

ADVANCEMENTS IN RATE — Capt. L. A. Dewing, (third from left) Commanding Officer of NAF, surrounds himself with the 31 men assigned to the Naval Air Facility who received orders of their advancement-in-rate during recent morning quarters inspection. Three were advanced to the rate of chief petty officer.



### President Nixon Addresses High Ranking Military

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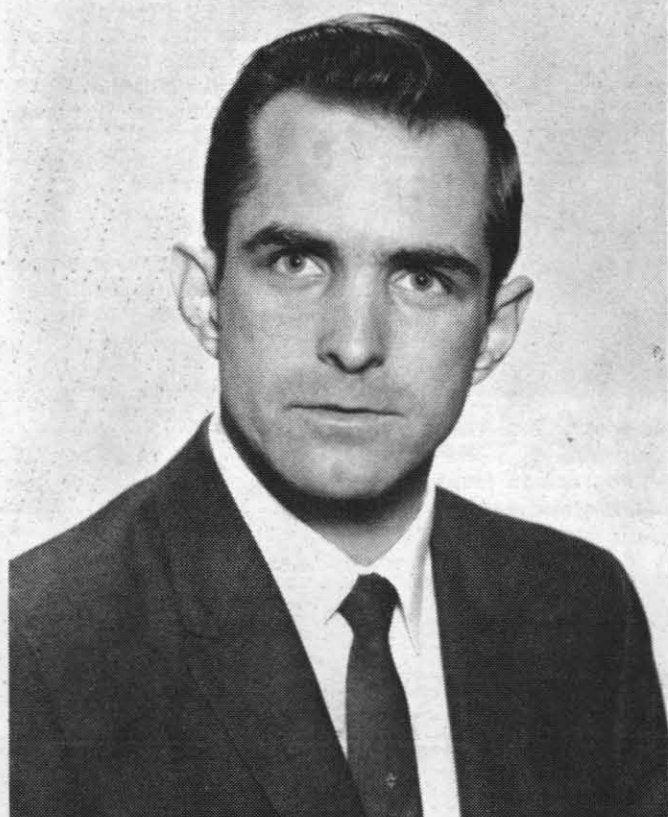
within the Department the differences that may be there, and from the State Department and from other interested departments of Government what their views are on the great problems that confront this Nation and abroad — only if I hear that can I make the kind of decision that is going to be the best decision."

President Nixon said he was going to depend on Secretary Laird and General Wheeler "to bring to me and the National Security Council the viewpoints of the Defense Department and even those minority viewpoints that may exist here which may not agree with that which you have eventually considered should prevail."

The President said that, by seeing that those viewpoints are brought to the attention of the National Security Council, and through that Council to the President of the United States, "you will assure that our policy will be better policy than it would otherwise be."

ENS. THOMAS R. CAVINDER — has been assigned to NWC, China Lake, for his first permanent duty. He is project officer for Public Works Department. He entered the Navy in May 1968 at OCS, Newport, Rhode Island, after receiving his civil engineer's degree from Purdue University. Ens. Cavinder received his commission in September 1968, then attended Civil Engineer Officer School at Port Huene, Calif. He and his wife, Chris, (who also attended Purdue and is a registered pharmacist) live at 402-A Forrestal on the Center.

### New JAMTO Office at Corona



J. K. McNay

A Joint Airline Military Traffic Office is being set up at the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories. It will begin operations on March 3. Phone Ext. 4114, Room 16, Building 512.

J. K. McNay was selected for the job by the Los Angeles Airline Military Committee, overseers of the JAMTO program in this area.

All the scheduled airlines will be represented in the new office; JAMTO represents airlines world-wide. Itineraries, reservations, and ticket sales will be available. The organization is set up to furnish air

travel to military and civilian personnel and dependents of the Armed Forces.

McNay was in the JAMTO office at Norton Air Force Base before being selected to manage the Corona Laboratories branch. Previous to that, he worked for 20 months as the agent at Marine Corp Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He began his airline career at Los Angeles International with Trans World Airlines in 1963, after four years in the Air Force as a Chaplain Services Specialist. He and his family presently live in Rialto.

### LAW IN ACTION

#### SUPER CREDITOR

In our credit economy, lawmakers have made laws to help creditors collect bills and debtors to protect themselves.

But the United States is our common creditor. We owe tax money. When someone doesn't pay, Uncle Sam can collect his bill as no other creditor can.

Your tax bill arises from self-assessment on your tax returns, though the government may assess you yourself. It may audit your books and deny some of your deductions, or add items you may have forgotten. Quite often, believe it or not, the government finds mistakes in your favor, and returns money to you.

Uncle Sam's collection weapon is the tax lien on your property. It exists from the time the tax is assessed. In some ways it is a "secret" lien; it need not be recorded, and few people know of it. Yet the lien is still on all property. The federal government can claim the lien or enforce it later.

The lien applies to everything — wages, life insurance, intangible interests, etc. Exemptions under state law such

as homesteads do not limit the federal government.

If the government does not record the lien, the law protects mortgages, buyers, pledges, and judgment creditors. But other creditors must take their chances that an earlier tax lien does not give the U. S. greater rights.

In enforcing its liens, the government can seize and sell property, close up a business, or give notice and tie up property. If you buy out a business make sure that you will not have to pay the seller's delinquent taxes, federal or state.

A business or a taxpayer who goes broke must pay the taxes before he pays general

creditors. Nor can taxes, unlike other debts, be discharged in a bankruptcy court.

This is the story of a dance hall girl who longs for a true and abiding love and has a heart as big as all outdoors. In her search for the man who will realize her dreams, she becomes enamored of, successively, a slick character who tosses her into a lake in the course of frisking her handbag,

travel to military and civilian personnel and dependents of the Armed Forces.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

## SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

"PETULIA" (105 Min.)  
Julie Christie, Geo. C. Scott  
7:30 P.M.

(Drama) Unpredictable Petulia, despite being married, persistently chases a handsome, divorced medic even to hounding him on his dates. The mad tale of romance, hospitals and surgeons pulls no punches. Julie's best. (Adult, Very Mature Youth.)  
Short: "Mexican Mousepiece" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY MARCH 1

—MATINEE—  
"ALAKAZAM THE GREAT" (84 Min.)  
Cartoon Feature  
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Wideo Wabbit" (7 Min.)  
"Captain Marvel" (No. 2, 17 Min.)

—EVENING—

"PRETTY POISON" (89 Min.)  
Anthony Perkins, Tuesday Weld  
7:30 P.M.

(Drama) Shades of Bonnie and Clyde. Fasten your seatbelts as a pretty honor student leads her fantasy-dreamer boy friend down a path of crime and murder hysterically laughing all the way. A weird, chilling shocker!! (Adult.)

Shorts: "Snowbody Loves Me" (7 Min.)  
"Riviera Revelries" (10 Min.)

SUNDAY MARCH 2

"MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE" (101 Min.)  
Clint Walker, Anne Francis, Vincent Price  
7:30 P.M.

(Western) Paroled gunslinger tries to live down his fast-gun past to no avail. His meeting pretty Anne and joining a Wild West Show are a prelude to an unexpected climax. Can a quick draw gunman ever hang up his guns. (Adults, Very Mature Youth.)

Short: "Tickled Pink" (Pink Panther, 7 Min.)

MONDAY MARCH 3

CHINA LAKE CIVIC CONCERT

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY MARCH 4-5

"FOR SINGLES ONLY" (91 Min.)  
John Saxon, Mary Ann Mobley  
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Drama) Title refers to a swingin' apartment managed by Milton Berle, where the former Miss America meets Saxon as the story reveals the lives of the tenants. Several bits by guest trios and bands make this a swinger. (Adult.)

Short: "Swinging Brazil" (18 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY MARCH 6-7

"DANGER: DIABOLIK" (102 Min.)  
John Phillip Law, Marisa Mell, Terry-Thomas  
7:30 P.M.

(Crime/Drama) Arch criminal Diabolik foils Terry-Thomas and heists a 10 million dollar currency shipment. This makes Terry angry and he even forces crime syndicates to seek his tormentor. Sero-comic caper moves fast! (Adult, Youth, Mature Children.)

Short: "Keys to Fishin' Fun" (9 Min.)

### SUPPORT YOUR RED CROSS

### 'Sweet Charity' Told in Bakersfield

Broadway's hit musical comedy of 1966, "Sweet Charity," is Bakersfield Community Theatre's next on-stage attraction.

Featured in the title role of "Charity Hope Valentine" is former Starlight of Kern performer, Roanne Brown and a large cast of 32 singers and dancers.

The entire evening — music, sets, costumes, lights, orchestration and dancing is the kind of thing we do best, and this is an extremely exciting example of it, according to BCT director, Dick Fisher.

This is the story of a dance hall girl who longs for a true and abiding love and has a heart as big as all outdoors. In her search for the man who will realize her dreams, she becomes enamored of, successively, a slick character who tosses her into a lake in the course of frisking her handbag,

"Sweet Charity" will be playing next week on March 1, 6, 7, 8. Theatre is located at 2400 South Chester Avenue, tickets available at the box office nights of performance, curtain time 8:30 p.m.

1969 EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN DATES MARCH 1-APRIL 6

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## Director of Navy Labs Visits China Lake Center



RECEPTION HELD — The Mojave Room of the NWC Commissioned Officers' Mess was the scene of a reception held last Tuesday evening in honor of Dr. Joel S. Lawson, Jr. (c), Director of Navy Laboratories. Shown chatting informally with Dr. Lawson are Dr. Tom Amlie, (r) NWC Technical Director, and Dr. Ivar Highberg.

Dr. Joel S. Lawson, Jr., Director of Navy Laboratories, arrived Monday, February 24, for an orientation tour of the Naval Weapons Center, its programs and facilities. He left yesterday for Pt. Mugu after a whirlwind round of discussion and presentations by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, Commanding Officer of the Center and various Department heads.

A reception honoring Dr. Lawson was held on Tuesday night, February 25, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The event capped a very busy day in which the Director heard presentations from B. F. Husten, LeRoy Riggs, W. B. Porter, Dave Livingston, J. A. Crawford, Jim Colvard, T. M. Leese, P. G. Arnold, and F. M. Ashbrook.

The next day, Wednesday, was taken up by talks with Dr. St. Amand, Head of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division of the Research Department, and a discussion with Carl Schaniel, Head of the Weapons Planning Group.

A highlight of the visit included a helicopter tour of China Lake and its vast complex of facilities and ranges.

## Corona Wins Fire Award



EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT — Constant checkout of equipment is important in the overall fire prevention program at the Corona Labs. Above, Chief J. L. Rabourn (l) and F. H. Pettitt check the pressure on a hand extinguisher.

The Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories has won a coveted Honorable Mention Award in the 1968 international competition designed to provide recognition for positive efforts in the field of fire prevention. It is the fifth such award since 1961.

The National Fire Protection Assn., International, sponsors the contest. NWC Corona competed in the Military Division, Group III (under 1500 personnel). First place in this division went to a Naval Supply Center in Virginia.

Based largely on fire prevention and education, the contest aims to stimulate universal fire safety consciousness and to encourage a wider use

## Vets Insurance Dividend Due On Anniversary

More than 4.2 million World War I and World War II veterans holding GI insurance policies will receive \$236 million in dividends during 1969, according to the Veterans Administration.

The dividends will be paid throughout 1969 on the anniversary of the policies. Veterans need not apply for the dividends since payments will be made automatically, it was announced.

For nearly 4.1 million World War II veterans, National Service Life Insurance 1969 dividends will total \$218 million. The average payment will be about \$53.

Some 185,000 World War I veterans with United States Government Life Insurance policies will receive a 1969 dividend of \$18 million. Average payment in 1969 will be approximately \$97.

Increased interest earnings or government life insurance funds made possible the higher 1969 dividends. The earnings will also enable VA to pay a modest first-time dividend averaging \$11 to approximately 193,000 veterans holding modified life insurance policies. These policies are issued at a low permanent plan premium rate and provide maximum insurance protection until the veteran reaches age 65.

## Inspectors Rate VX-5 Outstanding



PERSONNEL INSPECTED — Capt. T. M. Smyers, head of the COMFAIRALAMEDA Inspection team (center) carefully inspects VX-5's crew during the squadron's annual Administrative and Material Readiness Inspection held recently at the Naval Air Facility.

VX-5's annual Administrative and Material Readiness Inspection was conducted by Commander Fleet Air Alameda on Wednesday, February 19. All facets of the Command were surveyed by a specially assigned team of inspectors.

The inspection began with a personnel inspection by Capt. Theodore M. Smyers, head of the inspection team. Each officer then found his counterpart in the inspecting party and a questions and answers session was held.

The inspection team also divided into groups which individually examined operations and procedures in the Administrative Department, Projects, Maintenance and Operations. Another group selected five men at random from the barracks for seabag inspection.

In the afternoon the inspecting party retired to convert their impressions into numerical scores.

Results of the inspection are presented on a numerical scale of 100 with each billet within a department receiving a weighted score according to the magnitude of its contribution to the squadron. Each individual score was calculated into a composite score for each department and all departments were combined for the

## Local Optimists Reschedule 50th Anniversary

The Golden Anniversary of the Optimist International Organization which was planned for March 1 at the Beau Brummel in Ridgecrest will now be held on the same date at the Naval Weapons Center Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The affair had to be changed to another location due to damage to the Ridgecrest restaurant. All original plans are still in effect, and especially those that include costume dress in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Optimist International.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Hell Is Our Thing

CHAPLAIN JUDE R. SENIEUR



The objections to the existence of Hell are about as conclusive as the whistling of a young boy passing through a graveyard at night.

Some men cannot reconcile the God of Love with the existence or even the idea of Hell. These men forget that Hell is not God's idea.

When God created the universe He did not set aside a certain area and say "This will be Hell."

The man who invented the pneumatic tire did not create the flat tire. The first man to run over a nail, did that.

God created Heaven. Hell is our thing!



TREE OF APPRECIATION — The protestant congregation of the All Faith Chapel held a Japanese cherry tree planting service on the east chapel lawn on Sunday morning, February 23, after the 11 a.m. service.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Present Center employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below.

Joiner, JD No. 196-3, Code 70411—Constructs, installs and repairs cabinet work, furniture, displays, models, and similar items.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

A complete list of new books is available in the library.

Fiction Bishop—Psychiatrist. Henderson—The Anything Box.

Non-Fiction Barber—A Sinister Twilight. Banton—Race Relations. Chapman—Essentials of Music.

Brooke—The Challenge of Change. Cross—John Diebold. Fuller—A Pageant of the Theatre.

New Chaplain



LT. GORDON A. READ — is NAF's Chaplain, relieving Lt. Irvin H. Thompson. Lt. Read reported aboard from Commander, Amphibious Squadron Three, where he was staff protestant chaplain.

Chado Tea Ceremony Is Ancient Ritual



TEA CULTURE — or how to relieve the mind of worry and achieve tranquility is explained by Chado instructress Mrs. Keio Niikura (r) to (l-r) her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Bates, and Mrs. Robert W. Cummings.

Chado — the tea ceremony of Japan — which translated means "teism" or the "cult of tea" was demonstrated by Mrs. Keio Niikura during the recent Military Wives' luncheon at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Mrs. Niikura arrived in China Lake several weeks ago from Hyama, Japan to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Bates, and family.

Chado must be taught because there is more involved in the "cult of tea" than just serving and drinking tea — there are a few rules to be observed to achieve the designed purpose of the ceremony.

For instance, in Chado there are special hand motions to be performed, such as the gestures used in picking up a napkin and holding it in a fashion used only during Chado — employing all the beauty of graceful motions.

Tea drinking came to Japan from China in the 16th Century when the Buddha monk, Rikyu started Chado among the Samurai (Japanese warriors) and local leaders.

During the 16th Century when the country was in a turbulent condition, the Chado ceremony was observed by government and military leaders in order to relieve their minds of worry and thus achieve rest and tranquility.

The Chado ceremony begins with the making of the tea and during the entire ceremony the group is not allowed to talk business or politics — but they can discuss beauty of nature, arts and other common human topics — for the purpose of the occasion is to achieve rest by disregarding problems and worries temporarily.

A special tea — Maccha — is used for the Chado. It is in very fine powder form, made from green tea leaves and is rich in iron.

The chagama, or charcoal pot, is used to heat the water pot. The hot water is poured into china cups with the chashaku (dipper), the fine powdered Maccha is added and then stirred with a bamboo brush.

On napkins before the guests are placed bean cakes (yokan), so named because they are made from beans. The cakes are very sweet and are usually served before the tea, which is bitter.

Mrs. Niikura is fascinated with her first view of the Mojave Desert and she is especially delighted to see the expanse of America's wide open spaces — so much open space and uninhabited. Japan, of course, does not have any deserts and Mrs. Niikura says there are no open spaces in Japan, not even an open field.

Chief Petty Officers' Ball A Success

Senior Officers Honored Guests At 14th Event



SENIOR CHAPLAIN ATTENDS — Chaplain and Mrs. Harold A. MacNeill and their sponsors, ETC and Mrs. J. S. Kubina get together for an informal group photograph in front of the Navy Cross Decoration that was used to dress up the Chief Petty Officers' Club for the Ball.

The 14th annual Chief Petty Officers' Ball went off without a hitch last Saturday night when the Center's Senior Petty Officers rolled out the red carpet for their members and guests.

The gala festivities got underway at 6 p.m. with cocktails and greeting the honored guests which included Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and other senior officers of the Command.

Favors for all present included cigarette lighters, money clips, key chains, and lapel pins. All of the ladies who attended the event received corsages at the door.

The first dance of the evening was performed by Capt. and Mrs. M. R. Etheridge. The music for the dancing which began at about 9 p.m. was provided by the James Whitmore orchestra from Los Angeles.



EVERYBODY DANCED — After Capt. and Mrs. M. R. Etheridge, Commanding Officer of NWC, danced the traditional "First Dance," everyone in attendance joined in to swing with the fine orchestra of James Whitmore of Los Angeles. Dancing began at about 9:30 p.m.



GUESTS ARRIVE — Honored guests for the evening were Commanding Officers, Executive Officers and Senior Officer personnel. Above, Capt. and Mrs. Jackson McKinney arrive at the front entrance where they were greeted by their sponsor for the evening.



GUESTS AND MEMBERS — Sponsors and honored guests enjoyed a wonderful main course meal of Prime Rib. Shown enjoying the meal and the conversation are PHCM and Mrs. Ray Peters (left side of table), who were sponsors for the evening for Capt. and Mrs. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. Also shown are Capt. and Mrs. R. L. Williamson, II, NWC Executive Officer. The group is seated at the head table.

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DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant (All-Faith Chapel)—Morning Worship—8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4 (Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant.

Roman Catholic (All-Faith Chapel)—Holy Mass—7, 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions—7 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All-Faith Chapel)—8 p.m. every first and third Friday.

Sabbath School—10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday.

Unitarian Fellowship—(Chapel Annex 95, 95 King Ave.)—Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

Chief Executive Addresses High-Ranking Military In Pentagon

On his second visit to the Pentagon since taking office Jan. 20, President Richard M. Nixon recalled his service in the Armed Forces (Lt. Cmdr.-Navy) and said, "I always feel just a little bit embarrassed when an admiral comes up to me and says 'sir.'"

He said he thought it should be the other way around, adding, "I am sure the Secretary (Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, another Navy WWII veteran) has the same problem."

The President chose Jan. 31 to address a capacity crowd of high-ranking military officials in the Pentagon auditorium who, he said, were "the key men who are responsible for the defense of the United States and who also play the

major role in the defense and peace of freedom in the world." He said he had been privileged to know the top military commanders of the nation "going back over 20 years," and then added: "I know that the military man in the United States today is a broad-gauged man. His knowledge is not limited simply, and his interests are not limited simply to the military responsibilities that are his."

"He knows the world in which we live. He can give valuable advice on the great diplomatic and political considerations that have to be considered when these decisions are made. He is a specialist, true, and I can assure one thing: I do not presume to be a specialist in this field and I am going to rely, when it comes to purely matters, on what my military advisers tell me should be done."

"But," President Nixon continued, "I do know this: I do know that due to the magnificent education that is provided for those who finally achieve the top ranks in our military services, they are men who are not just specialists; they are generalists in the best sense of the word. They can make a contribution, a contribution to the over-all policy of this nation."

are differences within the Defense Department, although it is very hard to get General Wheeler (Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) to tell me what they are.

"But on the other hand," he continued, "while those differences do exist, I believe that we are all working together toward the same end. I want to hear those differences expressed. I will then have to make the decision, a decision that only the President of the United States can make in determining what our policy will be."

"But only if I hear from the Defense Department and from (Continued on Page 8)

From The Desk Of The Master Chief . . .  
To All Petty Officers:



DELBERT D. BLACK

Many of the questions that I receive could readily have been answered at the command level. This leads me to believe that our petty officers are not keeping their men informed and will not take the time to answer their questions. You would all be surprised how much you can learn yourselves by making the effort to dig out the facts for your men. Believe me, I learn something new almost every day.

Let me emphasize that any time one of your subordinates has a problem, this is also your problem. I have seen too many cases where petty officers, instead of making the effort to help their men, brush them off by referring them to various offices. Let's face the facts. You, as a petty officer, can get the information much easier through your background in Navy programs and your access to instructions and publications. In the meantime you will build up your men's confidence in you as a leader.

It is the duty of every petty officer to help those junior to him to solve their problems or at least get a knowledgeable answer for the question that may be asked. Every petty officer must treat his men's problems as if they were his own.

We, as petty officers, have the ability and know-how to solve the vast majority of our men's problems within our own resources. Let us never forget it is our duty to do so.



PROMOTION CEREMONY — Ens. Timothy J. Broedling received a promotion to Lieutenant, junior grade, in a brief ceremony recently at NAF. Capt. L. A. Dewing, Commanding Officer, NAF, and Mrs. Broedling assist with new shoulder boards. Broedling is Fuels and Salvage Officer at the Air Facility.

Sharpshooting Order of Day At Local Lanes

There were 35 games of 200 or better bowled in the Premier League Monday evening as action continued at the China Lake Bowl. Ray Freascher was the big man this week, rolling the fourth highest series in the China Lake - Ridgecrest Bowling Association this year.

Freascher started off with a 267, came back with a 225 in the second game, then fell off to 196 as he recorded a 688 series. Earl Roby continued his hot streak, hitting 211-226 and a 629 series while Jack Herbstreit was next with 258-629.

Bryan Schuetze had 232-613; Stan Ziegler hit 225-612 and Dan Branson rolled a 609 to round out the top six. High single game scores included Chuck Cutsinger 238; Chuck Albright, Allen Smith and Bob Hooper at 223 and George Bowles with 222.

Bowles hit one of the highest series of the year in the Friday Mixed Foursome, rolling games of 229-244-188 enroute to a 661 series. Jim Ball also broke the 600 mark, hitting a 630 with games of 222 and 211. Sally Stephenson had 208-520 and Carol Barker hit 209-518. Sandy Smith had high series for the ladies with 522.

Women's League

In the Women's Wednesday Handicap League, Willie Johnson led the way during the last two weeks with series of 537 and 513. Sally Stephenson took single game honors with a 222 and 520 series. Aline Schad had 206-522 and Ruth Glover rolled 200-519. Stella Stillwell also broke the 200 mark with a 202.

Joan Fowler rolled a 232-580 to lead the way in the Women's Monday Scratch League. Sue Haack hit 223-576 and 225-561 on consecutive weeks, while Mary Jane Clark rolled 227-572. Diane Richardson had 214-560; Lee Fox rolled 554 and Dotty Duncan hit 201-550. Other top scores included Marilyn Heeke 218-543; Maggie Branson 540; Erma Erickson 530; Neola Crimmons 523 and Val Strommen 513.

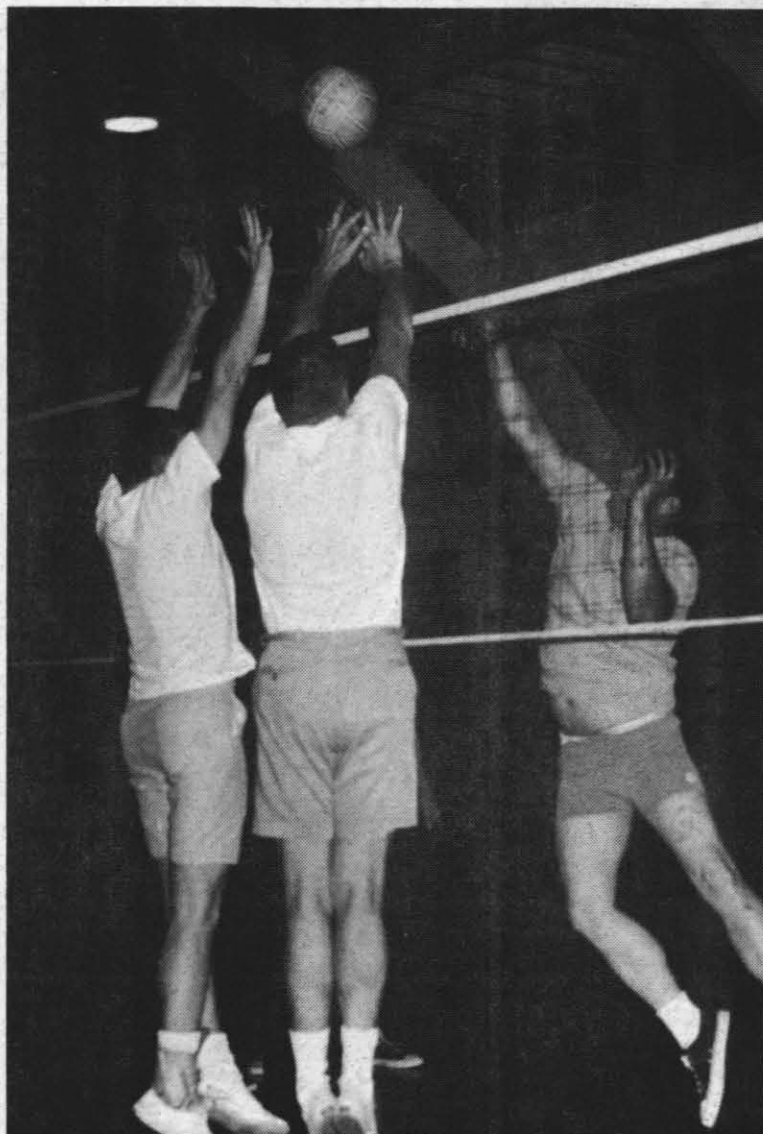
In the Midway League, Fred Dalpiaz led the way with 239-217 and 645. Phil Roper posted the second high game with 238 while Byron Nelson shot a 236. Dick Tolkmitt had games of 237-215 and Roy Johanboeke rolled a 223. Bill Tenan was also over the 600 mark with 202-206-197 and a 605 series.

Volleyball League Entry Deadline Extended

Deadline for team entries in the 1969 China Lake Volleyball League has been extended to Thursday March 6 according to a recent announcement by Athletic Director Bill Milligan. The league's annual team captain's meeting is scheduled to be held at 4:30 p.m. on that day, with competition beginning on Tuesday, March 11.

Team captains and coaches desiring to schedule practice sessions at the gym prior to the league's opening night are requested to do so by calling the gym office at extension 71334.

Volleyball Next Intramural Sport



UP AND AT IT! — The nets are up at the Center gym in preparation for the Intramural Volleyball League which will begin in a few weeks. The picture above is a scene from last year's action. Teams are encouraged to sign up immediately for this year's play.

Vampires Down Loewen's Falcons To Take League Title

The VX-5 Vampires defeated the Loewen's Falcons, 55-47, Tuesday evening to win the 1968-69 China Lake basketball championship. It was the first basketball championship ever for the Vampires and ended the Falcon's four year reign at the top of the Center Basketball League.

The win capped an eight game winning streak which saw the Vampires move from third place to a tie for the top spot at the end of a regular season play. VX-5 previously defeated the Falcons, 76-72, last week to force the playoff.

It was a wild and loosely played contest which saw both clubs play well below their potential. The Falcons missed numerous opportunities to break the game open with their fast break, while VX-5 experienced difficulty in putting their floor game together. In the end however, it was the Vampires who made the key baskets to win it.

The Falcons opened the first period using their fast break, but missed several easy scoring opportunities during the first few minutes. The Vampires hit well enough from the outside to take a 14-9 lead at the end of the first eight minutes. The teams played even up in the second period with Bruce Fagaly hitting three free throws from the outside to keep the game close. Terry Atkinson and Ken Cappell hit jump shots in the final minutes of the period to send the Vampires ahead 26-21 at the break.

The Falcons played their best basketball during the opening minutes of the second half. Carl Ames and Jerry Tyler combined on an effective fast break as Loewen's scored eight unanswered

points during the first two minutes to take a 29-28 lead. Moments later Ron Lyons scored twice on easy layups to put the Vampires back ahead to stay.

The Vampires continued to press the attack and pulled ahead, 42-33 with seven minutes left in the game. Loewen's went into a full court press with three minutes left, but once again the defending champions were unable to cash in on easy scoring opportunities.

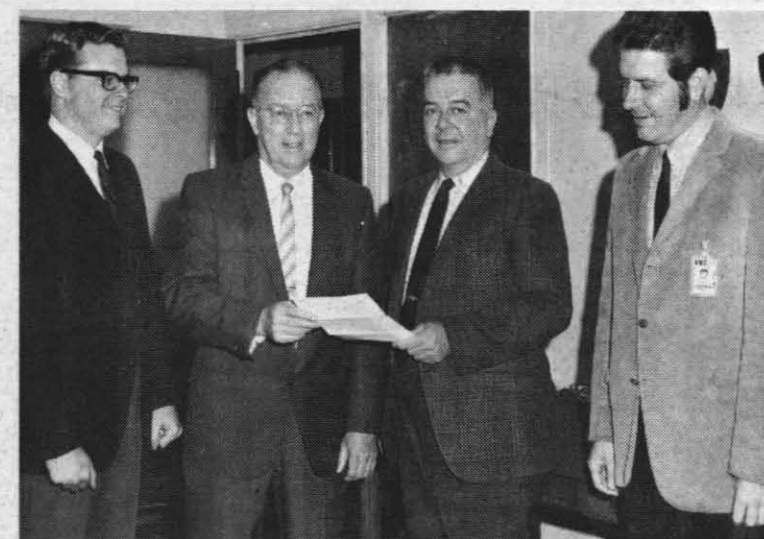
In the end the Vampires won it at the foul line. Jim Prophet hit five of six free throws during the last three minutes and Terry Atkinson hit two more with 57 seconds remaining.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, G, Ft. Pts., and G, Ft. Pts. Rows include Ayers, Mathis, Ames, Rizzardi, Tyler, Johnson, Coates, and Fagaly.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include LOEWEN'S (9 12 11 15-47) and VX-5 (14 12 11 18-55).

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, Pts., and Avg. Rows include Higgins, Ziegler, Ellwanger, Kinney, Coates, Cappell, Hein, Lyons, Atkinson, and Johnson.

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TRIAL RETIREMENT — Roland W. Reynolds, (2nd from l) is the first NWC employee to exercise the options available under NWC Instruction 12830.1 of January 24, 1969, the Center's new trial retirement program. NWC is the second activity within the Navy Department, and one of a limited number of employers in the nation, to offer such a plan. If eligible for trial retirement, an employee may: (1) retire for one year with a guarantee of re-employment at the same grade level he left, or (2) work part-time for one year, at the end of which he must either retire or return to work full-time. Reynolds, a chemical engineer in the Configuration/Specification Branch, Technical Data Division, Engineering Department, has been at NWC since June, 1947. F. A. Chenault (3rd from l), Head, Engineering Department, presented the certificate. John Woodbridge (l), employee management relations specialist of Personnel Dept., and Charles Moncrief, personnel management advisor, Engineering Dept., also attended.

TV Booster Committee Reports

New transmitters for Channels 4, 7, 9 and 11 were received and installed last August. At that time it was found that the units feeding the transmitters (demodulators) were inadequate to produce suitable picture and color quality. A long period of demodulator redesign and evaluation followed.

During the period of January 11 and 12, Mr. Garr Johnson of ECW Co., Fresno, and Mr. Bud Untiedt, Chief Engineer of KCET-TV of Los Angeles, with the assistance of the regular maintenance personnel, installed the final version of demodulators and checked out and adjusted the entire system. Upon completion of this work, all of the equipment purchased by the TV Fund was found to be working properly

and in accordance with specifications. Recently some deterioration of sound and picture quality has been noted on Channels 4 and 7. It has been determined that this fault is in the receiving system and not in the newly purchased transmitting equipment. Corrective maintenance measures are being taken to restore the quality of these channels.

Minor problems occur from time to time and are corrected by normal maintenance procedures. These problems are not necessarily connected with the new equipment. Anyone qualified in electronic maintenance who is interested in helping maintain the TV system should contact Henry Wair at Extensions 712336 or 712337.



VIET NAM VETERAN COMMENDED — Cdr. Robert M. Dadds (r), was presented the Navy Unit Commendation by Capt. L. A. Dewing, Commanding Officer, NAF, during recent morning quarters. Secretary of the Navy commended U.S.S. Constellation for the period May 18 to November 26, 1967, when Cdr. Dadds was a combat pilot with Attack Carrier Air Wing Fourteen. The citation reads in part: "... Constellation and her embarked air wing carried out numerous major strikes on significant military objectives in North Viet Nam, and succeeded in inflicting extensive damage to these important and strategic targets... continuously overcame determined enemy defenses and hazardous weather conditions to project aggressive, effective naval air power against the enemy, thereby contributing substantially to United States combat air efforts in Southeast Asia." Cdr. Dadds is Personnel Officer at NAF with collateral duty as project pilot.

Civil Service Expedites First Annuity Check

Procedures to speed up processing of Civil Service retirement claims to assure more prompt payment are now in effect, the U.S. Civil Service Commission has announced.

Federal agencies are now authorized to submit optional or mandatory retirement applications and necessary records to the Commission six weeks in advance of an employee's retirement date. Similar procedures have already proved helpful in processing disability retirement applications.

The Commission emphasized that, to be effective to the maximum degree, both agencies and employees must cooperate in seeing that applications for retirement are filed well in advance of the retirement date.

Under previous procedures for non-disability retirements, agencies submitted the applications after the retiring employee had received his last pay check. In some cases the time lapse in submitting the application has been as long as 30 days after the employee retired and has delayed the receipt of his first annuity check by one to two months.

The new system will permit the Commission to verify employment records and compute the annuity while the employee is still on the payroll and to notify the Treasury Department to schedule payment of the first annuity check when due.

Agency Procedures

The new procedures call for agencies to confirm no later than five days after the pay date of the employee's final salary check that the separation for retirement actually took place. Agencies also have been requested to establish a similar target date for submission of records needed to pay lump-sum refund claims.

The new system for non-disability retirements is expected to be particularly helpful at times when cost-of-living increases in the annuities of retired Federal employees come about.

One such increase would become effective March 1, 1969, and be reflected in the April 1 annuity checks, if the December Consumer Price Index is 122.6 or higher. All annuitants on the annuity rolls on or before March 1 would receive the increase.

Under the law, automatic increases are granted annuitants on the Civil Service retirement rolls whenever, for three consecutive months, the cost of living is increased by at least three percent over the Consumer Price Index on which the previous increase was based. In this instance the CPI of February 1968 is being used. The percentage increase from February was 3.3 percent for October and 3.7 percent for November 1968. A CPI of 122.6 or higher for December, the third consecutive month, would trigger the increase.

YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS... ARE THEY IN ORDER? Insurance, Plick, My Will, etc.

Concert Series Finale



JOSE GRECO

The master of Spanish ballet, Jose Greco and his troupe, will be presented as the last concert of the 1968-69 season by the China Lake Civic Concert Association on Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m. at the NWC Theater.

Jose Greco and his Spanish ballet are making only three Southern California appearances this season: one in Santa Monica, one in Pasadena, and one at China Lake.

The company makes annual concert and theater tours both in the United States and abroad. He and his company can be heard on Decca, Columbia, RCA Victor, and MGM records. His television appearances have included the Bob Hope, Ed Sullivan, Perry Como, Gary Moore, Dinah Shore, Firestone Hour, Revlon and Dean Martin shows.

Mr. Greco appeared in a dramatic role in the Columbia Pictures production, "Ship of Fools," and he was also featured in a dance scene in the Michael Todd production, "Around the World in Eighty Days."

Greco was born of Spanish-Italian parentage in a small village in the mountains of Italy. Even as a small boy he displayed an intense interest and enthusiasm for all Spanish culture, especially Spanish music and dancing. He studied for several years under the guidance of Spain's foremost teachers. His talents attracted the attention of the immortal Argentina who engaged him, despite his youth, as her partner. After her untimely death, he appeared throughout Europe with her younger sister, the famous Pilar Lopez. Following his dancing association with Pilar Lopez, he organized his own company for an extended tour of Europe and Great Britain. Critics and the public together were enthusiastic about this dancer's performance which has been described as a "blending of fire and ice." Completely masculine, his authority dominates his performances but never at the expense of tradition. On April 8, 1962, at the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Spanish government bestowed upon Senor Greco the "Cross of the Knight of Civil Merit" in recognition and honor for his world-wide contribution to the culture and the performing arts of Spain. Individual tickets for the Jose Greco concert are on sale today (Friday) from 11:30-1 p.m. and from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Theater Box office. On Monday they will be sold from 11:30-1 p.m. and from 7:30 until concert time. Tickets are priced at \$3, \$4, and \$5, depending upon location in the Theater. Children may obtain tickets at half-price.

### VX-5 Officers Decorated for Valor



WALKER EIKEL MONGER CUTTER

During an All Hands Inspection held on February 14 in Hangar One at the Naval Air Facility, VX-5 presented several combat decorations to pilots recently returned from Vietnam.

Honored for their bravery in combat were Lt. James R. Walker, Lt. Harvey A. Eikel, Lt. Dan D. Monger and Lt. Douglas B. Cutter.

Lt. Walker received the Air Medal for his successful efforts in freeing two trapped river patrol boats on April 25, 1968. At this time he was attached to Light Helicopter Squadron III and was fire team leader for an attack on concealed Viet Cong supply sampans.

The Distinguished Flying Cross and the Vietnamese Award of Honor were presented to Lt. Eikel. While attached to VA-98, deployed aboard the USS Hancock, Lt. Eikel led a strike against a petroleum oil and lubrication storage complex near Haiphong. During this operation, it was necessary for Lt. Eikel to destroy a surface-to-air missile site. Due to his courage and expert airmanship, no planes were lost on this mission. Lt. Eikel was also honored for his actions and courage during strikes on the Thien Lynh Dang railroad in North Vietnam and

on a thermal power plant near Haiphong.

While attached to VA 195 and deployed aboard the USS Ticonderoga, Lt. Monger displayed superior airmanship and courage, on July 20, 1968 when he served as Strike Leader against a heavily fortified enemy storage area. This strike caused serious damage to the storage area, despite severe ground fire. For this action, Lt. Monger received three Gold stars in place of the Navy Commendation Medal.

Vietnamese Crosses for Gallantry with the Bronze Star were also received by Lt. Monger and Lt. Eikel. Given by the Vietnamese people, this award signifies that the recipient has made over 150 strikes against the enemy.

In lieu of the Navy Achievement Medal, Lt. Cutter received a Gold Star for his actions while deployed aboard the USS Kittyhawk with VA-144. While flying as wingman, Lt. Cutter destroyed the vital Qua Phom Highway Bridge in North Vietnam on May 17, 1968.

Complete destruction of this important Communist supply route was due to Cutter's knowledge and skill in the use of the Walleye weapon. Similar action against the Xom Thung Hoa Highway Bridge earned him another Gold Star.

### United Fund Meeting Rescheduled

The planned meeting of the Indian Wells Valley United Fund that was to be held at the Multi-Use Room of Burroughs High School has been postponed a week until March 4.

The meeting was cancelled

due to the inability of Dr. Price Kirkpatrick, the evening's planned principal speaker to come to the Valley on that date.

Next Tuesday's meeting will begin at 8 p.m.



SOME GOOD COMES FROM EVERYTHING — The recent rainstorm caused much torment both in the Indian Wells Valley and elsewhere. At China Lake, however, a family of Canoeing enthusiasts took advantage of the occasion to do their thing on Mirror Lake, which is usually dry as a bone. The CLPP gate is shown in the background. The photograph was taken by PH3 M. Krause using a telephoto lens. The people in the boat are unknown.

### Heart Association Lists Healthy Dietary Habits

Many people who show no evidence of having developed heart disease may be increasing their risk of heart attack by eating too many eggs, which are high in cholesterol, and too much meat, butter, cream and whole milk, which are high in saturated fats.

To reduce this risk, your Kern County Heart Association notes, scientists recommend a meal plan that is low in saturated fats and cholesterol and still provides all the essential nutrients.

Egg yolks and organ meats such as liver, kidney and sweetbreads are very high in cholesterol, and shellfish have moderate amounts of it. But there is no cholesterol in foods of plant origin such as fruit, vegetables, grains, cereals and nuts.

Saturated fats tend to raise the level of cholesterol in the blood. These fats are found in many animal products and a few vegetable products. Foods containing a high proportion of saturated animal fats include beef, lamb, pork and ham, butter, whole milk, cream, and cheeses made from whole milk and cream. Saturated vegetable fats are found in coconut oil, chocolate, and many solid shortenings.

Polyunsaturated fats tend to lower the cholesterol level. These usually are liquid oils of vegetable origin, such as corn, cottonseed, safflower. A risk reducing diet can be adopted without drastic changes. This is what the Kern County Heart Association recommends:

1. Eat no more than three egg yolks a week.
2. Eat more meals of fish, veal, chicken and turkey, which contain small amounts of saturated fats, and fewer meals of fatty beef, lamb, pork and ham.
3. Use skim milk, fortified with vitamins A and D, and cheese made from skim milk instead of whole milk and cream, and cheeses made from whole milk and cream.
4. Instead of butter, use margarine rich in polyunsaturated fats. Substitute polyunsaturated vegetable oils for lard and other solid cooking fats.
5. For a nutritionally sound diet the daily meal plan should also include vegetables, fruit, cereals, and breads made with a minimum of saturated fat. Among these breads are white enriched bread, whole wheat, French, Italian, pumpernickel and rye bread, and English muffins.

YOUR MONEY IS WORKING

1969 Easter Seal Campaign March 1-April 6

Crippled Kids Can Be Helped

### Lewis Retires After 36 Years



RETIREES AFTER 30 YEARS — Mrs. Jack Lewis attended the ceremonies held in honor of her husband's retirement in Capt. K. C. Abplanalp's office. Capt. Abplanalp presented Lewis with the NWC plaque and the 30-year Federal Service pin. Lewis has been general foreman (one) of Public Works Metal Shop the past eight years. His retirement winds up a career that began as a welder with the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Peck, Montana, then with the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington. In 1947 Lewis was told to "get to China Lake as quickly as possible because the need for skilled welders was great." The attraction of the mountains and open country soon convinced them to stay. The Lewis' retirement plans include a look-see at Ellensburg, Washington, where their daughter makes her home. If they like the north country they may decide to live up there; but they'll not forsake the desert until they are sure they will like the green country to the north.

### Summer Employment Cited

Students and teachers who want summer jobs can get the latest information from the new 1969 edition of "Summer Employment Directory," just received by the Center library.

Employers throughout the United States and Canada list their 80,000 summer job openings at resorts, summer camps, national parks, summer theatres, ranches and restaurants. Applications are invited now.

Recreational summer jobs are more plentiful than last year. General and cabin counselor in summer camps head the list, with specialty counselor in waterfront, arts and

crafts, nature study and riding running a close second. There are also waiter, waitress, service jobs, numerous others where tips are heavy; designer, technician, actor, musician at summer theatres; special education student at camps for children.

Salaries are up. Average student earnings, in addition to room and board, will be from \$200 to \$600; some jobs will pay as much as \$1,500.

Detailed information on specific summer job openings is contained in 1969 "Summer Employment Directory."



EPITAPH CONTEST — One of the highlights of the Whiskey Flat days celebration at Kernville last weekend was the Tombstone Epitaph contest that was held in the center of town. Due to bad weather, the parade was cancelled — but, more people showed up than ever before for the annual Kernville event.

## Burroughs Students Tour Naval Air Facility

### First of Navy League Sponsored Youth Tours

by CHERIE KOHLENBERG Burroughs Work Experience Student

The Navy League of the Indian Wells Valley has initiated a series of lecture tours to familiarize young people with the job being done at the Naval Air Facility at NWC.

To kick off the program, an invitation to visit NAF was issued to a number of Burroughs' High School Seniors. The group happily accepted, and were transported by bus to the airfield, last Thursday afternoon.

At NAF, they were greeted in the conference room by Captain L. A. Dewing, Commanding Officer, who offered a short presentation and a number of slides on the facility itself.

The Captain explained that the purpose of this "Command Within a Command" is to provide the Center with the planes, pilots, and other materials required to man its projects. He also enumerated on some of the familiar weapons which were tested, evaluated, and improved at Armitage Field.

After defining the various functions of the four departments at the airfield, namely, Operations, Maintenance, Personnel, and Targets, Captain Dewing explained the complex and well-coordinated system that has been devised for the proper execution of target flights. In addition, he described the sophisticated maintenance shops and equipment that are available to support such a facility.

At the conclusion of the Captain's lecture, the group was given over to the management of Chief Master-at-arms Lawrence and Denny Cline, of the Technical Presentations office. They, in turn, split the students into two groups of ten each and assigned a guide to each for the remainder of the tour. The two guides were Second Class Petty Officer William Dubay and Second Class Petty Officer Robert Goring.

Highlights of the tour included a visit to the Avionics Shop, the Hangar Deck, the Airframes Shop, the Hydraulics Shop, and the Control tower.

At the tour's conclusion, the students were asked for their comments. Below is a sampling of their reactions:

"There was something for everyone."

"The only word to describe my reaction was 'impressed.'"

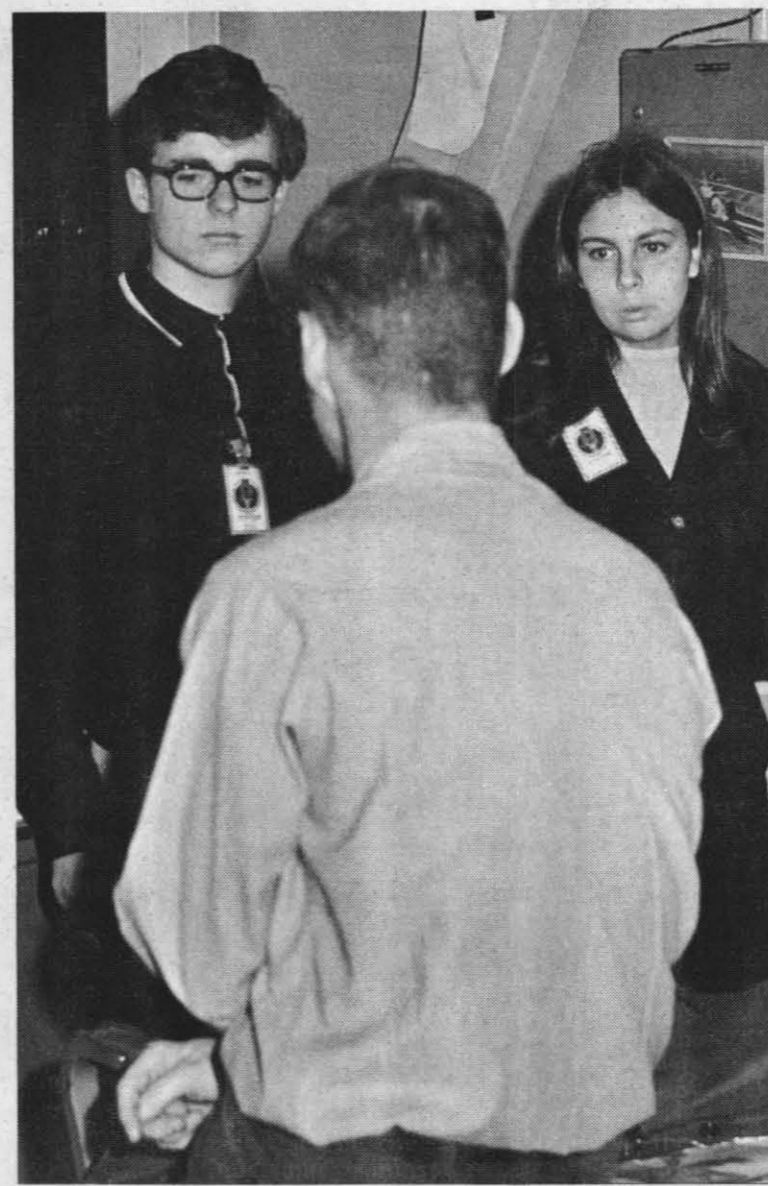
"I didn't realize before how complicated it is to make our plane system work and how much money is put in these operations."

"It was truly enlightening. I finally understood (or almost) how things worked over there."

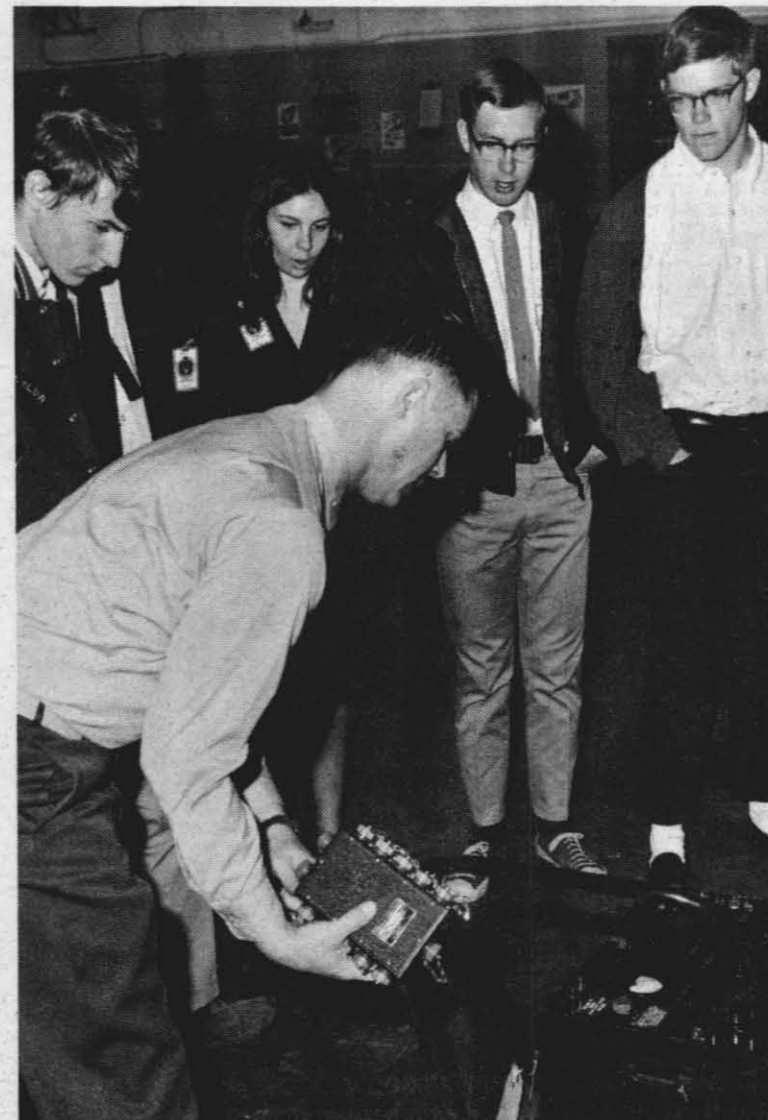
"Thank you for a most interesting experience!"

Participants in the tour were Seniors:

Jim Appleton, Robert Bechtel, James Bergen, Olivier Borriore, Blaine Davis, Richard Gonzales, Rossella Ferrari, Eric Hazeltine, Ivar Highberg, Terry Knigge, Cherie Kohlenberg, Chris Lelevier, Mike Livingston, Charles Mullins, William Newfield, Gary Peacock, Don Wheeler, and Dana Williamson.



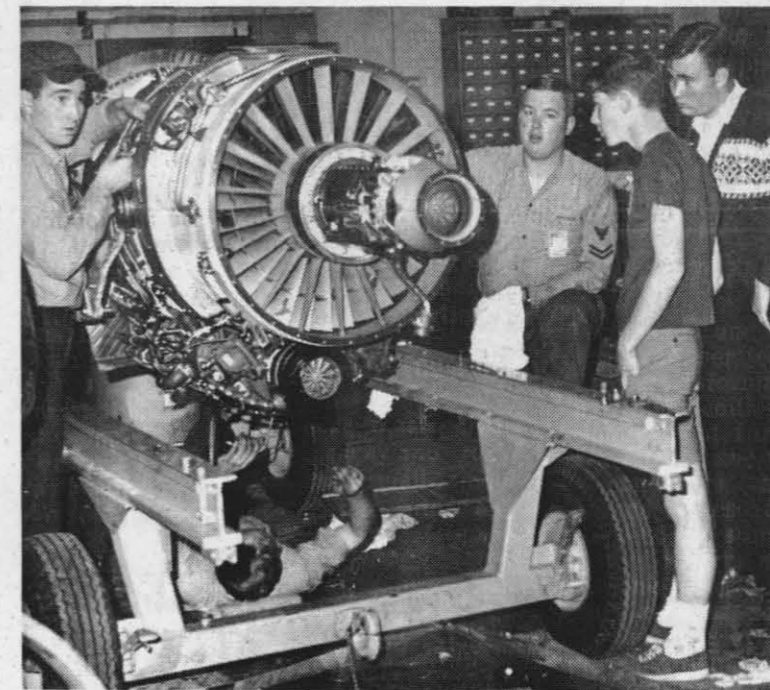
EXCHANGE STUDENTS TAKE THE TOUR — Olivier Borriore from France and Rossella Ferrari from Italy, two exchange students that are attending Burroughs High School as part of the American Field Service's Exchange program, listen intently as the details of the Quality Control program at NAF are explained.



AVIONICS SHOP — Eric Haseltine (foreground) peers closely at the test equipment that is used to test a myriad of Avionics equipment such as radios, radar, navigational aids and various other electronic gear that is used in the many aircraft based at NAF.



TRAINER EXAMINED — Students on the tour were given the chance to scrutinize a T-28 trainer aircraft as it sat idle on the flight line. Many such aircraft that were parked on the apron were similarly "checked out."



ENGINE MAINTENANCE — The workings of a jet engine are explained in part as Bill Newfield and Charles Mullins listen intently. The work was being done in Hangar One.



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