









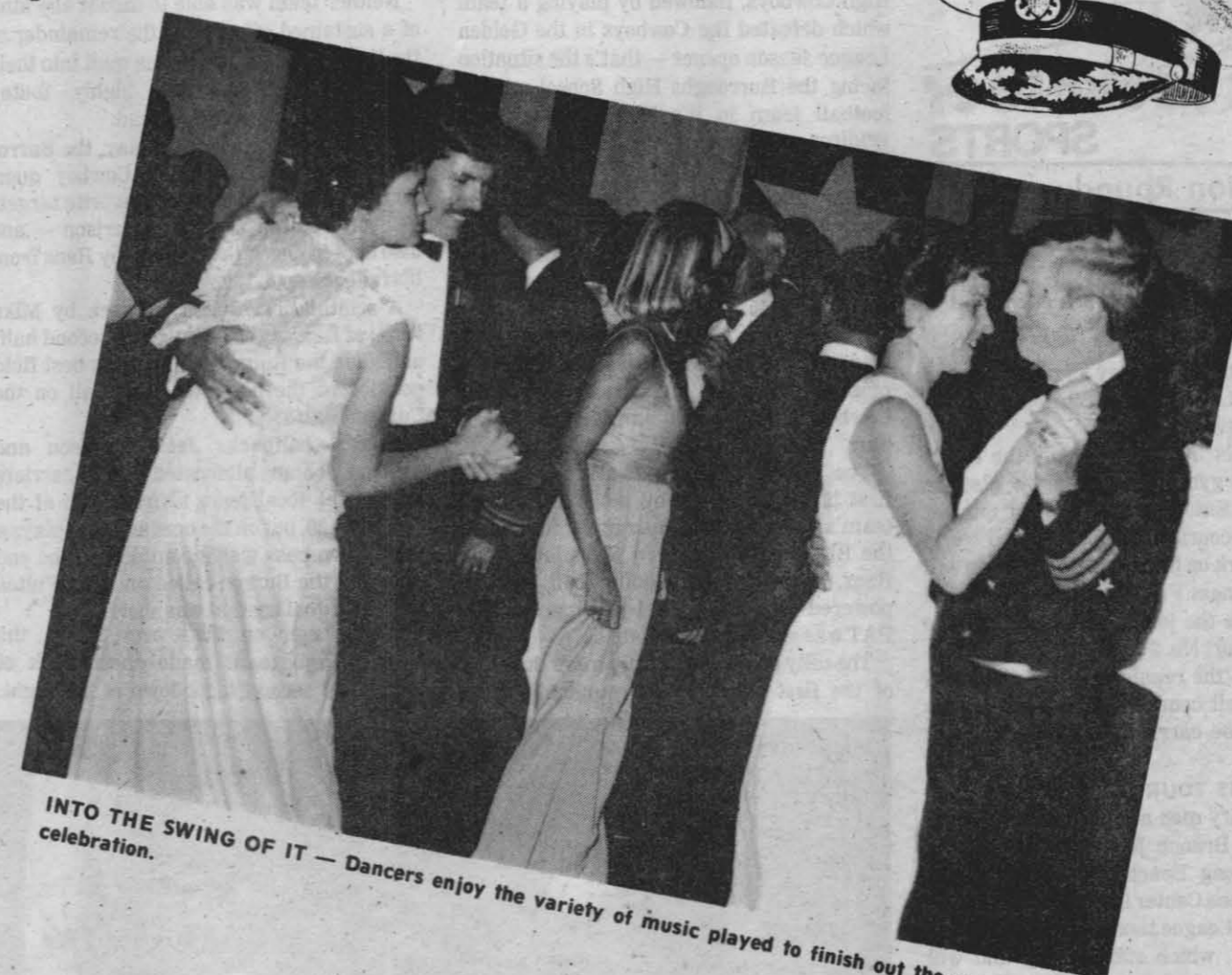
# Formal dinner, dance held in observance of Navy's 206th birthday



**THE NAVY SOUND** — Port and Starboard, a musical group consisting of 10 instrumentalists from the Navy band in San Diego, provided music for dancing at the Navy Birthday Ball. Entertainment also included the presentation of "Navy Now," a capsulized history of the U.S. Navy. This multi-media show was produced by Gail Falkenberg, of the Technical Information Department's Presentations Development Branch.



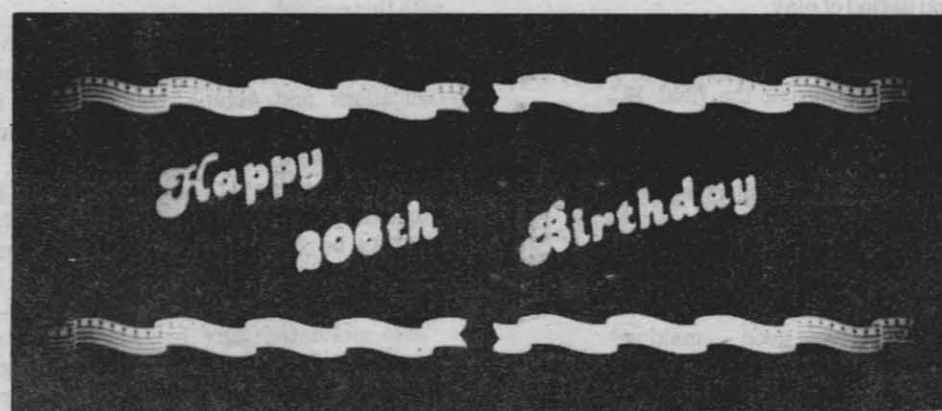
**TRADITIONAL CAKE CUTTING** — Capt. James Doolittle, the oldest Navy officer present in terms of service, joins with Ens. Kathryn Spear, the youngest in terms of service, in the traditional birthday ceremony.



**INTO THE SWING OF IT** — Dancers enjoy the variety of music played to finish out the evening's gala celebration.



**WELCOME** — One of the 220 guests at the birthday ball is greeted officially on her way into the Commissioned Officer's Mess by Bill Kirkpatrick, who is dressed as a Navy lieutenant of the 1800s.



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**GUEST OF HONOR** — Capt. and Mrs. Lahr are shown with Capt. Jackie Cooper, USNR-R, a commissioned officer in the Naval Reserve since 1962, who was the guest of honor at the formal Navy birthday dinner and ball. Capt. Cooper, a film actor since childhood days, has starred in movies and on television. He is concentrating currently on directing movies for TV.



**INTRODUCING THE GUESTS** — Gerry Baker, dressed as a Revolutionary War Navy captain, announces that Capt. and Mrs. Lahr are arriving as Ralph Vuono, dressed as a boatswain's mate, rings a bell.



**'LET THE DANCING BEGIN'** — says Capt. Lahr at the completion of dinner.