ships.

Displacing 2,500 tons full load. vessels of this class measure 357 2/3rd feet at the waterline and are 35 feet in beam. Armament consists of six, 3 inch anti-aircraft guns armament and other equipment and in three twin turrets: four, 21 inch (quadrupled) torpedo tubes (four torpedo loading racks are mounted in pairs abreast the after funnel): four fixed anti-submarine homing torpedo launchers mounted on the quarter deck: two U.S. model Mk 15 hedgehog type depth charge throwers mounted on turntables before the bridge, and two Y-guns.

Machinery consists of two Mitsubishi-Nagasaki CE type boilers supplying high-pressure superheated steam to two sets of Mitsubishi-Escher-Weiss geared turbines turning two shafts and developing 35,000 shaft horsepower, equal to a speed of 32 knots. These destroyers carry 229 officers and men.

(f) Other older destroyers include three anti-aircraft ("A" Type DDA) of the "Rain" class. Harusame. Murasame and Yudachi: two of the "Wind" class Harukaze and Yukikaze. Classed as high speed escort vessels, they were modelled after the Shiratsuyu of the Imperial Japanese Navy and "Gearing" class destroyer of the U.S. Navy; two "Twilight" class being ex U.S. vessels of the later "Fletcher" type-Ariake and Yuugure were modernised in 1962; finally, two "Breeze" class being ex U.S. vessels of the "Gleaves-Livermore" Type.

Frigates and/or Destroyer Escorts. Total-18

Fourteen of the vessels in this classification were completed before



The Destrayer Escart of the River Class. KITAKAMI

1956. Japan's latest vessels are four of the "River" class. Isuzu and Mogami were completed in 1961 whilst Kitakami (photograph) and Ool were completed in 1964 and have a number of improvements in are reported to be of slightly different dimensions.

Destroyer Escorts of this class displace 1,490 tons standard and 1.700 tons full load, having an overall length of 3081 feet and beam of 341 feet.

Four, 3 inch guns in twin mounts: four, 21 inch (quadrupled) torpedo tubes: one, four barrelled rocket launcher; two, triple homingtorpedo launchers: one denth charge thrower and one depth charge rack comprise their armament.

Machinery consists of four diesels. Two shafts, Brake horsenower: 16,000 equal to 25 knots.

These airconditioned vessels carry a crew of 180

Submarines. Total-6 (Four yet to built under the Fivevear Defence Plan. 1962-1966)

(a) Of the two boats of the "Ooshio" class, "Asashio", SS562 and "Ooshio", SS561 (photograph), the latter is the only boat yet completed. Of a large design these boats are being constructed to obtain improved seaworthiness, increase torpedo carrying capacity, are fitted with more comprehensive sonar and electronic devices and be capable of diving to a considerable depth.

Standard displacement is 1,600 tons, the dimensions being 2881 x 27 x 151 feet. Six bow and two stern. 21 inch torpedo tubes are

Designed surface speed is 14 knots, submerged speed 16 knots, power being derived from two sets of Kawasaki MAN diesels or two electric motors.

(b) "Havashio" class. Total-4. These boats, "Fuvushio", "Nat-



Completed in 1965, OOSHIO is the first of five submarines of this typo.

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Displacing 750/780 tons standard these submarines are 1931-200 feet in overall length and are fitted with three, 21 inch torpedo tubes.

Complement: 40 officers and men.

Submerged speed is 14 knots and surface speed 11 knots.

(c) "Oyashio" class. One only.

The one submarine "Oyashio"— SS511, was laid down on December 25, 1947, launched on December 25, 1959 and completed on June 30, 1960; she was the first submarine to be built in a Japanese shipyard since the end of World War II.

Displacing 1,130 tons surface and 1,420 tons submerged, she is 2584 the strong U.S. feet in length and is fitted with four. 21 inch torpedo tubes and can carry ten torpedoes.

The force compared to the comp

Her machinery comprises two diesels, B.H.P. 2.700 equal to 13 knots (surface): two electric motors. S.H.P. 5,960 equal to 19 knots (submerged).

General:

Other minor vessels include 20 submarine chasers. 10 motor torpedo boats, 39 minesweepers and minelayers, 52 landing craft and landing ships and 39 other vessels.

Japan also has a Maritime Safety Agency which was formed in 1948 and which operates as an external organisation of the Ministry of



A drawing of Japan's new training ship—her keel was laid during March, 1967

Transport. The Maritime Safety Agency is the equivalent of the U.S. Coast Guard—another example of the strong U.S. influence over the Japanese people.

The force comprises 8 large patrol vessels. 22 medium patrol vessels. 54 small patrol vessels, 40 patrol craft. 5 surveying vessels. 31 coastal patrol craft. numerous harbour patrol and service craft and 3 tenders. Personnel number 11,300 approximately.

New Construction Programme (Five Year Defence Plan)

Under the second five-year defence programme, 1962 to 1966, as well as building new destroyers and submarines, Japan is building one training ship of 3.500 tons, one minelayer of 2.000 tons and one experimental hydroplane.

Details of the training ship (photograph) are as follows:

Her keel was laid during March this year and she is scheduled for completion in 1969. Overall length to be 415 feet with a beam of 49 feet (approx. figures). Armament to comprise four, 3 inch rapid fire guns in twin mounts, a rocket launcher and two sets of three torpedo tubes mounted abreast the funnel. This vessel will be provided with a helicopter landing platform. Designed speed is 25 knots (approx.). Ship's complement will be 460 officers and men.

Third Defence Build-up Programme

This programme was finalised by the National Defence Council in March. 1967, whose objective is to promote home production of equipment to support the build-up attained by the Second Programme (1962-1966).

The Defence Council has agreed to build 60 Self-Defence ships having a total tonnage of approximately 53,000, including 14 destroyer escorts and 5 submarines, with the objective of maintaining 207 ships (total tonnage approx. 142,000) by the end of 1971. The Council hopes to have 196 Supporting ships in commission by the end of 1971 total tonnage approximately 21,550. Besides maintaining 60 fixed wing aircraft for anti-submarine search, 33 helicopters and 28 training planes the Council intend having 218 opeerational aircraft by the end of 1971.



"Hayashio" the name submarine of the class

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Eight HSS-2's, American designed anti-submarine warfare helicopters, variants of the Sikorsky S-61B-1 (SH-3A Sea King), see photograph.

One B-65, a light executive transport seating 4 to 5 passengers. It is a non-pressurised version of the U.S. built Beech 65-90 King Air.

One NAMC YS-11M, a shortmedium haul commercial transport. One, S-62, Sikorsky General Purpose Transport helicopter already

operated by the ASDF.

An unknown number of medium assault transport helicopters known as V-107 (Boeing-Vertol CH-46A Sea Knight). Their principal tasks will include anti-submarine functions, mine-sweeping, reconnaissance, rescue and transport duties (see photograph).

Development of A.S.W. systems has lagged behind that of the vessel that they are intended to counter, and considerable effort is being expended in the West (and presumably in the Soviet Union also) to close the gap and nullify the threat posed by the nuclear underwater vessel that can lay submerged at great depths and undetected until it launches its missiles and then moves stealthily away. It would be idle to suggest that the necessary breakthrough in the development of A.S.W. systems has yet been made. but the vehicles that will carry such

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Aircraft in Service with the JMSDF systems when they become available The Naval air component current- are already taking form, and the Japanese have had two new maritime patrol aircraft under development for some considerable time, oped would seem to remain. borne PX-S.

NEPTUNE DERIVATIVE

existing jigs and tools on which Kawasaki has manufactured 48 P-2H Neptunes can also be used for its proposed successor, known to Kawasaki as the GK-210 and to the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force as the P2V-Kai. Apart from inadequate internal capacity, the existing Neptune is somewhat short on range and speed, and lacks the crew comfort demanded if peak efficiency is to be maintained over long-duration patrols. Kawasaki's only consession to increasing internal capacity has been the insertion of a 45-in section in the fuselage between the wing leading edge and the flight deck, but as an additional crew member is to be carried by the P2V-Kai (a tactical co-ordinator), the problem of providing sufficient space to accommodate new A.S.W. systems as they are devel-

the shore-based PX-L and the water- and speed have been tackled, and the P2V-Kai replaces the Wright turbo-compounds of the Neptune The PX-L which recently com- with 2,850 eshp licence-built Genmenced its test programme, is a de- eral Electric T64-IHI-10 turboprops, rivative of the Lockheed P-2H and the Westinghouse J34-WE-36 Neptune evolved by the Japanese auxiliary turbojets are supplanted Neptune licensee, Kawasaki. Al- by indigenous J-3-IHI-7C turbojets though widely considered to be too of 3.086 lb st. The APS-20 search small to carry adequately compre- radar has given place to X-band hensive A.S.W. gear, an updated APS-80A with its very much smaller Neptune is attractive to the Japan- ventral radome; the main undercarese on the score of cost, for the riage members have been redesigned



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and are now of twin-wheel type. and the vertical tail surface area has been increased by a foot extension of the tip chord. By comparison with the P-2H, empty weight of the P2V-Kai has been reduced by some 10,000 lb. gross take-off weight being 8,000 lb. lower.

Current plans call for the acquisition of 68 P2V-Kai maritime natrol aircraft by the JMSDF.

THE PX-S FLYING BOAT

Apart from the Soviet Union only Japan appears to retain any interest in the flying boat for the maritime patrol task, although the U.S. Navy has apparently thought twice about phasing out the Martin SP-5B Marlin flying boats that still equip three patrol squadrons, and is initiating a retrofit programme in which a single General Electric J85-GE-2 turbojet is mounted in the rear of the hull to reduce take-off time and distance at the high gross weights that the Marlin now operates with its ever-increasing load of A.S.W. gear. In Japan, the PX-S programme for a new patrol flying hoat will bear fruit with the completion of the first Shin Meiwa flying boat built to meet the requirements of the JMSDF's specification. although flight trials will not begin until August (refer page 11. Aug-Sept. Oct., 1966, edition).

2,850 eshp T64-IHI-10 turboprops, the engine nacelles, each pod housand boundary layer control (BLC) ing two homing torpedoes or depth is utilised for high lift, this being bombs. supplemented by an airscrew slip-



Dr. S. Kikuhara aiding operating 1973. in rough seas. With empty and normal gross weights of 50,700 lb. and 72.750 lb. and an overload gross weight of 88,200 lb. the PX-S has an estimated maximum speed of 345 mph, a cruising speed of 230 mph, and normal maximum ranges of 1,380 miles and 2,300 miles. Cffensive stores are to be Like the P2V-Kai, the PX-S has housed in underwing pods between

The second PX-S prototype is exstream deflection system, and it is picted to be completed in March, claimed that the high length-to-beam 1968, and if flight trials are success-

ratio will endow the PX-S with out- ful, it is anticipated that 22 flying standing seaworthiness, a groove- boats of this type will be delivered type spray suppressor evolved by to the JMSDF between 1971 and

> Anti-submarine fixed-wing aircraft currently in service with the JMSDF is the P2V-7, which, like its successor, the P-2J, belongs to the "Neptune" family (see photograph). The F-2J is still in process of development, however, major modifications include the installation of home-manufactured turbo-prop engines and the enlargement of the air frame thus providing increased anti-submarine patrol capabilities. Conclusion.

> The relatively orderly advancement of all Self-Defence Forces is due to the support rendered by the United States — support in the form of weapons, vehicles, ships, aircraft, communications equipment and other aid. At the same time, the knowledge gained in the use of that equipment has developed Japan's operational and technical ability to overcome and supplement her deficiencies.

> In the wider sense, it is essential that Japan, in its vital strategic and tactical position in the world, develop long-range, co-ordinated defence programmes of her own so that she is in a position to counterbalance the changing developments in the Far East and other areas as problems arise.



A model of the Shin Melwa PX-S four-turboprop flying-boat being developed for anti-submarine and patrol duties for the Japanese Navy. Weighing 40 tons, It is expected to fly this year. Prelimary research has been done, using a converted Grumman Albatross

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CANADA NEW A.D.A. SYSTEM

Britain has her Action Data Automation system. America has her Naval Tactical Data System and now Canada is to have a system called Command and Control System 280. All three are highly sophisticated methods of collecting all the information obtained by the various sensors, such as radar, sonar, reports from other ships and so on, and then analysing these reports and displaying them to the Command.

The Canadian system is being developed by Litton Industries of the U.S.A. and will be the first of such equipments to be largely microelectronic. The heart of the system will be a L340F computer, which is the latest version of the Litton 300 series of computers and there will be a number of newly developed modular display consoles.

The system is intended principally for anti-submarine work and will be fitted in Canada's helicopter destrovers now under construction.

SEA SPARROW

The Canadian Navy is to develop Sea Sparrow, the U.S. close-range surface-to-air missile system, for her four new helicopter destroyers now building and two new operational support ships. The system will use the Sparrow III missile coupled with a Dutch fire-control system and a Canadian launcher.

ANTI-SUBMARINE EXERCISE

A combined U.S. and Canadian anti-submarine exercise took place in the Caribbean from January to the end of March with ships operating Puerto Rico.

Canadian ships taking part included the mobile repair ship. Cape scott, helicopter destroyers Saguenay, naval aircraft operating from Shear- military helicopters. The AS.12 battante."

water Naval Air Station. Nova also is very similar to its surface-

CENTENNIAL YEAR

Halifax and Victoria, ships of the heliconters R.C.N. will have a busy year visiting nearly a hundred Canadian ports during 1967. Canada's Centennial

The programme commenced with the visit of a destroyer squadron to Montreal in April to participate in the opening ceremony of Expo '67.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC LANDLUBBER NAVY

The Central African Republic. which is 500 miles away from the nearest ocean, is starting a navy.

An announcement from the office of President Jean Bedel Bokassa said the navy was being created as part of a general strengthening of the country's armed forces. It had just acquired a vessel - a river tug donated by neighbouring Kinshasa.

FRANCE SS.12 AT SEA

A new navalised version of the Nord SS.12 tactical surface-tosurface missile has been developed from the coastal patrol boat "La for operation from fast patrol boats. Combattante" at a moving target The object is to provide effective over 6.000 vds. distance. Both hit armament against much larger the 12 ft. x 16 ft. target, within a vessels and shore targets.

colid-propellant motor, SS.12 is wire to the manufacturer, the missile's guided and steered by jet-deflection. It weighs 167 lb with a 67 lb highexplosive warhead. Hitting power is inherent flight accuracy. Developed equivalent to a 155 mm artillery by the Puteaux Arsenal (a branch

out of Roosevelt Roads naval station, commodate two SS.12 or four SS.11 missiles. Optical sighting, guidance is being adapted to other vehicles. and control facilities are self- It has a high degree of magnificacontained.

Annapolis, Skeena, Assiniboine, Martion family of tactical missiles is movements. garee and Ottawa, the destroyer es- evident in many successful variacorts Kootenay, Restigouche, Mac- tions of the basic type. The SS.11. kenzie and Saskatchewan. Argus originally developed as an anti-tank an Alouette III helicopter fired maritime aircraft, navy Tracker air- weapon, has since been used in an AS.11 and AS.12 missiles at a movcraft, Sea King and Sikorsky heli- AS.11 version in an air-to-surface ing sea target with full success, using copters were also involved. The role; it is also basic armament on a similar sight to that on "La Com-

to-surface SS.12 version and has the same warhead. It, too, is in service Apart from two naval reviews at with several types of aircraft and



During recent trials at Toulon. two navalised SS.12's were fired vard of its centre and about one Powered by a Nord two-stage yard above the waterline, According high accuracy is as much due to a special optical sight as the missile's of the Technical Direction of Land The lightweight launcher can ac- Armaments), this sight was originally designed for helicopter use, but tion and is completely gyro-The versatility of the Nord Avia- stabilised to compensate for ship

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FIRST ATOMIC SUBMARINE

The French Navy launched its first nuclear-powered "Polaris-type" submarine, the Q252 Redoubtable, at Cherbourg on March 29. France has already ordered three of this French-developed type, described as SNLE (Sousmarin Nucleaire Lance-Engins) and may increase the order to five. They are due to enter service in the 1970-74 period. With a length of 420 ft. and a beam of 34.76 ft., they have a displacement of 7900 tons (surface) and 9000 tons submerged, and will be armed with 16 MSBS (underwater-fired sea to shore ballistic strategic) nuclear missiles, and four torpedo tubes. MSBS missiles, already tested aboard the 3800 tons Gymnote (refer article "French Submarine Effort" below) experimental submarine, have a 10-ton thrust (P10) first stage and a four-ton thrust (P4) second stage, both solid propellant. They can be launched from a depth of 60 ft., using compressed air, with aiming and firing after they break surface, and have a range between 1250 and 1900nm. Size problems now limit them to 200 kilotron doped nuclear warheads. but they will eventually have megaton thermo-nuclear warheads when miniaturisation problems imposed by SNLE capacity are overcome. Powered by a PWR type atomic reactor, developed by the Cadarache Nuclear Research Centre, and delivering 20,000 h.p. they will have a submerged speed of more than 0 kt., and an endurance, without efuelling, of three years. Cruise enurance capability submerged is isted as 90 days, but in practice vill be about three days.

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FRENCH SUBMARINE EFFORT

It looks as if, following the United States and British lead. France is to stop building conventionally powered submarines and concentrate in future on nuclear-

The latest project is "Rubis", a nuclear-power fleet submarine of 3.800 tons with a length of 275 2-3 ft. and a beam of 341 ft., of a new hunter-killer type with high performance. This is evidently the prototype for the French submarine fleet of the future.

For the construction of this vessel, and for the construction of France's first nuclear - powered ballisticmissile-armed submarine, "Redoubtable", experience was undoubtedly gained with the building of Gymnote, completed at Cherbourg last

"Gymnote" was specifically designed as an experimental platform for testing fleet ballistic missiles destined for "Redoubtable", prototype underwater and the French hope of the Force de Frappe of three, or French Navy hopes to have in the

as an underwater laboratory to prove trial equipment and arms for nuclear-powered submarines. With a displacement of 3,800 tons she has U.S.A. length of 275 ft, and a beam of 341 ft. She is quite unlike any other submarine in appearance, her two prominent features being her high

missile-section abaft the conning tower fin or "sail" and the sonar dome forward. The missile section. housing four vertical tubes for Polaris-type fleet ballistic missiles extends upwards a deck higher than the normal upper deck. She is conventionally powered with diesels and electric motors, her 2,600 brake horsepower and two shafts giving her a speed of 11 knots on the surface and 10 knots submerged.

"Redoubtable" is reputed to be designed for a displacement of 7,900 tons on the surface and 9,000 tons submerged with a length of 420 ft. and a beam of 341ft. She will be armed with 16 Polaris tubes and four torpedo tubes and will have a speed of 20 knots on the surface and 25 knots submerged.

DOLPHIN MATELOTS

The French Navy has recruited a number of dolphins. They are to be trained to respond to commands that it might eventually be possible possibly five, such vessels which the to use them to tow frogmen and for other experimental underwater work.

The French are showing consider-She was also intended for use ably more interest in the ocean depths than we are and are now spending almost as much money on oceanography as are Russia and the

> Britain's oceanographers fully realise the importance of extending their work, but are having a hard time in convincing the Treasury.



F.S. GYMNOTE, showing the raised superstructure abaff the fin.

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MORE SHIPS

It turns out that the four new warships, the order for which Vosper Limited, Portsmouth, announced in August 25, 1966, had been reeived from the Imperial Iranian Government and which the Imperial Iranian Navy referred to as "destroyers", will not in fact be anything like the conventional fleet destrovers as we know that type today, that is the big vessels with the heaviest possible gun and torpedo-tube armaments commensurate with the highest possible speed derived from orthodox propelling machinery comprising boilers and geared turbines, and built by most of the major naval powers during and since the Second World War.

Rather will they be a revival, in size but not layout, appearance, armament or propulsion, of the of the "Hunt" classes afterwards rerated as frigates.

In fact the four ships being built for the Iranians are to the Vosper Mark 5 Frigate design, an improved and considerably enlarged version of the handsome and successful corvette type now proved in service in the evolution and development of this new type has been entirely team torpedo boat to destroyer but from the Vosper conception of small prvette to frigate.

The artist's impression of the osper Mark 5 frigate, while not picting the exact design of the ips which will be delivered to in, has been provided by the ilders as being quite sufficiently e it to give readers a good genil idea.

I'wo of the ships will be built at Woolston, Southampton, shiprd of John I. Thornycroft & Co. I., recently taken over by the sper Group, and two at the Newile-upon-Tyne shipyard of Vickers conjunction with Vosper, thus ilding of the recent corvettes.

It is estimated that the new frites will turn out at about 1.200



Artist's Impression of the Vosper Mark 5 Frigate.

tons displacement. As well as one and anti-aircraft weapons, and will have a very high speed obtained machinery for cruising.

Meanwhile, until these new type small destroyers of pre-war years frigates are completed, the Imperial and of the famous escort destroyers. Iranian Navy will not have been without experience of operating British built and equipped warships of comparable size and category. Ever since 1949 Iran has made good use of two former ships of the Royal Navy, namely "Babr" (ex-H.M.S. "Derby Haven"), a depot and repair ship of 1,650 tons standard and the navies of Ghana and Libya. So 2,160 tons full load displacement with an armament of two 4-inch guns and a speed of 191 knots, condifferent - not from diminutive verted from the "Loch" class frigate "Loch Assynt": and the escort vessel "Palang", formerly the British "Algerine" class ocean minesweeper, H.M.S. "Fly", with a displacement of 1.040 tons standard and 1.225 tons full load and carrying a similar armament at a speed of 164 knots.

> And now the "Battle" class destroyer "Sluys", which has been in reserve for several years on the sales disposal list, is being transferred from the Royal Navy to the Imperial Iranian Navv.

heavily armed and more sophisticated ship will be the largest unit in the Imperial Iranian Navy and rpetuating the association of the should provide considerable assisto latter firms initiated with the ance in training the personnel who operation to 40 helicopters of this will eventually be drafted as the companies of the new frigates under construction in the United Kingdom. class destroyer.

When last in operational service main gun forward they will be arm- with the Royal Navy "Sluys" had ed with powerful anti-submarine a displacement of 2,325 tons standard and 3.361 tons full load and an armament of four 4-5 inch guns. from Bristol Siddeley marine nine 40 mm. anti-aircraft guns, eight Olympus gas turbines, with diesel 21-inch torpedo tubes, and a Squid triple-barrelled anti-submarine depth charge mortar. Her propelling machinery comprises two Admiralty three-drum hoilers and a two-shaft arrangement of Parsons geared turbines aggregating 50,000 shaft horsepower designed for a speed of 351 knots. She will doubtless require extensive modification to render her suitable for conditions in the Imperial Iranian Navy and in particular for exacting service in the Persian Gulf.

ITALY **POLARIS**

The guided-missile cruiser "Vittorio Veneto" (8.850 tons) is to be fitted with Polaris and a helicopter platform. She has been taken in hand for a refit at Castellomare di Stabia near Naples.

NORWAY IROOUOIS HELICOPTERS

In addition to the 16 Bell UH-This considerably larger, more 1B's in service or in process of delivery to "Luftforsvaret", the Norwegian Government is to place supplementary orders for the Iroquois to bring the total for tri-service type. One Iroquois will be carried by each Norwegian Navy "Oslo"

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GIANT DRY DOCK

The Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering Company has announced plans to construct a 400,000-ton deadweight building and repair dock at its Sakai shipyard in western Japan by the end of next year.

The giant dock will be 1,246 ft. long, 203 ft. wide, and 29 ft. deep.

One of the three 173,900 ton deadweight oil tankers, ordered by Shell International Marine, of London, will be the first vessel to be built there.

UNITED KINGDOM

NEW-LOOK CHARTS FOR ROYAL NAVY

New-look, easier to read charts are to be produced for the Royal Navy, according to the annual report of the Hydrographer of the Navy, Rear-Admiral G. S. Ritchie.

Features of the new charts, which will be available later this year, are the use of colour to show land areas and inter-tidal zones modern symbols to mark traditional features and modern lettering and numerals.

Though designed for the Royal Navy. Admiralty charts are widely used by merchant fleets of many countries. Last year's sales of charts and sailing directions totalled \$1,665,000.

An agreement with Australian uthorities resulted in the reproducion of 12 Australian charts during he year. The resulting improvement n charting applied in particular to here recent mineral developments ecessitated charting of new and xpanded ports.

MINELAYER LAUNCHED

One of the rarest ships in the oyal Navy — a minelayer — was unched on January 27. In line ith tradition she was named "Abel" and she was launched by Lady opkins, the wife of Admiral Sir rank Hopkins, Commander-inhief. Portsmouth.

extreme length of 265 ft. and a brating at sea the system's inertial beam of just over 38 ft. She will be powered by two Paxman "Ventura" diesel engines. Her complement will be 14 officers and 109

SIXTH NUCLEAR SUBMARINE DEFINITE

Vickers Ltd. has been awarded the contract, worth about £20m. (\$50m.), to build the Royal Navy's sixth hunter-killer nuclear submarine at Barrow-in-Furness, and it was announced in London that a seventh of the type is to be ordered later this year. Three of the hunter-killer type (which are being built in addition to the R.N's four Polaris-type submarines) are already in commission. They are the Dreadnought. Warspite and Valiant. The Churchill and another, so far un-named. are under construction (refer notes in previous edition).

SUB AIDS FISHERMEN

British scientists have designed a two-man submarine to help deepsea fishermen catch more fish.

The project, still in the blue-print stage, was announced at the London International Engineering and Marine Exhibition.

The submarine, with a submerged speed of six knots, could carry a pilot and observer 600 feet under

They could follow the trawl net of a fishing vessel to see how it behaved - and how fish entered it.

UNITED STATES OF **AMERICA**

SUBMARINE NAVIGATION

U.S.N. has awarded Sperry Rand a \$US16,000,000 contract to continue development of the Polaris-Poseidon submarine navigation system, which constantly provides the position, altitude and velocity needed to put the missiles on target. Accuracy goals are reported to be 400 per cent better than the system now backing the Polaris A-3 system. One microminiaturised digi- ing" in service. Closely resembling "Abdiel" is designated an exer- tal computer will replace the three the Tartar-Terrier missiles, also dese minelayer and will have a dis- computers now used, and a new signed by GD, the Standard missiles placement of about 1,500 tons, an technique will be employed for cali- can be used in their place with

M.C.M. SUPPORT

One of the most remarkable looking specialist warships ever commissioned is the U.S.S. "Ozark", the first mine-counter-measures support ship ever built for the United States Navy. This vessel has had a very chequered history. Originally intended to be a transport with the designation AP 107, she was actually designed as a Large (Cruiser) Minelayer and numbered CM 7, but she was subsequently converted into a vehicle landing ship and redesignated LSV 2.

Originally built by Willamette Iron and Steel Corporation, Portland. Oregon, she has latterly been entirely rebuilt as a minesweeper carrier by Norfolk Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia, and she is now capable of transporting, maintaining, operating and supporting no fewer than 20 36-foot minesweeping launches and two helicopter minesweepers. She will be used in forward areas in support of amphibious landing operations.

Of 5,875 tons standard and 9,040 tons full-load displacement, with an overall length of 4551 ft. and a beam of 601ft., she is armed with two 5 in. guns and eight 40 m.m. anti-aircraft guns. Her propelling machinery comprises four boilers and geared turbines of 11,000 shaft horsepower turning two shafts and giving a speed of over 20 knots. She has accommodation for 114 officers and 450 men.

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U.S.N. contract worth \$120m. has been awarded to General Dynamics Pomona Division for quantity production of the Extended Range (ER) and Medium Range (MR) Standard anti-aircraft missiles that will replace Terrier. Tartar and Talos missiles on ships now equipped from the "3 T's" range, which, according to Defence Secretary Mc-Namara, have proved "disappoint-

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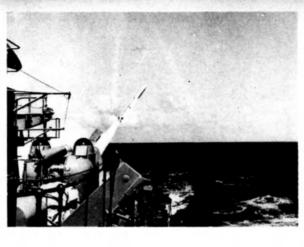
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ships, but improvements incorporated are reported to make the Standards twice as effective: with unreliability rate halved and shipboard test equipment and maintenance eliminated. Pre-firing warm-up time on the launcher is reported to have been reduced from about 30 sec. to one sec. The ER and MR versions differ only in propulsion, and feature solid state electronics. re-packaging, maintenance simplicity, faster reaction time, a semi-active homing guidance system (said to incorporate improved penetrability igainst counter measures' and enlarged growth potential. Standard MR, to replace the RIM 24B Improved Tartar, has dual solid thrust propulsion, a launch weight of 1200 lb., a max. altitude of 50,000 ft., ind a range of 15-plus miles. Stanlard ER (replacing the RIM-2E Homing Terrier), with solid motor ind booster propulsion has a launch veight of 3000 lb., a max. altitude of 75,000 ft, and range of more han 35 miles Standard length is 5 ft. (ER, with booster, 27 ft.) and liameter 13 in.

POSEIDON

The United States is to fit the Poseidon missile into 31 of their 41

minor changes to magazines, radars ballistic missile submarines. The and launchers on the guided missile remaining 10 will have the A3 Polaris missile. Both missiles are to have the MIRV multiple warheads. In this system, each warhead is capable of being guided on to a different target.

AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Development of a torpedo-carrying version of the Hughes OH-6A. possibly for the U.S. Navy, is now being undertaken. Cabable of carrying two 400 lb torpedoes, it will feature a longer undercarriage and will be cleared for deck operations. Several European navies are allegedly evincing interest in this development.

NEW TOWED SONAR

Brief details have been released of a new towed sonar being developed by the Hughes Aircraft Company for the U.S. Navy.

It is apparently a listening sonar only and consists of a string of hydrophones which are towed a great distance astern of the ship and, when necessary, at great depth. In addition to the underwater array there are five cabinets of processing and display equipment on board the ship.

OCEANOGRAPHIC BUOYS

The U.S. Navy has recently been carrying out experiments with large buoys moored in deep water and fitted with electronic devices to collect oceanographic data and transmit it to the shore, over considerable distances, by H.F. radio.

The buoys are said to be as much as 40 feet in diameter, weigh 50 tons and are topped by a 40 foot acrial mast

Although the buoys are expensive, they are said to be much cheaper in the long run than using ships to obtain the same data.

U.S.S.R. FLEET CONTROL

A system of controlling Russia's merchant fleet based on the use of computers is being developed in the Soviet Union, according to the Soviet News Agency, Tass.

Soviet sea transport had become one of the most complex, multifaceted branches of the national economy, creating a need for such a system, Tass said.

RUSSIAN NAVAL STRENGTH IN THE BALTIC

Over a quarter of the Soviet Navy is currently based in the Baltic, according to a statement issued by the West German Defence Ministry. Its present strength there is said to consist of the following:

- 5 Conventional Cruisers.
- 4 GM Ships.
- 20 Conventional Destroyers.
- 20 Escort Destroyers.
- 100 Anti-submarine Vessels.
- 185 Fast Patrol Boats, of which 65 have guided missiles.
- 130 Minesweepers. 70 Landing Vessels.
- 80 Submarines.
- 200 Naval Aircraft.

The German report stresses the build-up of Russian amphibious capacity in the Baltic and it is stated that the Warsaw Pact countries have for many years, carried out amphibious landing exercises in the Baltic area.

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Navy League Visit to U.S.C.G.C. "Glacier"

On 19th March last, about 150 Fellows of the New South Wales Division and their friends inspected the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter GLACIER (WAGB-4), the United States' largest and most powerful icebreaker. which is under the command of Captain Opic L. Dawson, U.S.C.G.

"Glacier" was designed and constructed to open polar regions never has a built-in heeling system that inbefore accessible to shins. Her primary missions are to provide icebreaking services and to support polar scientific research programs. Her tasks include the escorting of other ships through the ice, logistic support of polar stations, oceanographic and survey work, and weather ice observations in polar regions. She also shares the responsibility of protecting life and property on the high seas with her sister Coast Guard cutters

As a U.S. Navy vessel, "Glacier' participated in each of the Navy DEEP FREEZE operations in the Antarctic from 1955 to 1965. Her transfer to the U.S. Coast Guard on June 30, 1966, did not alter that assignment; she continues to lead the annual re-supply mission.

She is fitted with the largest dieselelectric propulsion plant affoat, with a total of 21,000 horsepower. Designed to provide flexible power for continuous icebreaking operation. Two 17' 06", 17 ton propellors are mounted on shafts over two feet in diameter. Shafts are driven by two 10,500 horsepower motors that receive power from 10 diesel-driven generators. Maximum speed is 18

To loosen gripping ice "Glacier" duces an artificial 10 degree roll by rapidly pumping 140,000 gallons of water from side to side.

The ship has a flight deck, hangar and maintenance facilities for two helicopters, used for ice reconnais-

sance, transport, and exploratory work, "Glacier" is equipped for scientific research and data collection with aerological, hydrographic, and photographic laboratories, as well as depth-sounding equipment and extensive communications and radar capabilities.

- Official Coast Guard photograph.



U.S.C.G.C. GLACIER in the Bellinghausen Sea, off Antarctica's little known Eights Coast.

Contributions Invited

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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Report of Activities and Training Undertaken by the New South Wales Division for the Quarter Ending 31st March, 1967.

Periods of continuous training weather on Sunday, 26th February, ed by Lieutenant N. G. Gullick, were carried out in the following there was no option but to cancel L.R.A.M., R.A.N., provided the establishments and the opportunity was taken to conduct courses as indicated.

January, Air Badge Course.

H.M.A.S. "Albatross". 2nd-13th January, Physical Trainer's Badge

H.M.A.S. "Creswell", 2nd-13th January, Boat Charge Certificate

H.M.A.S. "Penguin", 2nd-13th January, Recruits and Ordinary Seamen's Course.

A total of 80 Cadets plus Officers and Instructions attended these

Harbour and weekend training took place in the following ships and establishments.

H.M.A.S. "Vendetta", 10th-12th February.

H.M.A.S. "Sydney", 17th-19th February.

February.

H.M.A.S. "Watson", 24th-26th February.

H.M.A.S. "Creswell", 10th-12th

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held in H.M.A.S. "Penguin" on Saturday, 25th February, at which some 200 Cadets and parents were present. Both T.S. "Tobruk" (Newcastle Unit) and T.S. "Sydney" (Snapper Island) topped the point score, gaining equal first place.

the transfer of the A.S.C.C. Colour music for the service which comfrom T.S. "Tobruk" (Newcastle menced with the hymn "O God Unit) to T.S. "Albatross" (Wollongong Unit). The ceremony had been H.M.A.S. "Albatross", 2nd-13th scheduled for 1500 in H.M.A.S. "Watson".

Our Help in Ages Past", then followed the Seafarers Psalm, Psalm

I.. MACKAY-CRUISE. Lieut-Commander R.A.N.R. Senior Officer.

Annual Church Parade of the **New South Wales** Division

The annual Church Parade of the New South Wales Division of the Corps was held at H.M. Australian H.M.A.S. "Penguin", 24th-26th Dockyard Church, Garden Island, Sydney, on Sunday, 7th May, 1967,

More than 300 Cadets paraded and were inspected prior to the Service by the Flag Officer in Charge. East Australia Area, Rear Admiral T. K. Morrison, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C. H.M.A.S. "Sydney", 17th-19th (see photograph, Iront cover).

> The Service was conducted by the Reverend L. W. Long, Thl ... R.A.N., and the lessons were read by Petty Officer Ian Hind, A.S.C.C. and Rear Admiral T. K. Morrison. The Division's Colours were "laid up" in the Sanctuary during the Service.

The East Australia Area Band of Unfortunately, due to inclement the Royal Australian Navy, conduct-



Rear Admiral T. K. Merrisen, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., the Fleg Officer in Charge, East Australia Area, reading the Second Lesson-St. Mark, Chap. 4, verses 30 to 41—at the Annual Church Parade of the New South Wales Division of the Australian Sea Codel Corps

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107. The service concluded with the hymn "Soldiers of Christ Arise", the National Anthem and the Blessing.

A large number of families and friends of the Cadets witnessed the Parade and Service, which events were mentioned over the radio news and featured in the daily press and by TV Channels 2 and 10 during subsequent programmes.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Division, led by the R.A.N.R. hand, "Marched Past" outside the Chapel; Admiral Morrison taking the salure.

The Editor is always pleased to receive news and photographs concerning the activities of all Divisions of the Corps.



Members of the Australian Sea Cadet Corps, New South Wales Division, marching to H.M. Australian Deckyard Church, Garden Island, Sydney, to attend the Division's Annual Church Parade.

AHOY THERE!

A new life raft that might be mistaken for an unidentified object from outer space, but which will carry and shelter from sun, wave and wind as many as 30 survivors. has been invented by Danish boatswain Anton Bak Sorensen. The doughnut-shaped Survivosphere is fire-resistant and carries its passengers inside the welded hull. Power is supplied by an 18 h.p. Evinrude outboard motor that propels the 4,500 pound craft at 10 m.p.h. The Survivosphere is a prototype craft and production costs are not vet available

HULL SPEED AHEAD

Japan's rapidly growing shipbuilding industry has been given another edge over its competition with a new automatic welding system developed by a team of engineers. The machine, which embodies nine welding processes, makes it possible to weld a ton of steel in seven hours - half the time reguired by conventional methods. With the new device, the Japanese say they can build a 100,000 ton vesse! in four and one-half months (compared with a normal seven to eight months). The welder jointly developed by Kawasaki Dockyard. Kobe Steel, Yawata Steel and Osaka Transformer Manufacturing Co., is capable of handling bottom welds and welds in curved hull plates. The engineers responsible have been given the Okochi Memorial Award (the highest award for scientific achievement in Japan), for outstanding industrial development.



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lively interest in naval affairs. Whenever any new warship type has been evolved or developed out of the orthodox by the chief maritime countries abroad, Argentina has been quick to evaluate its possibilities for the Argentine Navy, All this century Argentina has shown a ready appreciation of the major warships of the principal navai powers as potential for her own Navy and for possible application to her peculiar strategic and tactical requirements, and where practicable she has emulated them and placed orders for similar ships; sometimes, it seemed, beyond her actaul defence needs. All too often this policy seemed to be engendered by the incentive of keeping up with the Joneses in South America, for it was usually the case that if any one of the three principal maritime countries in the sub-continent. Argentina. Brazil and Chile, acquired major warships of any prestige value the other two followed suit. Thus it was with battleships in the past and big cruisers and aircraft carriers after the war.

Argentina has always shown a

But recently it has been more difficult to find the money for building capital ships and major warships abroad, so recourse has had to be made to the purchase of sur-

plus warships from the United The order was placed at the same Great Britain for new warships, but financial stringency. latterly Argentina has been cutting her cloth to suit her pocket and is difficult days. Argentina still has a acquiring secondhand warships requirement for both escorts of wherever the price demanded is economical.

1962 the Argentine Embassy in London announced that it had been decided to place orders with British shipbuilding firms for the construct vards (of which White's has since tion of four general purpose frigates gone out of business as shipbuilders. of the "Leander" class - two from and Thornycroft's has been meiged J. Samuel White & Co. Ltd., Cowes, Isle of Wight, and two from Yarrow & Co. Ltd., Scotstoun, Glasgow. This first rate and very versatile anti-submarine class of improved "Type 12" had proved to be highly successful and more than one eves in their direction. Unfortunately only four months later it was officially stated that the orders had been shelved for an indefinite period because of Argentina's financial position. Similarly, John I. Thornycroft & Co. Ltd., Woolston, Southampton, were selected by the Argentine Navy to build six non-magnetic coastal minesweepers of the wellproved British "Ton" class, built in

States or Great Britain. Time was time as that for the frigates but was when Argentina came straight to also shelved later for reasons of

Now comes an echo from those "Leander" size and the coastal minesweepers and is taking belated steps It will be recalled that early in to acquire them, but whereas the original acquisitions would have been new ships and all from Great Britain, giving work to three shipwith Vosper's) the acquisitions presently decided are secondhand ships and only the coastal minesweeners will be purchased from Great Britain, the indent for the bigger warships going to the United States.

From the U.S.A. the Argentine country abroad were casting envious. Navy is getting two destroyers of the later "Fletcher" class, "Charles J. Badger" and "Hickox", both completed in 1943, the former by the Bethlehem Steel Company, San Francisco, and the latter by the Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, Port Newark With a displacement of 2,050 tons standard and 3.050 tons full load, they have a length of 3761 ft. overall and a beam of 391 ft. They originally carlarge numbers for the Royal Navy. ried five 5-in. guns and 10 40 mm. anti-aircraft guns, but are being rearmed with four 5 in, guns and six 3-in, dual purpose guns. They are also armed with five 21-in, torpedo tubes, two hedgehogs, two sidelaunching torpedo racks and a depth-charge rack. Their propelling machinery comprises four Babcock & Wilcox boilers supplying highpressure superheated steam to a twoshaft arrangement of General Electric geared turbines developing 60,000 shaft horsepower and equal to a speed of 34 knots. With a bunker capacity of 650 tons of oil fuel they have an endurance of 6,000 miles at 15 knots. They have accommodation for 24 officers and 300 men, but normally have a comple-



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From Great Britain the Argenine Navy is purchasing six coastal minesweepers of the "Ton" class huilt in a repeat series since 1953 and the first 14 units of which have recently been listed for disposal. And Argentina is acquiring them now at only a small fraction of the price which she would have had to pay for the same ships five years

seacetime. These two ships will 45 tons of oil they have a range of orm a homogeneous squadron with 2,300 miles at 13 knots and their Brown" (ex-U.S.S. "Heerman"), normal complement is 27 to 36 Rosales" (ex-U.S.S. "Stembel") needed to replace the four old minewhich were acquired from the sweepers of not much larger size in 1937-38

The representation of Britishbuilt and United States-built warships in the Argentine Navy is already very considerable. The fleet comprises the aircraft carrier "Independencia", formerly the British "Warrior." 19.540 tons full load: the submarines "Santa Fe" (ex-U.S.S. "Lamprey") and "Santiago ago. Of 360 tons standard and 425 de Estero (ex-U.S.S. "Macabi). ions full-load displacement, they 2.425 tons submerged; the cruisers have an overall length of 153 ft. "General Belgrano" (ex-U.S.S. and a beam of 281 ft. and are "Phoenix") and 9 "de Julio" armed with two 20 mm, anti-aircraft (ex-U.S.S. "Boise") both 13.645 guns. They are propelled by two tons full load, and the Deltic diesels of 3,000 brake horse. British-built "La Argentina", 8,630 power turning two shafts and de- tons full load; nine destroyers, in-

vessels mentioned above, and six British-built ships of 2,000 tons full load, two from Vickers-Armstrongs Espora" (ex-U.S.S. "Dortch") and officers and men. These ships are Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness, two from Cammell Laird & Co. Ltd., Birkenhead and two from John built in Argentine local shipyards Brown & Co. Ltd., Clydebank: three frigates, two of 1,400 tons full load built at Astillero Nav., Rio Santiago, and one former U.S. vessel of 2.415 tons full load; three corvettes, two of 1.032 tons full loan built at the Rio Santiago Naval Yard and one former British vessel of 1,375 tons full load; four mines weepers built in local shipvards: a U.S. built motor torpedo boat; eight patrol vessels, all former U.S. units: three surveying vessels; ive tank landing ships; two medium landing ships; three infantry landing craft; a salvage vessel, two training shins five transports, four oilers, an icebreaker (Antarctic research ship), and 10 tugs.

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The size of the baby subs is dic- a two-ocean rescue capability. ted by the requirement that they back on a nuclear submarine. The of five knots.

The Navy has ordered the first rescue subs should be able to operof six baby subs designed to rescue ate under any weather conditions

At a disaster, the subs will opermarine rescue vehicles" will be ate from a mother submarine or a equipped also for underwater re- surface ship, making shuttle trips warch, oceanography and for search to the sunken submarine, and could return 12 to 14 survivors ner trin. Lockheed Missile and Space Co. The rescue craft will mate with the Sunnyvale, California, has been escape hatch of the downed sub. forming an airtight seal. Survivors lewing evaluation, contracts will be will enter the small centre sphere compartment of the "triple bubble" The baby subs mark the first step pressure hull. From there they would go to a larger centre com-

> The two-man crew will operate the vehicle from a third compartment with controls similar to those in aircraft.

The prototype will be operational by early 1968 and the rest of the ficult search for the Air Force's class is scheduled for completion by 1970. This will give the Navy

The baby subs will be designed ust be able to respond to a sub- to operate as deep as 3,000 feet urine disaster anywhere in the (the H-bomb was recovered from orld in 24 hours. They will be 2,850 feet). They will be able to tried, fully assembled, in a C-141 operate submerged for 12 hours at craft, in a surface ship, or piggy- three knots with a maximum speed

Existing miniature subs like the "Alvin" and "Aluminaut" were used in the H-bomb search, but they have no submarine rescue equipment and are not very maneouver-

Lockheed already has under construction a research submarine. 'Deep Quest", which will be in operation this fall. A 50-ton, multimission research craft, "Deep Quest" will carry a crew of four and 7,000 pounds of scientific equipment to a depth of 6,000 feet.

The problems of operating at extreme depths was emphasised by Lt. Comdr. J. Bradford Mooney at a conference on oceanography here when he told of a close call in the bathyscaphe "Trieste II" off Cape Cod.

"We were down to 8,400 feet searching for the "Thresher" re mains when an electrical short burned a hole in a water tank." Mooney said. "It was only inches from a gas tank and, of course, that would have been the end." This was the first mention of the near

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H.M.A.S. PERTH

...... By JOHN MORTIMER

H.M.A.S. "Perth" is one of three modified Charles F. Adams class destrovers purchased by Australia from the United States. The "Perth's" sister ships are the "Hobart" and "Brisbane". The "Perth" was the first to he laid down and was begun on the 21st of September, 1962. She was subsequently commissioned at Boston. Massachusetts on the 17th July, 1965.

"Perth" reached Australia.

During March and April, 1966. ship was open to public inspection. "Perth" returned to Garden Island where she has remained, apart for coastal exercises.

The reason for the "Perth's" inactivity has been due to her being itted with the Australian designed Perth" is the first destroyer in the 5 inch gun turret. world to be fitted out with the lkara missile system and has recentv carried out sea trials with the nissile. The Ikara now makes the Perth" more advanced than her American counter-parts which are tted with the Asroc anti-submarine sustralian built weapon.

The Ikara missile carries a homig torpedo and is controlled from he ship until it drops its torpedo in te homing device guides the toredo to its target. The mechanism such that the torpedo is directed 35 knots. strike its target amidships.

reeds greater than that of sound.

While the "Perth" was under con- The engine then cuts back its power struction the 333 officers and men to give the missile endurance for a of her crew undertook courses in the long high-speed chase. The Tartar United States to familiarise them- missile is fired on computed inforselves with their new ship. After her mation from the ship's radar, but commissioning the "Perth" carried once in flight it changes to its own out a series of trials and tested her guidance system which enables it to Fartar missile system. These were follow a moving target. The "Perth" successful, and in March, 1966, the has a single rail launcher in "X" position and carries 42 missiles.

The "Perth" also has two single the "Perth" made visits to all the turret 5 inch 54 calibre, rapid fir-Australian capital cities, where the ing, fully automatic guns. One is placed forward in the "A" position When this was completed, the and the other in the aft "Y" position.

Besides this formidable armament the "Perth" also has two triple antisubmarine tornedo launchers. These have a shorter range than the Ikara system and are found on both sides Ikara anti-submarine missile. The of the deck just behind the forward

> This fire-power is linked with a control system that automatically selects targets, aims the weapons. and then locks them onto the tar-

The "Perth" has a standard dississile. However, this missile lacks placement of 3,370 tons and a full oth the range and accuracy of the load displacement of 4,500 tons. She has an overall length of 437 feet, her beam is 47 feet and her draught is 20 feet.

The "Perth's" geared steam turie vicinity of the submarine. Then bines enable her two shafts to develop 70,000 shaft horse power and this gives her a speed in excess of

The "Perth" also has the latest The "Perth" is also armed with equipment in long range sonar and Tartar surface to air missile sys- radar. This, coupled with her comm, which has a range of 15 to 20 munication and electronic equipilles. The missile has one rocket ment, provides the operations room agine, which, when fired, produces with the necessary up to date infor-

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These destroyers have a new hull design, which is an evolution of the "Forrest Shermann" type. As compared with previous destroyers they have a greater overall length, a wider beam and a heavier displacement. Also, the "Perth" has an allaluminium superstructure and her hull is welded instead of riveted Both these features are aimed to make the "Perth" lighter and thus

The "Perth" was nurchased from the United States at a cost of \$45,000.000 (U.S.). This includes the cost of spare parts, stores, ammunition and other accessories

The design of ships of this class is particularly versatile as they have particularly formidable anti-submarine, surface gunnery and anti-aircraft capabilities. Therefore they can be used to escort amphibious forces and support them after their landings, to work with hunter-killer groups in attacking submarines and to protect convovs.

EDITOR'S NOTE:-

Many readers have probably read my plea for contributions to the magazine which is printed in every edition yet brings very little result.

You can imagine therefore, how pleased I was to receive John Mortimer's article, not only was it technically correct in every detail, but perfectly typewritten - I wonder who his secretary is? Well done John, keep up your interest in the R.A.N.

I would mention that John included two very good photographs of H.M.A.S. "Perth", snapped by him, but I regret that because of limited space available it was not possible to reproduce them.

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Admiral David L. McDonald, U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations, out many difficult assignments. Official Guest of Honour at the 25th Coral Sea Celebrations, is the most senior U.S. officer to come to Australia since General Macarthur.

Guest of Honour to be a four star across the table operator in uniofficer, this marks the first time form" and is a most likeable and that the head of a U.S. military personable man of great character. service has taken part in the festivities.

in 1924 and has built a reputation the years have passed, has carried

Although it is traditional for the as a "master diplomat", a "tough

He wanted to be a lawver, but once he had decided to join the Aged 57, he joined the U.S. Navy Navy, he was soon at sea and as

In 25 years he rose from Ensign McDonald (1928) to Admiral McDonald (1963).

A chronological transcript of Service shows rapid advancement at sea and on land, and decorations during service at sea and in war.

Citations issued upon conferring of honours show Admiral McDonald has been decorated many times.

In World War II he won the Bronze Star Medal when as OIC of the Combat Information Centre of USS "Essex", he evaluated and disseminated combat information which contributed to a decisive defeat of Japanese units in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in 1944.

He is entitled also to wear the Presidential Unit Citation (USS "Essex") for "extraordinary heroism in action against enemy forces in the air, ashore and afloat, in the Pacific War from August 31, 1943. to August 15, 1945.

In post war years he has been Commanding Officer of the carriers "Mindora" and "Coral Sea". Commander Carrier Division 6, Commander Sixth Fleet and Commander Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" as Commander Sixth Fleet from July 13, 1961, to March 18, 1963.

He became Chief of Naval Operations Navy Department in August,

A free thinker and forceful speaker, Admiral McDonald pulls no punches when addressing gatherings.

The Anti-submarine warfare carrier "Bennington", the Fleet replenishment ship "Sacramento" and the destroyer "Epperson" visited Sydney:



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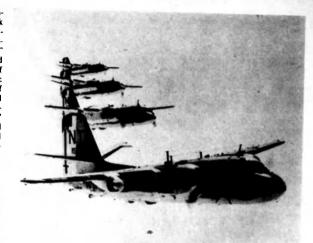
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All vessels being under the overall command of Rear Admiral Ralph Weymouth. Commander Anti-submarine Warfare Group One.

After a week of official function, entertainment and sightseeing, the ships sailed for California on May 7, 1967.



S-2E Grumman tracker aircraft from the carrier Bennington.

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X-ray bursts new defence from missile attack

Tremendous bursts of X-rays from high altitude thermo nuclear explosions will be used to destroy incoming ballistic missile warheads in a revolutionary development of the U.S. missile defence system.

This was disclosed in testimony missile defences "which made area "just what would be the kill radius before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's disarmament subcommittee, released in Washington recently.

Experts said the new approach of using X-rays for destruction of warheads has opened up a whole new concept in ballistic missile defence and made it possible to develop an "area defence" against missile attack.

The wide destructive range of the X-rays has greatly simplified by Senator Albert Gore of Tenthe complex problem of intercepting and destroying enemy missle warheads.

For high-altitude interception it is no longer necessary for the defensive missle to be aimed directly at the incoming warhead - a problem in ballistics that has been compared with trying to hit a bullet with another bullet.

Because the destructive range of the X-rays extends for several miles, the defensive missile has only to be fired in the general vicinity of the incoming warheads.

Furthermore, it will be possible with relatively few defensive missiles to provide a "first line" defence for all of the United States or an Allied country against smallscale missile attacks, such as might be launched in the future by Communist China.

There has been considerable speculation in recent months that the use of X-rays was a key element in the Nike-X missile defence system being developed by the Pentagon.

The first official confirmation of this development has now come from Dr. John S. Foster, director of defence research and engineering in his evidence before the Congressional group.

In heavily censored testimony Dr. Foster said "a change in the concept of the nuclear warhead" had permitted an "advance" in ballistic lians.

defence feasible."

The change, he said, was to "a

The fact that the thermonuclear Senators. warheads would depend upon who asked Dr. Foster to indicate in miles from X-rays.

from X-rays?"

Dr. Foster's answer was deleted high-yield nuclear warhead" - a by Pentagon censors, but the Gore technical euphemism used by question was left in the published officials for a thermonuclear war- testimony because of the sub-comhead with a yield measured in mittee's insistence that the Pentamegatons or millions of tons of gon's authority should not extend to censorship of questions asked by

From the subsequent statements X-rays for their destructive effect by Dr. Foster, however, observers came out indirectly in a question said it was apparent that in his censored testimony he had been talknessee, the sub-committee chairman ing about a "kill radius" measured

N.W. Cape Radio to **Operate in June**

The U.S. Navy's V.L.F. radio

Some circuits in the installation are already in use and others will since January. be handed over to the station's permanent staff every week.

Training procedures are under ker, have called since. way and although the station will be operational in about eight weeks. these procedures could go on until August.

Some of the buildings attached to the station may not be completed until July. Major construction contracts should have been completed by March last year, making them about 15 months late.

However, by improvising some accommodation and moving into some buildings before they have been completed, the Navy has been able to make up some of this time.

About half the 350 American military personnel to be stationed at North-West Cape have already arrived and recruiting has started for the 400 civilians to be employed.

Almost all these will be Austra-

The supply jetty at the Cape, destation at North-West Cape became lays on which have caused bottleoperational on June 1 - 11 months necks in other work, is still not completed.

But it has been used by vessels

Coastal ships used it then and ocean-going ships, including a tan-

Completition of the station and its support facilities will end a long complex and dispute-riddled pro-

The first American Navy staff on the project arrived in W.A. in June. 1962, and the first major construction contract was awarded a year

There have been claims for millions of dollars against the U.S. Navy by contractors and more are still to come.

The original cost of the project was between \$60 and \$80 million, but until all claims are settled no one knows the cost today.

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Bows and bells are standard equipment and sometimes she wears a bonnet. There's usually a lot of bustle about her but she usually manages to show off her superstructure to advantage. When entering port she heads straight for the buoys - when sailing she usually knows her destination, but this is not common knowledge.

When you want to attract her attention, a whistle is the appropriate signal. In some parts of the world the man who takes care of her needs at home is known as her "husband", but when she goes out she leaves him at home. Once you really get to know her you never want to leave her.

On a balmy night she can make tired men forget their troubles. Finally, she has as many tricks and teases as any woman and consequently it takes a capable man to handle one properly.



THE NAVY

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FRESH WATER FROM SHIP

A ship-borne desalination plant of British design was described at an Athens conference on "Fresh Water from the Sea", held this month.

munities on islands or isolated coasural supplies of water.

would feed sea-water to a desalination plant housed in the ship's hull. A second pipeline would take the fresh water to storage ashore. The designers claim that this technique will give a cheaper supply than orthodox water tankers operating on a long haul from a mainland base.

Some 200,000 imperial gallons of fresh water could be supplied daily. Plans allow for the storage of 90,000 gallons on board, and the purification process can be carried out when the ship is under way.

Design of the ship is the work of the British Ship Research Association and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (who are responsible for co-ordinating all U.K. research on desalination).

The B.S.R.A. specification is for a twin screw single deck vessel of 1.350 long tons displacement having a length of 160 feet, a beam of 34 feet and draught of 12ft. 6in.

The desalination plant itself is a well-proven design by Weir Westgarth Ltd. of Glasgow, and would be housed on the main deck. Main engines and ancillary machinery for the purification plant would be situated aft. with accommodation and deck house and bridge forward.

Choice of main propulsion unit was of considerable importance in

with the production of fresh water costs and depreciation. tal sites, who have inadequate nat- as cheaply as possible. The marine engineering division of B.S.R.A. tion of fresh water to isolated com-A pipeline dropped overside investigated various prime movers munities in the Mediterranean or and recommended a twin engine Near Eastern waters. However, the installation with reasonable reduction gears driving fixed-pitch water, could be used equally well propellers.

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The ship would serve small com- combining economic ship operation gallons, including ship operating

This figure is based on distribuvessel, designed to operate in open in other parts of the world.

The design was outlined in a vessel could be built in the U.K. to paper on "Mobile and floating flash-Lloyds plus 100 A1 classification distillation plants" by two Atomic at a cost of rather less than Energy Authority authors, K. D. B. Estg400,000 (\$1 million). Fresh Johnson, of Harwell, and D. W. water could be produced at about Clelland of the engineering group.

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