



### Marines Here Retire Colors

The last official act of the Marine Barracks after 18 years at NOTS was furnishing the Honor Guard for President Kennedy's visit last Friday.

Following inspection of the Honor Guard by the Chief Executive and his departure, the Barracks Colors were retired in ceremonies to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne" played by the El Toro Marine Band.

Major Maurice Rose, Commanding Officer, and the last contingent of Marines will leave the Station by June 30. Of the 78 enlisted men comprising the Barracks complement, 35 have already been discharged.

Maj. Rose and Lt. E. V. Sullivan Jr. have received orders to report to Headquarters Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Honolulu.

The Corps' Armored School, Ft. Knox, Ky., will be Capt. J. R. Tull's next assignment.

The remaining contingent of enlisted men are being reassigned to areas across the nation and overseas.

PILOTS AND crews of planes which participated in aerial weaponry demonstration are congratulated and thanked by President Kennedy (above). At right he walks toward helicopter after reviewing NOTS Marine Barracks Honor Guard. The Marines then retired the Barracks Colors, their final official ceremony at NOTS.



THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE—President Kennedy walks up steps to board helicopter for trip to Los Angeles after his whirlwind

visit here. Following him is his Naval Aide, Capt. Tazwell Shepard. Thus ended NOTS' most exciting day in 20-year history.

### The President's Speech

"Captain, Mr. Secretary, I want to express a warm word of appreciation to all of you. We are completing a trip through the military installations of the United States which started two days ago . . . the Air Force Academy in Colorado, down to New Mexico, the testing at White Sands, and now here to California—San Diego, the Marine Corps, on the Kitty Hawk last night, and now to see the work that you are doing here.

"I must say I am impressed by two things, particularly, in this journey to California; first, I have never seen any healthier looking children—which is the best advertisement that I have seen for this state—and I want to express commendation to all of the mothers and fathers who are bringing up what looks like some of our best future citizens.

"I also want to express a word of thanks to all of you who work for our country in this decade, those of you fly, those of you who maintain the planes, those of you who may work in research, those of you who may work in Civil Service. I think all of us today in 1963 are proud of the fact that in one way or another, all of us have an opportunity to serve the United States. This is the last, best hope, and I think in 1963 I cannot think of a prouder statement, when asked what our occupation may be, than to say, 'I serve the United States of America.'

We want to thank all of you."

From \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

TO \_\_\_\_\_



## Big Day with the President



—Photo by Tom Forletta Jr., SN

### 'Well Done' Message From CNO

"The splendid demonstration made for the Commander in Chief at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, was one of the finest I have ever seen. Please convey my congratulations to all

of the many individuals and commands whose cooperation and support contributed to this splendid performance. Well done."

Admiral George Anderson  
Chief of Naval Operations



# The Arrival



THE ARRIVAL at Naval Air Facility of President Kennedy last Friday culminated six-week preparation, filled with rehearsals and scheduling. President's plane, a 707 jet, soared in from Pt. Mugu where he had changed planes after an overnight cruise in the carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

## Capt. Blenman Welcomes the President



PRESIDENT KENNEDY CHATS with Capt. Charles Blenman Jr., ComNOTS, after the Station skipper greeted him at the plane ramp. In right background is Capt. Tazwell Shepard, the President's Naval Aide. They and other dignitaries then started toward their cars for trip to demonstration area, but the excited crowd of spectators had other ideas. For their reaction, please turn to Page 4.



HIGHEST RANKING FLAG ever flown over U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station was hoisted simultaneously with President Kennedy's "touch down" at Naval Air Facility. Seamen Guards P. M. Turner, AA; J. D. Smith, AA, and D. S. Wilson, AA, had the honor.

## Little Tot, Big Sign



THE CROWD AT NAF had begun to assemble hours before the estimated time of arrival of the President. And now they were ready, afoot, a-shoulder, and a-welcome-sign!

## Eyes of Texas Were Upon Us - Great Show

A visitor from Texas (and you know the things big down there) was overheard to say after the aerial demonstration. "I've seen lots of military exercises of programming such as shows like this, but never have I seen..."

# RIM SHOTS

By BILL VALENTEEN



Last week I was going to do a bit on touch football but, I don't know, maybe I shouldn't run the risk of getting shot down by the expert.

The research I did on the subject, however, led me to some rather interesting aspects.

Touch football, as you know, is simply football—without protective equipment. The rules for this game were developed by the big colleges and "pro" teams to give the guys a little pre-game relaxation and to keep from busting up a star end, for instance, while working out a new play.

The emergence of the forward pass was the most significant contribution to the game's popularity. Instead of simple brute strength, football now had to be played with strategy and shiftness for complete success. "Touch" is played in just this manner, minus the body contact.

It's an old game, really, but up until now, it had been played usually by the Out crowd—non-varsity athletes, intramural undergraduates heroes, small boys, and puffing fathers trying to get through to Junior.

These days, however, the Kennedys have given the game a new stature. So much so, that if you're not playing touch in Washington, you're not in (touch) at all.

The appearance of touch in our nation's capital is personified by this familiar Monday morning scene which is duplicated in various places throughout the area.

Wearing an expression of controlled suffering, intermixed with overtones of grandeur, a carefully groomed executive in his mid-thirties carefully approaches his office. He is walking as though on a pile of eggs, hoping not to break one. His gestures are affected with undue care, accompanied by an occasional grunt. His whole being seems to be held together, on this particular a.m. with wires. This guy is a victim of society's latest rage.

This is no game for playboys. It takes tremendous zest and enthusiasm, and a broken arm or a shattered collarbone is not unknown.

The game has often been dubbed "basketball" by winded enthusiasts who find that the action is virtually endless. Anybody can pass anytime, from anywhere, to anybody—laterally, forward or backward—in addition to running with the ball until tagged.

Word of a forthcoming game just gets around. The boys meet by accident, perhaps, at lunch time at the Mayflower, or they pick up the phone and make a few calls on Thursday evening. I have read that the President himself gets into the act, occasionally, to the barely concealed horror of the Secret Service.

Strange. Jack is acknowledged to have the best throwing arm in the family! Keep smilin', Sport! See you next week.

## Little League Asks Dads to Pitch In Now!

Despite urgent appeals by league officials and team managers, continued lack of support by Little League fathers indicates that there will be further delays in the resumption of Major League play and the start of Minor League play.

Only a very small part of the work deemed necessary before play can start had been completed by Wednesday morning. Heavy support by league fathers this weekend could make it possible for play to resume on June 17, according to League officials. Continued support, however, at the level that has been evident could result in an extended delay of the start of the program.

## Softball Schedule

June 17	
Staff vs. Public Works	6:30 p.m.
NAF vs. VX-5	8:30 p.m.
June 18	
Public Works vs. Merchants	6:30 p.m.
VX-5 vs. NOTS	8:30 p.m.
June 19	
Staff vs. NAF	6:30 p.m.
All Star Practice	8:30 p.m.
June 20	
Staff vs. VX-5	6:30 p.m.
Merchants vs. NAF	8:30 p.m.

## Softball Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Merchants	11	0
Staff	9	3
NAF	7	6
Public Works	6	5
NOTS	4	6
VX-5	1	10

## Pony League Candy Sale

The Pony League Candy Sale is being held today and tomorrow. Each manager was to establish schedules whereby the sales areas would be manned by two boys.

Areas and hours of sale are as follows:

China Lake, Bank of America, 12-6, June 14; China Lake, Commissary, 12-6, June 14; Ridgecrest, Bank of America, 11-6, June 14; Ridgecrest, Sears, 10-6, June 15; Ridgecrest, K&R, 11-6, June 14; Ridgecrest K&R, 10-6, June 15; China Lake, Outdoor PX, 10-4, June 15.

## Hole-in-One Contest Set For City of Hope

A Hole-in-One Contest will be held June 22 and 23 at the China Lake Golf Club. Prizes will be awarded to winners each day. All proceeds go to the City of Hope Hospital in Duarte for leukemia, cancer and heart disease research.

In 1961 and 1962 the China Lake Golf Course received the Grand Achievement Award for the most contributions donated from all golf courses in the Southern California area. Let's make it three in a row! Anyone wishing to contribute to this charity may send or mail their donations to Paul Someson, P. O. Box 5215, c/o China Lake Golf Course.

## All-Stars Take On Edwards Air Force

The NOTS All-Stars softball team managed by LCDr. "Mike" Miner, take on the Edwards Air Force Base nine in a doubleheader tomorrow night at the Beer Hut softball diamond. The first of the two seven-inning games is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. The local team dropped two games last week at Edwards by scores of 4-3 and 9-2.

## Community News

### GEBA MEETING NEXT TUESDAY

The Board of Directors of the Government Employees Benefit Association announce a meeting of special importance to all members of GEBA to be held Tuesday, June 18, in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend as a proposal to amend the by-laws to reduce the benefit payment will be submitted to the membership.

### SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE HERE

Clay McMikle, the Social Security Representative from Bakersfield, will be at China Lake on Wednesday, June 19.

He will be available for consultation at the Community Center from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### RED CROSS FIRST AID COURSE

Fred Schaffer of the Bakersfield Chapter will offer a review training course for Red Cross First Aid instructors from 1 to 5 p.m. on June 18 and 19 at the NOTS Safety Building Conference Room.

All First Aid instructors are urged to attend to renew their authorization certificates as well as others who are interested in the program.

Schaffer will also meet with the First Aid and Water Safety Committees from 7 to 9 p.m. on June 18.

### IWV AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PICNIC

The Indian Wells Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual picnic at Sandquist Spa on Friday, June 14. All Hams and their friends are welcome. Bring your own food and dishes. The club will furnish ice for your drinks and heat for those who wish to roast weiners, etc. The picnic will start about 5:30 p.m.

There will be a short resume about the Fresno Hamfest by Monte Blue. For further information call Jerry Brooks, extension 72016.

### DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Discount tickets to the Greek Theater, from July 3 through Sept. 9, the Hollywood Bowl from July 9 through Sept. 7, and the Los Angeles Home Show from June 13 through June 23 are now available at the Community Center.

### PHOTO CLUB TO HAVE COOK-OUT

The China Lake Photographic Society will have a cook-out at the Photo Hut, 361 McIntire St., at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19. Members are requested to bring meat to be grilled, also salad as desired. Coffee will be furnished.

The Club will hold its regular meeting and will show "Ho Fan of Hong Kong" on black and white. These salon prints are distributed in this country by Ethel Weist, P.S.A. of Bremerton, Wash.

### FINS WIN, ACES NEXT

The Bakersfield Blue Fins defeated the Indian Wells Valley Swim Team 639 to 548 in swimming competition last Saturday at the Officer's Club Pool. Forty of 55 existing pool records, many dating back to 1961, were broken.

Both teams were sharp and very closely matched in medley, backstroke, and breaststroke during the first half of the meet.

The Blue Fins, however, pulled away after intermission, overpowering IWV in butterfly, freestyle, and the relays.

The Aqua Aces of Oildale, another strong team from across the mountains, come to town this weekend to meet IWV. This swim meet will be held at the Officer's Club Pool and the first starting gun will sound at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

### INSTALLATION BANQUET

The St. Ann's Altar Society will hold its Installation Banquet on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at The Hideaway. The newly elected officers are Mary Hennessey, president; Jean McCammon, vice president; Doreen Hess, secretary, and Dorothee Feddersen, treasurer.



PRESIDENTIAL CAKE—Ernesto Glorioso, SD1, poses beside the 150-lb. cake he decorated, including the Presidential Seal, for the Chief Executive's visit. Glorioso's "secret recipe" includes 36 lbs. of powdered sugar, eggs and lemon. The basic cake, baked by J. H. McGowan, CS3, contained 500 egg whites, 45 lbs. of flour and 45 lbs. of sugar.





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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Veni, Vidi Vici"

By CHAPLAIN ROBERT C. FENNING



Whenever our Chief Executive appears on television or on the front page of the morning paper these days, the four-year-old in our house must tell us again, as she has dozens of times before, how she saw the President riding by our house. Only she refers to him somewhat irreverently as "JFK." We think it's wonderful and hope she will be able to keep this memory for a long, long time.

It has been a stimulating experience for the whole Station. Like tired adults who have kicked off their shoes to relax in a comfortable chair following a successful dinner party, the bemused reminiscences can be heard in every shop and office: the crash programs; the last-minute changes in planning; the hush-hush discussion behind closed doors in high places and the open-faced knowledgeable exchanges of information among school children; the warnings issued the Chaplains that their requests for good weather had better be heard and honored in the heights of heaven. He came, he saw, he conquered us.

Of course we have one friend who disagrees with all of this. "A lot of unnecessary nonsense," is his verdict. You might say he's a kind of off-season Scrooge. He thinks we've been gold-bricking and predicts soberly that it will take us some time to catch up. Personally, we jokingly attribute his base attitude to his Republican inclinations.

To wax a bit philosophical, one might say that this same element of animated anticipation finds application in the life of many of the religious. As we experience a sense of elation in preparing to receive an important mortal, so many of us find in a life of devotion and service an underlying thought that some day we shall find ourselves in the presence of the most important One of all. In this there is none of the fear of the fanatic who scrawls dire warnings on rocks by the side of the road. There is eagerness and happy excitement in this kind of expectation, too.



Christian Science (Chapel Annex) Morning Service—11 a.m. Sunday School—11 a.m. Presentations (All Faith Church) Morning Worship—8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Groves and Richmond elementary schools. Roman Catholic (All Faith Chapel) Holy Mass—7, 9:30 a.m. and 12:30, 5:30 p.m. Sunday. 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Confessions—8 to 8:25 a.m., 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Thursday before First Friday—4 to 5:30 p.m.

NOTS Hebrew Services (East Wing All Faith Chapel) Every first and third Friday, 8:15 p.m. Sabbath School—Every Saturday morning. Unitarians (Parish Hall) Fellowship Meeting—Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

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PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Present Station employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these vacancies.

Staff Nurse, GS-5, PD 17399-1, Code 88—General and specialized nursing care in hospital and out-patient department. Full time and part-time positions. File application for the above positions with Mary Morrison, Rm. 34, Bldg. 34, Phone 72022.

Mechanical, Chemical and Electronic Engineer (3 vacancies), GS-13, Code 4004—Incumbent will perform reliability tasks in conjunction with conducting reliability programs. He will contribute specialties of his discipline for the reliability group. He will be working with other reliability engineers for training purposes. File application for the above positions with Pat Watts, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, phone 72723.

Clerk-DMT, GS-4, PD 32418, Code 3056—As secretary to Branch Head, performs general secretarial-clerical duties consisting of typing reports and correspondence, acting as office receptionist, filing, and general office-clerical functions. File application for above position with Pat Dettling, Bldg. 34, Rm. 31, phone 71393. Deadline for applications is June 21.

OFF-STATION JOBS

Engineering Technician (General), GS-08-9, \$6475 per annum, Engineering Division, Public Works Department, Point Arguello, Area of Consideration: 11th and 12th NDs. The incumbent prepares original designs, preliminary estimates and plans, concerning structures made of reinforced concrete, steel and timber. Also makes tech engineering studies of civil, structural and architectural problems. Determines feasibility of component location for economical construction; is responsible for maintaining current drawings of water distribution, fire protection circuits, location of buildings, structures and roads. Send Standard Form 57 to Code 752, US Naval Missile Facility, Point Arguello, Lompoc, Calif., not later than June 21.

SHOWBOAT

FRI. "DONOVAN'S REEF" JUNE 14 John Wayne, Lee Marvin 7 p.m. (Out at 9:19) (Comedy) Two arch-enemy exNavy men stop their pagan island brawling long enough to save the reputation of the local doctor who "forgot" to go home after the war. It's a laugh riot with swaggering, devil-may-care Wayne at his best. Don't miss it! (Adults and young people.) SHORT: "Hare-Breath Hurry" (7 min.)

SAT. MATINEE "MAN FROM COON COUNTRY" George Montgomery 1 p.m. (Out at 2:32) SHORT: "Bear Feet" (7 Min.) EVENING "THE SKY ABOVE, THE MUD BELOW" Academy Award Documentary 7 p.m. (Out at 8:57) (Adventure in Color) An eerie adventure with an expedition that took seven months to traverse 1000 miles of uncharted New Guinea interior. Roaring rapids, headhunters, weird ceremonies, etc. (Adults and young people.) SHORT: "No Barking" (7 Min.) "Granddad of the Roses" (10 Min.)

SUN.-MON. "SOME CAME RUNNING" Frank Sinatra, Shirley MacLaine, Dean Martin 7 p.m. (Out at 9:26) (Drama in Color) G.I. returns to small town and falls for a teacher, but his relations with a gambler buddy and a Chicago B-girl have a rocky road. Off-beat, absorbing classic. (Adults)

TUES.-WED. "CRITIC'S CHOICE" JUNE 18-19 Bob Hope, Lucille Ball 7 p.m. (Out at 9:04) (Comedy) What happens when a drama critic's wife writes the worst play of the year and a wolfish director gets it produced? Pity the poor critic—but it makes for laughs. (Adults and young people.) SHORT: "AFSM No. 612" (14 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. "FOLLOW THE BOYS" JUNE 20-21 Connie Francis, Paula Prentiss, Randall 7 p.m. (Out at 8:55) (Musical Comedy in Color) A story of four Navy "Sagittas" who follow their men around the globe and the problems in catching up with them. Connie sings along the Riviera. (Adults and young people.) SHORT: "Bonty Raid" (7 Min.)

German Night At Acey Ducey Club Sun.

The Acey Ducey Club will feature a "German Night" with a German band, German food, and German beverages, Sunday. Dinner will be served from 4 to 9 p.m. with dancing starting at 8 p.m.

'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'

In All My Born Days . . .



By "POP" LOFINCK

The visit of President Kennedy to NOTS was the greatest event that has ever happened in the 20-year history of this base.

It probably puts NOTS, China Lake, on the world map as the greatest weapon inception, invention, development, modification and test station in the world.

The demonstration of weapons went off with amazing precision.

OBSERVING THE CROWD'S REACTION After the demonstration my job was to mingle with the crowd. To observe the crowd's reaction.

An estimated 40,000 visitors from all over Southern California came aboard, some lining the street from Michelson Lab to the Officer's Club — waiting with bated breath to get a glimpse of the Chief Executive.

In all my born days I've never seen anything like it. And I've seen a lot of crowds in my day.

Such a unanimous attitude of respect. Even Station residents whom I know to be Republican seemed to be genuinely — deeply respectful.

Kids shoving — some even crying to get a vantage point to see Mr. Kennedy.

BEDLAM ON BLANDY

And when the motorcade came along—the crowd exploded with delirious enthusiasm—it was like New Year's, Fourth of July and V Day all in one.

I tried to analyze this popularity. I've been an informal, perpetual pollster for many years—observing, studying the reactions of individuals—to learn more about people. It has developed into a sort of instinct—proving accurate many times.

So the President's popularity? For one thing he's young.

He is a new generation coming into power. People are hoping that new ideas and new approaches will find solutions to contemporary problems.

FORWARD LOOKING PEOPLE

My observations refer only to this area. Maybe the residents of NOTS comprise a bigger percentage of forward-looking people—not backward looking.

Another reason for Kennedy's popularity is that he doesn't talk down to anybody and I doubt if he talks up to anybody. He talks straight across. And his voice carries an undertone of sincerity.

Franklin Roosevelt and Teddy Roosevelt both had that quality.

WHAT THE POLLSTERS FIGURE

The Gallop poll national popularity figures report a slipping from 83% two years ago to 64% last month. But in this area, Friday, June 7, I would estimate his popularity to be close to 100%.

And if elections were tomorrow and success depended on the vote of this area he would have it made.

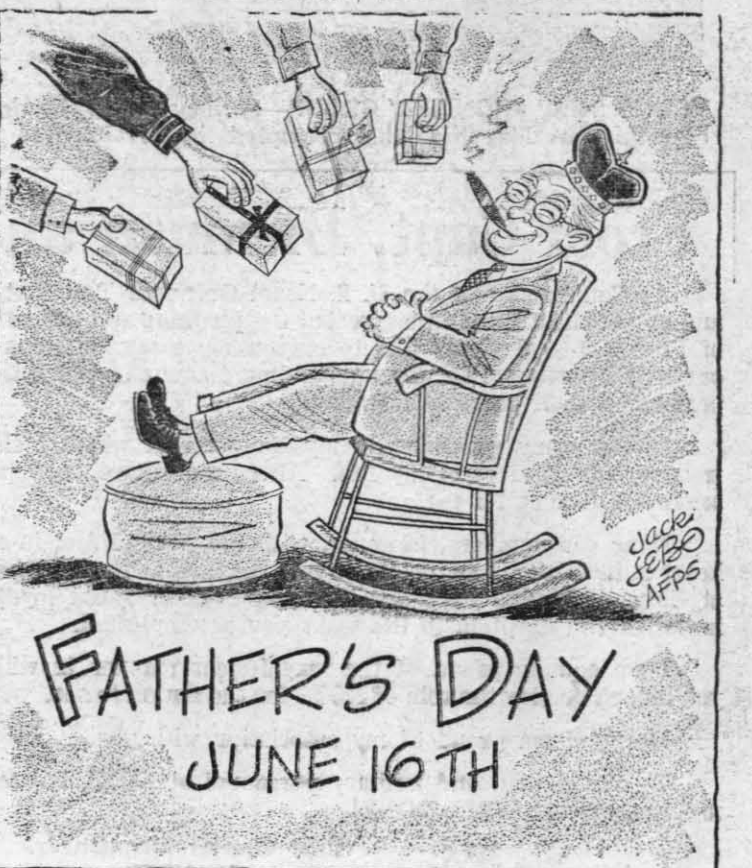
Bible School Starts At Groves Monday

Protestant Vacation Bible School will begin at the Groves Street School at 8:30 a.m. Monday. The two week session will end on June 28. It will be conducted five days a week from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m.

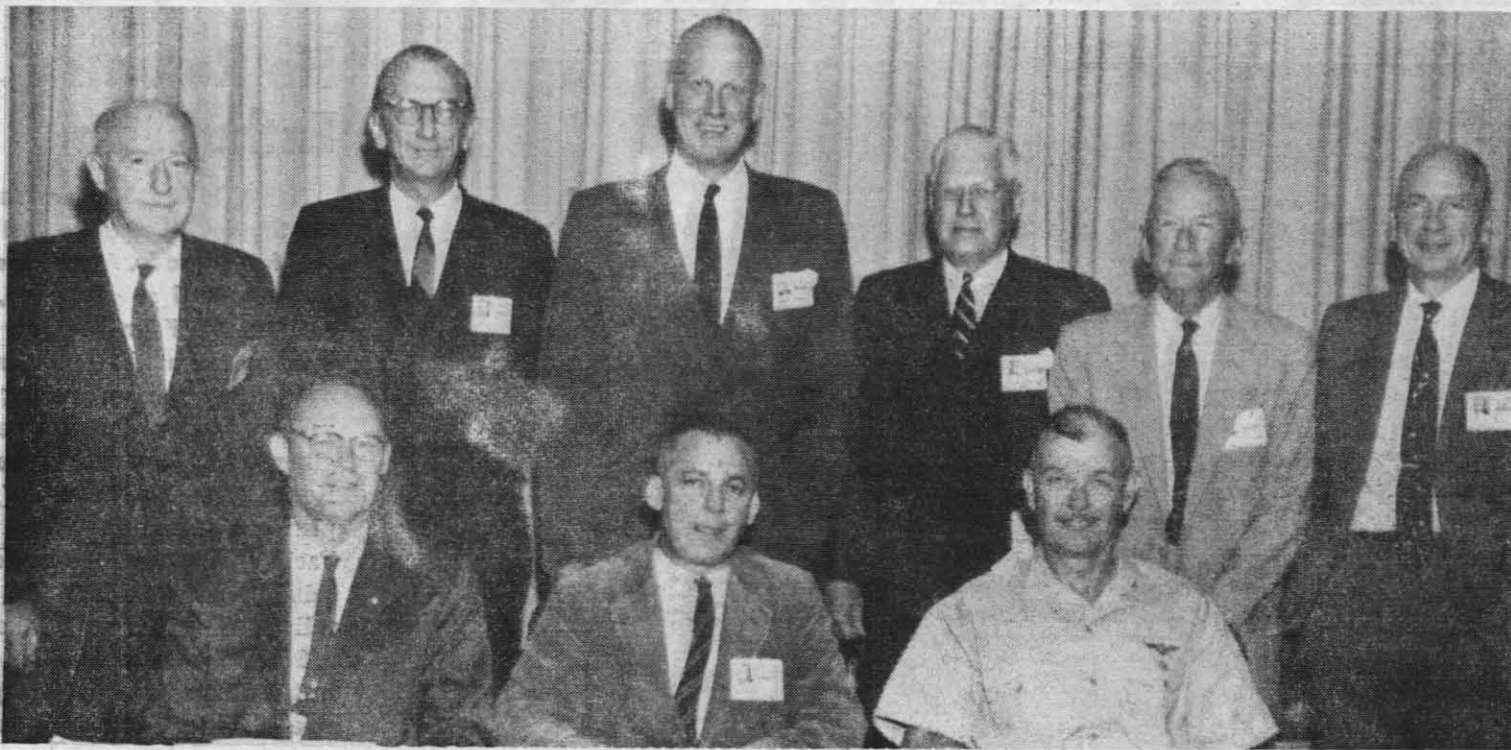
Registration fees are 50 cents per child or \$1 per family. Mrs. Norman Osborne will conduct the school. Parents may register their children at 8 a.m. Monday.

Get Tickets Now For Count Basie

Tickets may be purchased at the Community Center, Monday through Fridays from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. for the "COUNT BASIE" concert scheduled at the Station Theater on Thursday night, June 27 at 8 p.m. All seats are reserved so get your tickets early to be assured of your favorite seat. The price of admission is \$2.00.



NOTS Advisory Board in Spring Meet



NOTS ADVISORY BOARD members convening here included (standing, l-r) Adm. A. M. Pride, USN (Ret.), E. H. Heinemann, Frank Gard Jameson, R. L. Biggers, RADM. F. S. Withington, USN (Ret.), Dr. N. E. Bradbury, and (seated, center)

Dr. H. L. Anderson, who is flanked by Dr. Wm. B. McLean, NOTS Technical Director, and Capt. Charles Blenman, Jr., ComNOTS. Dr. Bradbury will retire from the Board following this meet as will Dr. W. H. Pickering.

Plaques Awarded

The NOTS Advisory Board convened its Spring meeting here Tuesday with a 2-day agenda of items to be discussed with local officials.

One of the key items concerned the China Lake "Open Community" study which has been underway since earlier this year.

Comprised of leading industrialists, educators and retired military men, the Board was scheduled to continue sessions until Wednesday afternoon.

A brief presentation ceremony was scheduled Wednesday in which Dr. N. E. Bradbury would receive a plaque in recognition of the service he contributed while serving a three-year term on the Board. A plaque also was to be mailed to Dr. W. H. Pickering, Director, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena. Both are scheduled for retirement this June.

Board members in attendance were: Dr. Herbert L. Anderson, Director of the Enrico Fermi Institute; Mr. Robert L. Biggers, Management Consultant; Dr. Bradbury, Director of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Mr. H. E. Heinemann, Vice President-Engineering, General Dynamics Corporation; Mr. Frank Gard Jameson, Vice President-Plans, Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.; Admiral Alfred M. Pride, USN (Ret.), and Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, USN (Ret.).

Also attending the Advisory Board sessions was Dr. E. S. Lamar, Chief Scientist for the Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Aetna Agent To Be Here June 17 and 18

Howard Keenan, Government Health Insurance representative of Aetna Insurance Co., Oakland, will visit the Station on June 17 and 18. He may be contacted at the Community Center on Monday, the 17th, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and on Tuesday the 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTS Apprentices Will Graduate Today

Nineteen apprentices will be presented with certificates of apprenticeship by Len Licwinko, Asst. to the Assoc. Tech Director, at graduation ceremonies to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Community Center.

Principal address will be delivered by Capt. Carl O. Holmquist, Station's Technical Officer. Announcement of nominations for Associate in Arts degrees will be made by Dean Omar Scheidt of the Bakersfield Evening College.

In addition, officials from several trade unions will participate in the ceremonies.

The Station conducts apprentice training for the purpose of developing highly skilled artisans, future key employees, and supervisors.

In addition, the program provides for academic study with Bakersfield Evening College.

Capt. Charles A. Reilly Reports Aboard to Head Public Works

Captain Charles A. Reilly, CEC, USN, will always remember his assignment here as Public Works Officer because his week of arrival coincided with President Kennedy's visit to the Station.

Capt. Reilly had the privilege of sharing the presidential stand with Station officials and other dignitaries during the Navy fire-power demonstration for the Chief Executive.

A 21-year career naval officer, Capt. Reilly fills the billet vacated by Capt. R. A. Davidson who was transferred to the San Francisco Naval Shipyard last month.

Last Duty Cherry Point Capt. Reilly's last duty assignment was Public Works Officer at the Marine Air Corps Station, Cherry Point, S. C., where he was responsible for the supervision of over 670 employees, and maintenance of the facility's buildings, plus 3,000 Station quarters.

Pennsylvania born, he is a graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Penn., with a BS degree in Engineering Mining.

Highway Engineer Following his graduation he was employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways until

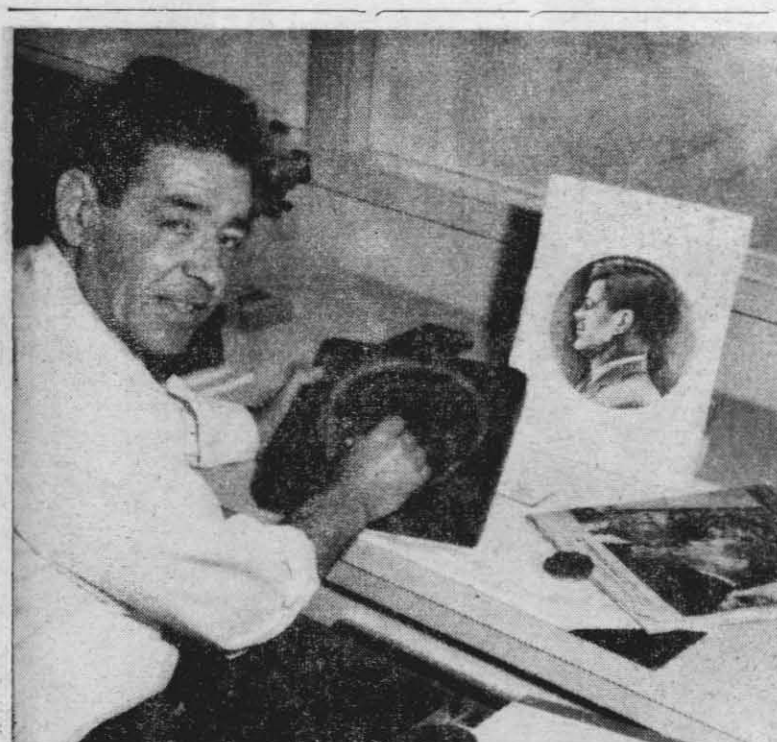


CAPT. CHARLES A. REILLY, CEC, USN

1936 after which he served as an engineer for various construction firms until he entered the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade in 1942.

Served With SeaBees During the war years he served with the 28th SeaBee Construction Battalion in Iceland, England and France during the Normandy Invasion, and later in the South Pacific on Okinawa.

Additional assignments have included a tour of duty in Greece and as executive officer of the Public Works Center on Guam.



COMMEMORATIVE COIN—Charles Nardone of TID's Graphic Arts Branch puts the finishing touches on the mold for the commemorative coin of President Kennedy's visit to NOTS. Design of coin was a collective effort of Nardone, Lynn Nowels, and Richard Johnson. This is the first commemorative coin to be struck at NOTS since the Michelson Laboratory dedication in 1943. Coins will be distributed to all employees in the near future.



# Eager Hands Reach to Greet President

## He Returns Enthusiasm

Never in its 20-year history had the Naval Ordnance Test Station felt so giddy. As one spectator remarked at day's end, "It was like the Fourth of July and V-J Day, all at the same time!"

Cheering throngs, racing for vantage points for a fleeting glimpse of President John F. Kennedy as his huge 707 jet plane settled at the Naval Air Facility, shattered the mood of calm preparation that had prevailed during the final few hours.

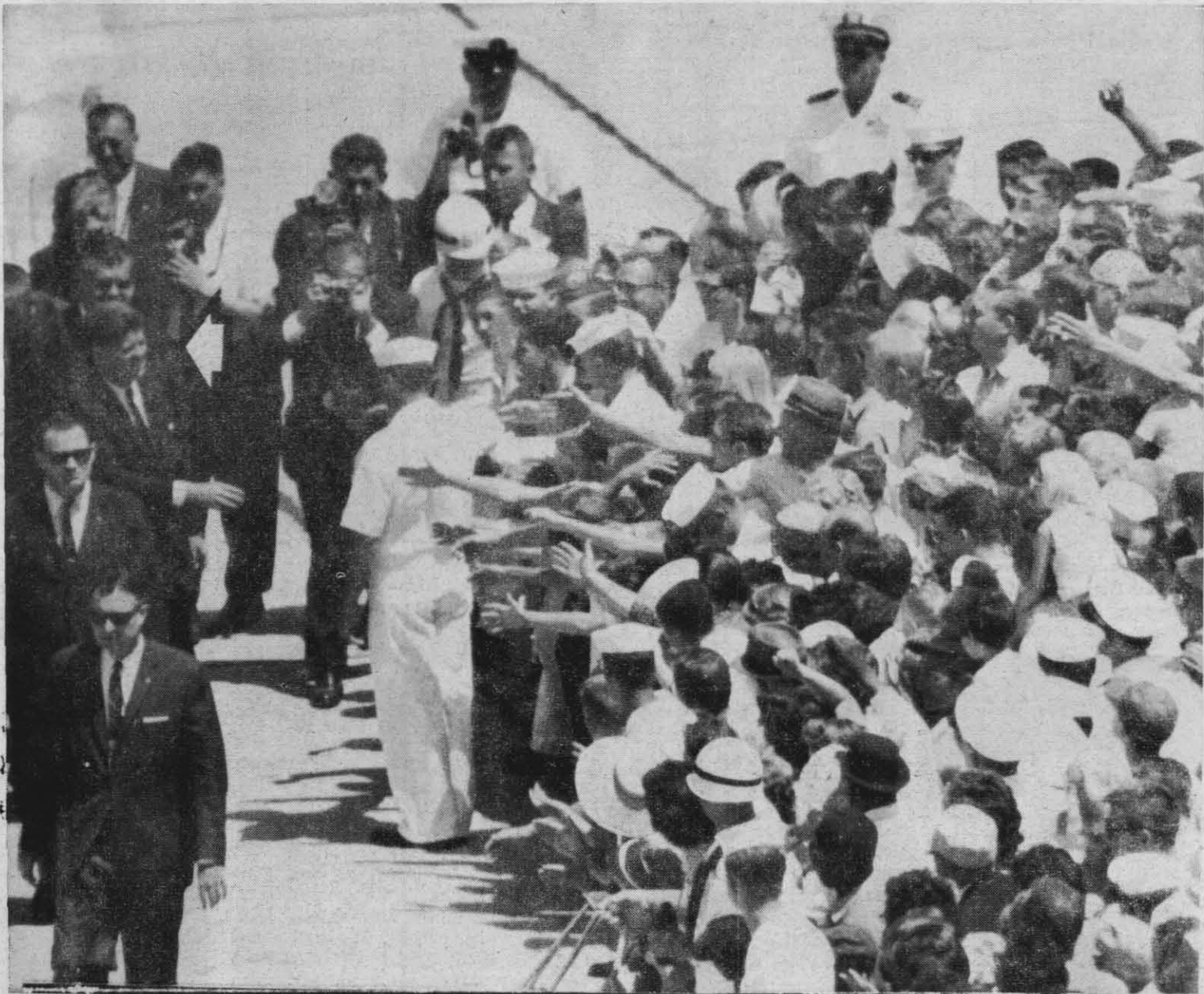
Secret Service and Station Security officers, aided by newly arrived Seamen Guardsmen, found the task of containing the crowd's enthusiasm one of the biggest problems of the day.

By early afternoon, the effort became pointless.

The handclasp, symbol of brotherhood and friendship down through the ages, served as a prime objective for thousands of spectators who tore through police lines to touch the President's hand.

They found a willing one awaiting theirs.

At 46, one of America's youngest Chief Executives displayed a genuine willingness and earnest desire to shake hands with as many people as humanly possible during his visit here.



'HI, MR. PRESIDENT' shouts the enthusiastic crowd at the Naval Air Facility, and dozens of hands reach out eagerly to greet him. Most receptive, the Chief Executive (arrow) moves in close and shakes hands with as many as he can. He even took time to chat a while with some of them.

## Gets Shrike Model



A MODEL OF SHRIKE, anti-radar missile, is presented to President Kennedy by Capt. Blenman during the Michelson Laboratory tour. At right is Dr. Wm. B. McLean, NOTS Technical Director.



THE RUSH WAS ON shortly after the Chief Executive arrived. Here, two spectators lean into the President's car to shake hands with him as he starts for demonstration area.



A SPECIAL THRILL, indeed, it was for Chip and Bing Blenman, the 12-year-old twin sons of Capt. and Mrs. Blenman, and Mark McLean, 13, son of Dr. and Mrs. McLean, to meet the President at Mich Lab. At left are Governor Edmund G. Brown and Mrs. Blenman. The President quizzed the youths on their school work and grades.

## Patience Pays Off

To the thousands who waited for hours along the Blandly St. parade route, it seemed as though the President would never get there. But they knew the schedule of events and waited as patiently as they could. Some used binoculars to watch the planes zoom in on their aerial demonstrations runs and to see the explosions rise up from the desert floor. One woman in the crowd (right) apparently is an "old friend" of the Kennedy family. She holds up a letter and family portrait she received from Mr. Kennedy when he was a senator.



## He Admired the Tots, Too



YOUNG 'NEW FRONTIER' GROUP—Perhaps it was the sight of youngsters like these that prompted the President to remark later: "I have never seen any healthier looking children. I want to express commendation to all the parents."

## Men Who Took The Pictures

A tip of the lens cap to all the military and civilian photographers who covered the President's visit.

From the Public Information-Rocketeer photo staff there were J. H. Wedgewood, PH1-P2; L. Mascarello, PH2; R. D. Brandon, PH2-P1; W. E. Hamler, PH3; W. E. Montgomery, PH3; J. T. Faight, PHAN; T. L. Presson, PHAN; T. J. Forletta Jr., SN, and J. T. Forrester, AN.

From AOD Photo Lab: Sam Wyatt, Floyd Pickrell, Ron Allen, Carl Van and Darrell Moore, AA. Documentary Films Branch: Jim MacFarland, Roy George, Everett Baker, Bill Miller, Clare Grounds, Ray Becker, Bell Frisbee, Bill Stringham, Herb Hewston, Rolly Graff, Bob Balcom and Tom Garcia. Working with them were Louis Hockman, Bill Morrison, Loren Summers and Earl Noonan.

From VX-5: B. G. Hatton, AN, and R. E. Klein, AN.

Presentations Division was represented by Bill Fettkether.

## From Capt. Blenman and Dr. McLean:

As Commander of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station and on behalf of those who directed the planning and execution of Project 1-63, I would like to extend my congratulations to our NOTS personnel for the outstanding manner in which they performed their tasks last Friday.

I have many memories in my Navy career which I shall treasure for the rest of my life. All of them have deep personal significance for me.

None can compare, however, with the pride I feel in my heart at this time. I am proud of you, the men and women here at China Lake and Pasadena, for your demonstrated loyalty, initiative and devotion to the tasks you accomplished.

I am equally proud of the magnificent manner in which you helped display the role of NOTS for the nation to see.

Mostly, I am proud of my association with you.

To our civilian and military personnel at NOTS, I extend my most sincere WELL DONE!

Capt Charles Blenman Jr.  
ComNOTS

It is with great personal satisfaction that I congratulate all members of the NOTS organization for the excellent presentation of our work to the President of the United States during his visit on Friday, 7 June 1963.

All personnel can take pride in accomplishment of a performance of the highest caliber. The time and effort devoted to this project resulted in an outstanding presentation which reflects credit to the Station and the Navy. I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who participated in the preparation and execution of this event.

Dr. Wm. B. McLean  
Technical Director, NOTS



TAKING IT EASY—Keeping the little ones calm and amused while waiting along the parade route was mommy's task. But once the Presidential procession came in sight, "excitement unlimited" was the order of the moment.



# Excitement Galore on Blandy



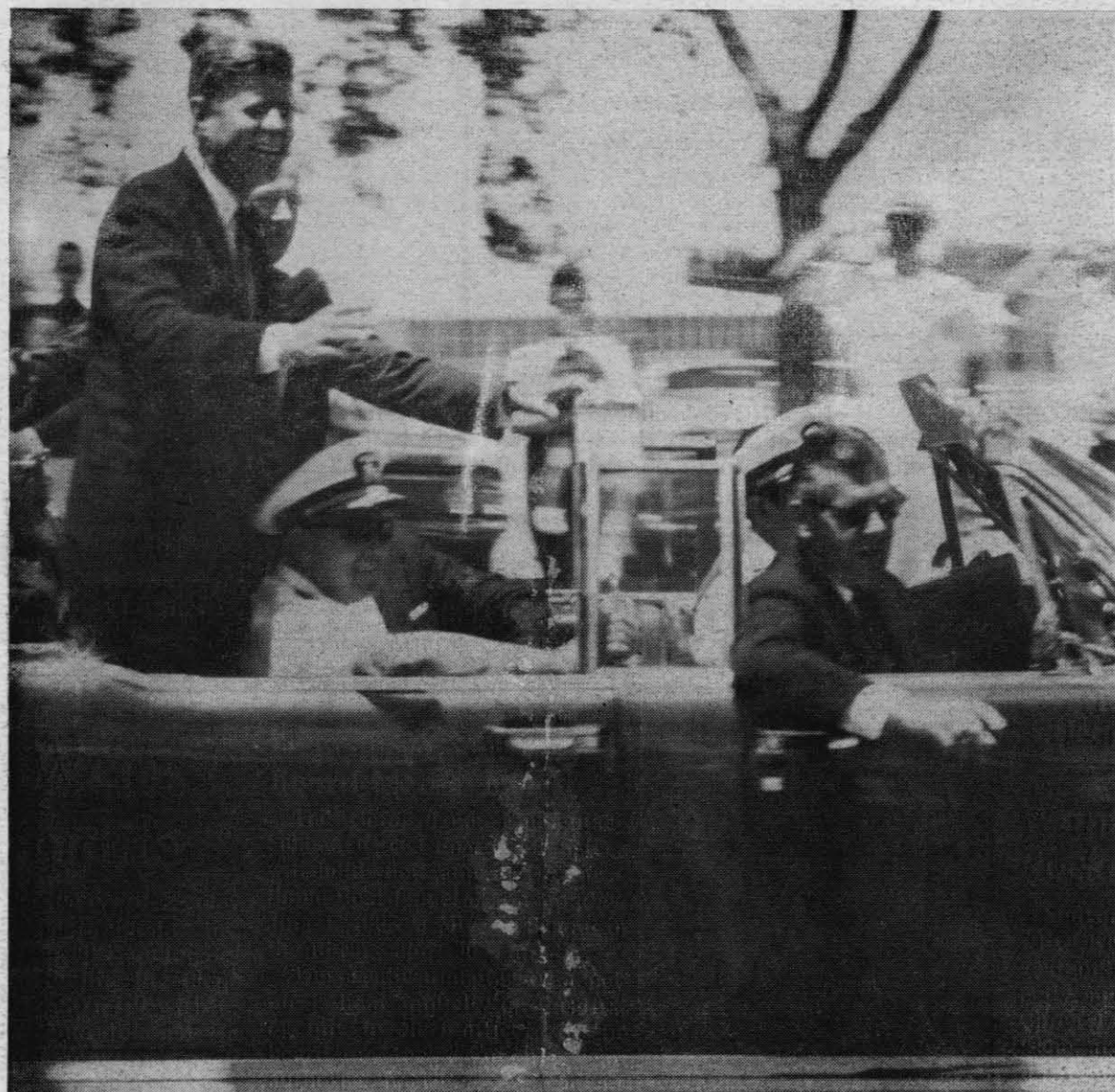
SATISFIED to stay behind the barricade rope and get a panoramic view of the procession is this young man.

—Courtesy of AP Wirephoto

ONE OF THE DAY'S DRAMATIC moments is captured on film as two spectators rush out from curb and try to shake hands with President Kennedy as his car rolls by. Se-

cret Service men try to stop them, but the spectators reportedly succeeded. We don't know the young lady's name, but the determined lad at right is Mike Broward, 11.

## Standing Up to Return Greetings



OBVIOUSLY PLEASED with the tremendous ovation from the thousands along Blandy St., the President stands up to reciprocate. Stand-

ing beside him is Senator Clair Engle. Seated in foreground is Adm. George Anderson, Chief of Naval Operations.



CHECKING THE ROCKETEER for the timetable of the day's events, and reading of NOTS' 20-year history, was one way to pass the time until the procession arrived. The Rocketeer was delivered to homes by Civil Air Patrol cadets before dawn. Others were distributed at the Station gates.

# The Men Who Made The 'Impossible' Possible

## Coordinators Of Project 'NOTS 1-63'

The impossible became possible. The difficult was commonplace. Precedent was set with each passing day as the China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station prepared for the history-making visit of President John F. Kennedy last Friday.

Like any major military operation, NOTS 1-63, the project code name, was headed locally by a "team" of directors.

Captain Floyd F. Reck, Special Military Assistant and Plans and Operations Officer, led the team as Project Director.

A Naval Aviator since 1941 whose military career includes service with the Navy Bureau of Weapons, Capt. Reck had as his principal assistant, Lieutenant Colonel Darrell "Tex" Ritter, the Station's Marine Liaison Officer.

The veteran Marine Corps aviator contributed to this project his own experiences of assisting during a Presidential visit to Hawaii several years ago.

Planning for the visit began six weeks ago. Using operational orders issued by the Commander, First Fleet, China Lake's segment of President Kennedy's west coast tour would demonstrate the firepower capability of carrier forces on land, in addition to an extensive demonstration of weapons undergoing development here at NOTS.

Project Coordinators for each of the departments involved in NOTS 1-63 were designated in a manner that would minimize any interference with NOTS normal workloads.

The following personnel worked "heel 'n toe" throughout the six week period: Cdr. A. J. Sickel, Code 18; Cdr. R. B. Speaker (MC), Code 88; LCdr. R. C. Clasen, Code 84; A. Christman, Code 752 R. A. Appleton, Code 302; W. N. Sorbo, Code 70301; H. H. Wair, Code 3067; W. H. Hampton, Code 002; "J" "T" Bibby, Code 003.

Expressing their appreciation this week for the concerted efforts of project coordinators, Capt. Reck and Lt. Col. Ritter said they had never seen the degree of unity that bound the group together in achieving its objectives.

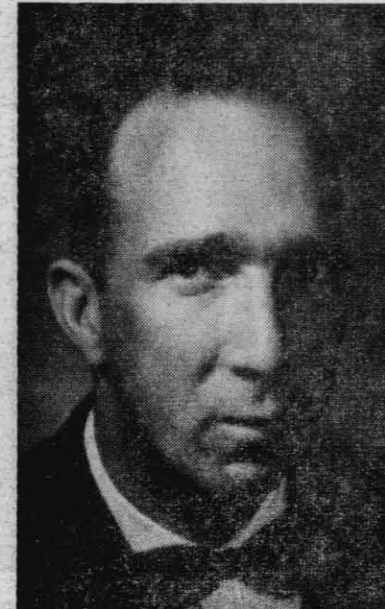
"The project serves as a testimonial to the men and women of NOTS. The coordinators exercised authority and judgment throughout the preparation phase of this operation that would make any organization proud of its performance."



LT. COLONEL D. L. "TEX" RITTER, USMC  
Assistant Project Director



CAPTAIN FLOYD F. RECK, USN  
Project Director



AL CHRISTMAN  
TID, Documentary Film  
Coordinator



W. H. HAMPTON  
Technical Presentations  
Tour Coordinator



LCDR. R. C. CLASEN  
U. S. Navy  
Security Officer



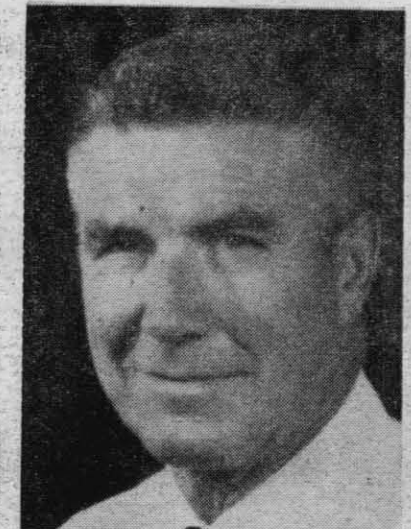
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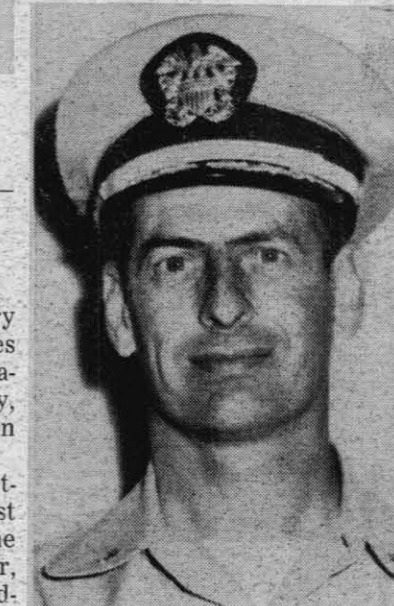
W. N. SORBO  
Public Works Department  
Engineering Coordinator



H. H. WAIR  
Test Department  
Electronics Coordinator



CDR. R. B. SPEAKER (MC)  
U. S. Navy  
Medical Coordinator



CDR. A. J. SICKEL  
U. S. Navy  
NAF Project Coordinator

## BuWeps' Plaudits

"I have received with a great deal of pride and pleasure the reports of your outstanding demonstration for the President of the United States. I wish to extend my congratulations to each of you for a job well done."

RAAdm. K. S. Masterson  
Chief, Bureau of Naval  
Weapons

## Elementary School Board Meets July 1

The China Lake Elementary School District Board of Trustees will hold their annual Organizational Board Meeting on Monday, July 1, 1963 at Murray School in the library at 7:30 p.m.

The organizational board meeting is held annually on the first of July to elect officers of the board for the coming year, authorize board agents and administrative agents for the next year. Current business of the board will also be considered at this meeting.

## Want to Send More Rocketeers Home?

Souvenir editions of the June 7 ROCKETEER that heralded the visit of President John F. Kennedy and served as a NOTS China Lake Armed Forces Day issue, are still available for mailing home.

Station residents desiring extra copies may obtain them from the ROCKETEER offices, 50 King Street.

## CincPacFlt Lauds NOTS

"The Pacific Fleet salutes NOTS and her supporting air teams for a magnificent demonstration which climaxed two superb days for the Navy and Marine Corps. Well done."

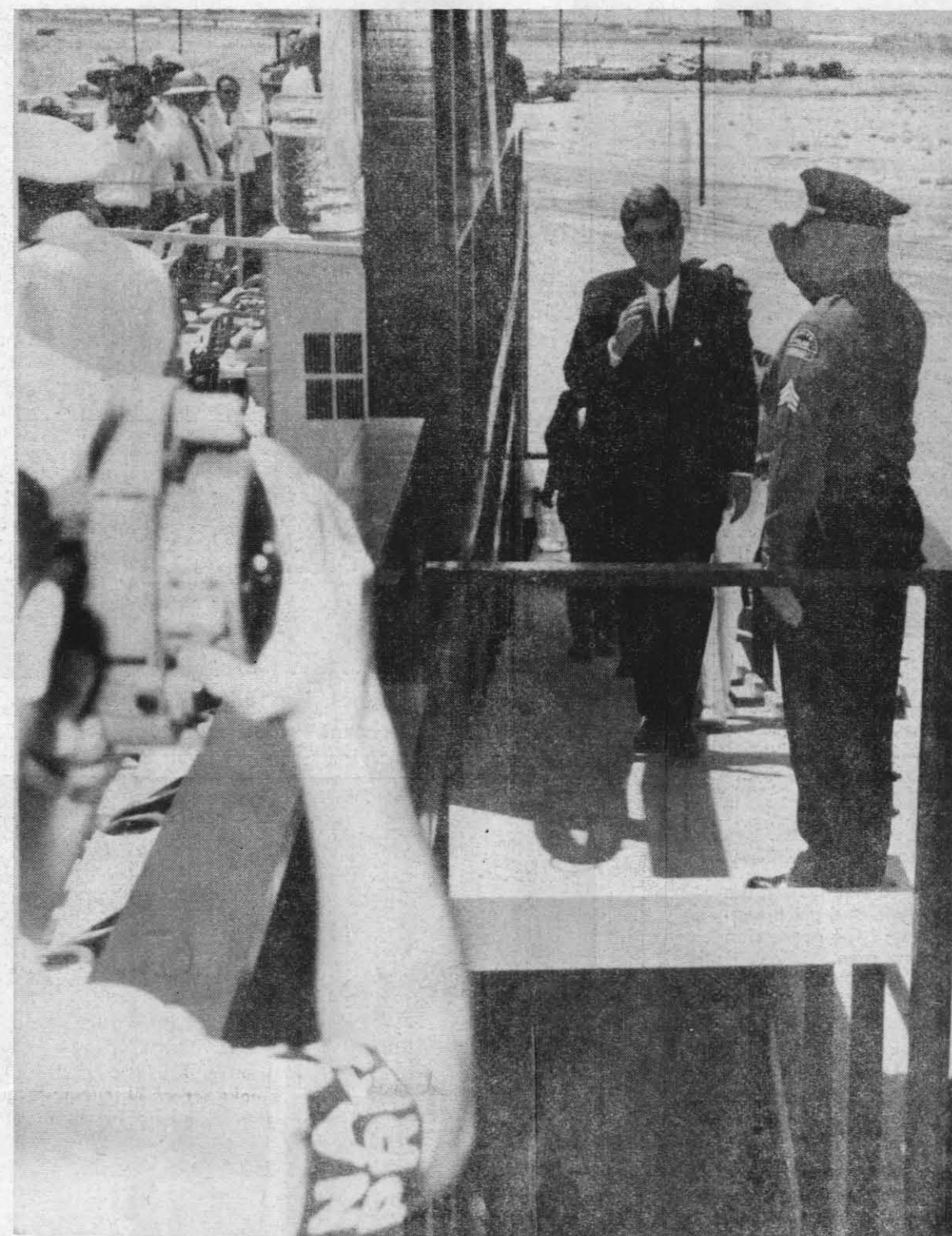
Admiral J. H. Sides  
Commander in Chief,  
Pacific Fleet



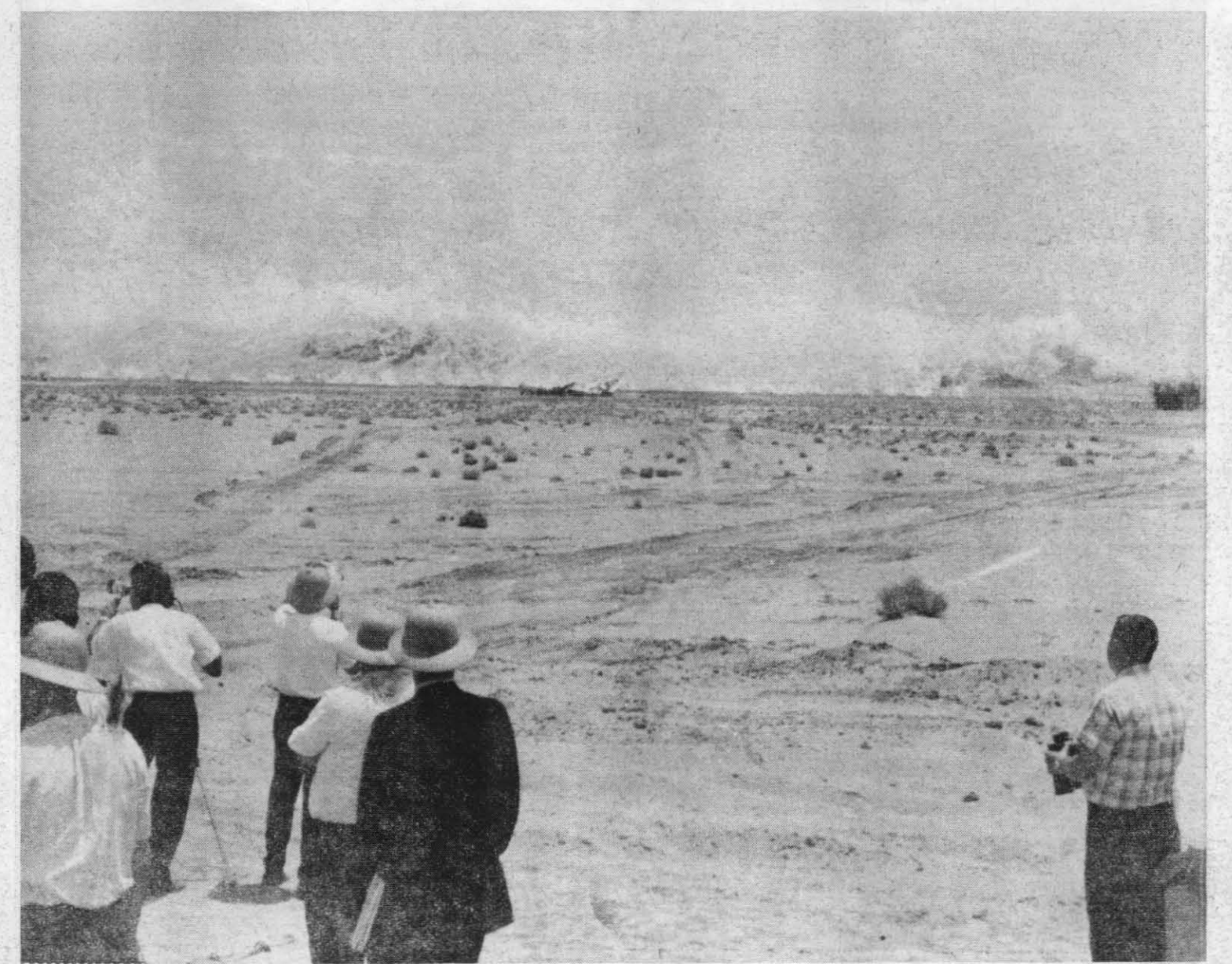
# Aerial Weaponry Demonstration Thrills President and Crowd



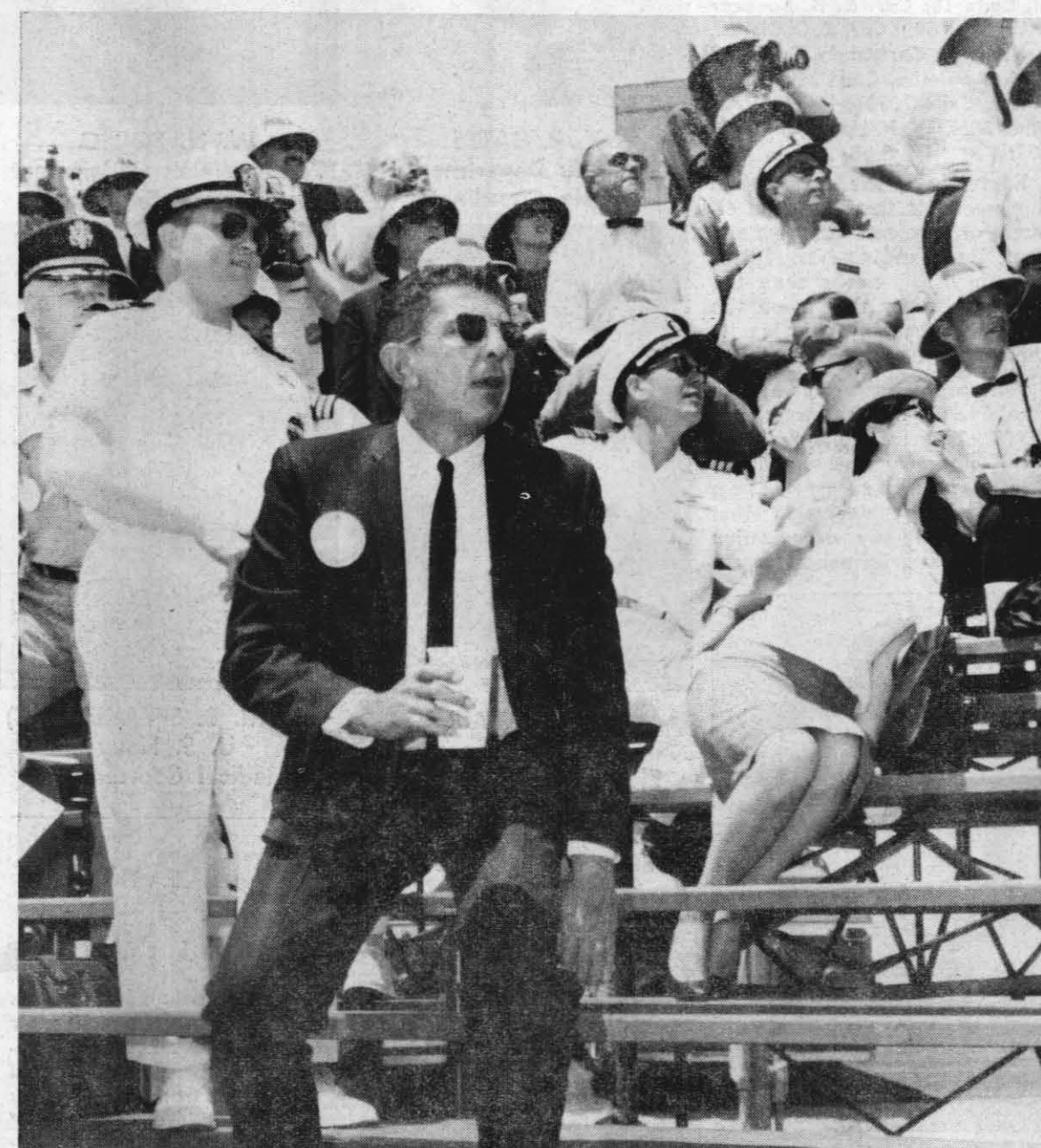
LIVE COVERAGE was given Los Angeles radio listeners by Navy Chief Journalist Ronald Sweig from demonstration area via "beeper" phone descriptions. The explosion in background is result of napalm hit, one of the many spectacular events of the day.



ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT at demonstration site brought snappy salute from local police Sergeant Aaron C. Jones (right) while Navy photographer Lee Mascarello, PH2, obtained television film that went nationwide Friday night.



CURTAIN FALLS over demonstration area as hour-long program ends with dramatic smoke screen obscuring target area. Press accompanying the President on tour of west praised demonstration.

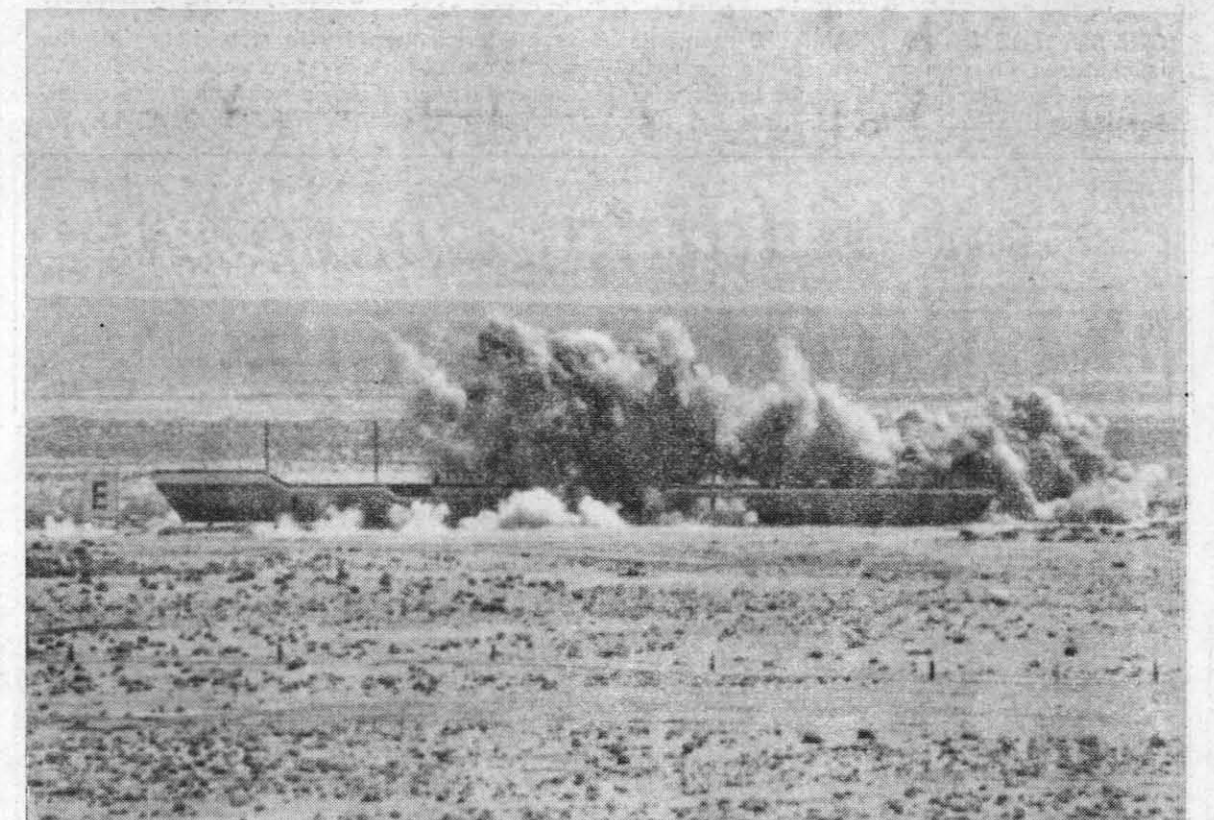


PRESS GALLERY at demonstration site included array of media representatives plus crew of White House press' 707 jet. Action in sky brings man in front to his feet while others crane for better vantage as the jets zoom over target area.

## A Closer View With Binoculars



MOBILE GRANDSTANDS at Naval Air Facility gave spectators excellent view of demonstration, termed by CNO "One of the finest I've seen!" Biggest crowd of day was on hand at Naval Air Facility to greet President Kennedy on his arrival.



KNOCK-OUT PUNCH of the NOTS-developed high velocity aircraft rocket (HVAR) devastates a simulated target ship in flame and smoke. Developed by NOTS late in WW II, the rocket became world famous as the potent "Holy Moses." It is also used by the AF.



MICHELSON LAB project scientists, awaiting arrival of President Kennedy, watched aerial portions of demonstration from ground level — with a great deal of eye-squinting.