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WEEKLY NEWSGRAM FROM CHINFO {NAVY INTERNAL RELATIONS ACTIVITY}
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1. THIS NEWSGRAM CONTAINS NAVY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST WEEK. THE INFORMATION IS INTENDED FOR DISSEMINATION TO ALL HANDS.

A. OPERATION "EAGLE PULL" DRAWS PRAISE. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS PARTICIPATION IN LAST WEEK'S EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS FROM PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, AN OPERATION CALLED "EAGLE PULL," HAS DRAWN HIGH PRAISE FROM SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT, DOD AND NAVY OFFICIALS. USS HANCOCK {CVA-19}, USS OKINAWA {LPH-3}, USS VANCOUVER {LPD-2}, USS PEORIA {LST-1183}, USS THOMASTON {LSD-28}, USS H.B. WILSON {DDG-7}, USS RAMSEY {DEG-2}, USS MEYERKORD {DE-1058}, AND USS EDSON {DD-946} COMPRISED THE EVACUATION TASK FORCE SUPPORTING THE AIRLIFT OF 276 PERSONS INCLUDING 82 AMERICANS FROM THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL. FOURTEEN MARINE HELICOPTERS FROM USS HANCOCK, 12 FROM USS OKINAWA, AND 12 AIR FORCE HELOS ACCOMPLISHED THE EVACUATION AFTER U.S. MARINES HAD SECURED THE LANDING AREA IN PHNOM PENH. ALL EVACUEES,

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INCLUDING U.S. AMBASSADOR JOHN GUNTHER DEAN AND ACTING CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT SAU KAM KHOY, WERE TAKEN TO USS OKINAWA FOR EVENTUAL AIR TRANSFER TO UTAPAO, THAILAND. THERE WERE NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN THE APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR EVACUATION OPERATION. COMMENTING ON THE OPERATION, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER NOTED THAT "IT WAS CARRIED OUT WITH GREAT SKILL, AND IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS THE HIGHEST CREDIT ON ALL OF THOSE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO PARTICIPATED."

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B. NAVY ASSISTS EMPLOYEES RETURNING FROM DAO SAIGON. THE NAVY HAS ESTABLISHED PROCESSING CENTERS AT TRAVIS AFB CA AND PHILADELPHIA PA TO ASSIST NAVY AND DEFENSE EMPLOYEES RETURNED TO CONUS BECAUSE OF REDUCTION IN FORCE AT THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE {DAO}, SAIGON. THUS FAR, ALMOST 200 EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH THE TWO CENTERS. THE NAVY REGIONAL OFFICES OF CIVILIAN MANPOWER MANAGEMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PHILADELPHIA MANAGE THE CENTERS, WHICH ARE STAFFED WITH SPECIALISTS FROM LOCAL NAVY AND OTHER DOD ACTIVITIES. MANY, BUT NOT ALL, DAO EMPLOYEES HAVE RETURN RIGHTS TO DEFENSE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PROCESSING CENTERS MAKE TAD ASSIGNMENTS TO CONUS ACTIVITIES DURING THE RIF NOTICE PERIOD, ARRANGE FOR PAY AND TRANSPORTATION, AND PROVIDE PERSONAL COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE. NAVY AND DOD ACTIVITIES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA HAVE CONTRIBUTED ASSISTANCE TO THE TRAVIS AFB PROCESSING CENTER.

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C. NEW UNIFORM CHANGES ANNOUNCED. A VARIETY OF CHANGES TO THE MALE OFFICER AND ENLISTED UNIFORMS WERE APPROVED LAST WEEK BY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. THE CHANGES ARE THE RESULT OF AN EXTENSIVE STUDY AIMED AT INTRODUCING GREATER UNIFORMITY, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES CURRENTLY REQUIRED, REDUCING THE COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL, AND PROVIDING ENLISTED MEN WITH A SMART, DURABLE WORKING UNIFORM THAT WILL BE EASY TO MAINTAIN AND STOW ABOARD SHIP YET BE CONVENIENT FOR WORKING. THE COAT AND TIE STYLE SERVICE DRESS BLUE UNIFORM IS DESIGNATED AS THE BASIC ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN. A SHORT SLEEVE CONVERTIBLE COLLAR SHIRT WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT LONG SLEEVE DRESS AND TROPICAL WHITE SHIRTS, ALTHOUGH WEARING THE LONG SLEEVE WHITE SHIRT WITH SERVICE DRESS BLUE WILL REMAIN OPTIONAL. THE WINTER WORKING BLUE UNIFORM WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, THE LONG SLEEVE BLUE SHIRT TO BE WORN EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT TIE, WITH COLLAR DEVICES FOR OFFICERS AND CPOS AND RATING BADGES FOR ENLISTED MEN. ANOTHER CHANGE DELETES TROPICAL KHAKI LONG AS A DRESS UNIFORM FOR OFFICERS AND CPOS AS OF 1 JULY 1975, AFTER WHICH TIME THE UNIFORM MAY BE WORN ONLY AS A WORKING UNIFORM. BOTH THIS AND

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M. KEEL LAYING/LAUNCHING SCHEDULED FOR TWO ATTACK SUBS. TWO LOS ANGELES CLASS NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINES TAKE SIGNIFICANT STEPS TOWARD FLEET INTRODUCTION ON 26 APRIL 1975 WITH THE LAUNCHING OF BATON ROUGE {SSN-689} AND KEEL LAYING OF BIRMINGHAM {SSN-695} IN BACK-TO-BACK CEREMONIES AT THE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPYARD, NEWPORT NEWS, VA. REPRESENTATIVE F. EDWARD HEBERT, {D-LA}, MEMBER, HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE BATON ROUGE LAUNCHING, AFTER WHICH THE KEEL FOR BIRMINGHAM WILL BE LAID ON THE SAME BUILDING WAYS. ADMIRAL THOMAS H. MOORER, USN {RET} FORMER CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER FOR THAT EVENT. BATON ROUGE WILL THEN UNDERGO SEA TRIALS IN PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY TO THE NAVY WITH COMMISSIONING SCHEDULED FOR LATE 1976. BIRMINGHAM IS SLATED FOR LAUNCH IN LATE 1976 AND COMMISSIONING LATE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE FAST ATTACK LOS ANGELES CLASS SUBMARINES ARE 360 FEET LONG, DISPLACE ABOUT 6,900 TONS AND ARE ARMED WITH ANTI-SUBMARINE ROCKETS AND MK-48 TORPEDOES. DUE TO THEIR HIGH SPEED, THESE SUBMARINES WILL BE PARTICULARLY SUITED FOR COORDINATED FLEET OPERATIONS.

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N. NRL TECHNIQUE IMPROVES AIR FILTRATION. THE NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY (NRL) HAS DEVELOPED A METHOD FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF FIBERGLASS AIR FILTERS LIKE THOSE USED ABOARD SHIP. NRL SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT WITH APPLICATION OF AN ELECTRIC CHARGE, INDUSTRIAL-GRADE FILTERS BECOME TEN TIMES MORE EFFICIENT IN TRAPPING UNWANTED FINE PARTICLES IN THE AIR, SUCH AS THOSE FOUND IN CIGARETTE SMOKE. IN THE NRL TECHNIQUE, A POWER SUPPLY, COMPARABLE IN VOLTAGE TO THAT USED IN A SMALL TELEVISION SET, IS CONNECTED TO METAL SCREENS PLACED ON EITHER SIDE OF A FIBERGLASS FILTER. THE ELECTRIC FIELD SET UP BETWEEN THE SCREENS TRAPS THE PARTICLES, WHILE THE GLASS FILTERS DISTORT THE ELECTRIC FIELD. THIS ACCELERATES THE GASEOUS PARTICLES TOWARD THE FIBERS WHERE THEY ARE RETAINED. NRL IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE METHOD WILL BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE IN TRAPPING CIGARETTE SMOKE IN CLOSED SHIPBOARD SPACES. THE METHOD COULD ALSO BE EMPLOYED FOR PRE-FILTRATION TO PROTECT THE EXPENSIVE FILTERS USED IN NUCLEAR REACTOR SPACES, AS CLEAN ROOM FILTERS FOR HOSPITALS OR SENSITIVE ELECTRONICS AREAS, AND AS INLET AIR FILTERS FOR PROTECTION FROM NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS.

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0. FIVE NAVY BOXERS WIN MEDALS AT INTERSERVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS. FIVE NAVY FIGHTERS CAPTURED MEDALS AT THE INTERSERVICE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDED LAST WEEK AT THE NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, LITTLE CREEK, VA. FIRST PLACE GOLD MEDALS WERE TAKEN BY SA MICHAEL JOHNSON, NAS NORFOLK, 125 POUND CLASS, AND AA KEITH BROOM, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY {CVA-67}, 156 POUND CLASS. CLAIMING SECOND PLACE SILVER MEDALS WERE YNSN DANILO B. CERALDE, USS CORAL SEA {CVA-43}, 106 POUND CLASS; FA PATRICK CUILLO, USS AMERICA {CVA-66}, 165 POUND CLASS; AND SA ANDRE G. CAMILO, USS BADGER {DE-1071}, 178 POUND CLASS. THE OVERALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WAS WON BY THE AIR FORCE SQUAD, FOLLOWED BY ARMY, NAVY AND THE MARINE CORPS. AA BROOM HAS QUALIFIED FOR A POSITION ON THE 11 MAN U.S. INTERSERVICE BOXING TEAM WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY SPORTS COUNCIL {CISM} GAMES, SCHEDULED FOR 3-12 MAY AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NC. HE WILL BE JOINED BY THE NAVY'S COACH, YN1 DICK PETTIGREW, WHO HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CISM BOXING STAFF. THE THREE NAVY SILVER MEDALISTS ARE CONSIDERED ALTERNATES ON THE INTERSERVICE TEAM IN THEIR WEIGHT CLASSES.

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A. MSC, NAVY SHIPS AID IN EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.
NINE CARGO SHIPS AND SEVERAL SMALL VESSELS OF THE NAVY'S MILITARY
SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC) HAVE EVACUATED MORE THAN 100,000 VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM COASTAL CITIES SINCE 27 MARCH.
ADDITIONALLY, U.S. NAVY SHIPS HAVE PROVIDED EVACUATION SUPPORT IN
THE FORM OF FOOD, FUEL, WATER, AND MEDICAL AND SECURITY PERSONNEL
TO THE CIVILIAN MANNED CARGO SHIPS CARRYING REFUGEES. MSC EFFORTS
BEGAN WHEN SS PIONEER CONTENDER ARRIVED AT DANANG ON 27 MARCH
AND TOOK 5,000 REFUGEES TO CAM RANH BAY. AS OF 11 APRIL, SS
PIONEER CONTENDER HAD EVACUATED 27,000 REFUGEES, MORE THAN ANY
OTHER SHIP INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS. OTHER EVACUATION SHIPS AND
THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES THEY HAVE AIDED INCLUDE SS PIONEER COMMANDER

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{16,000}, USNS SGT ANDREW MILLER {15,300}, SS TRANSCOLORADO {12,000},
 SS AMERICAN CHALLENGER {10,000}, USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY {7,000},
 SS GREEN PORT {7,000} AND CHITOSE MARU, UNDER CONTRACT TO MSC
 {2,600}. ADDITIONALLY, BOO HEUNG PIONEER, A KOREAN OWNED LST UNDER
 MSC CONTRACT, EVACUATED 5,000 REFUGEES AND TWO NAVY SHIPS, USS
 DURHAM {LKA-114} AND USS DUBUQUE {LPD-8} MOVED A TOTAL OF ABOUT
 1,500 REFUGEES. OVERCROWDING, COUPLED WITH A LACK OF FOOD, WATER,
 SANITARY CONDITIONS AND DISSIDENT EVACUEES, THREATENED THE SECURITY
 OF SOME MSC SHIPS. ON 5 APRIL, U.S. MARINES WERE PUT ON BOARD FOUR
 MSC SHIPS. GREENVILLE VICTORY, WHICH HAD NO SECURITY DETACHMENT,
 WAS FORCED BY REFUGEES TO SAIL TO VUNG TAU NEAR SAIGON RATHER THAN
 HER INTENDED DESTINATION OF PHU QUOC ISLAND IN THE GULF OF
 THAILAND. USS LONG BEACH {CGN-9} AND USS RATHBURNE {DE-1057}
 INTERCEPTED GREENVILLE VICTORY AND ESCORTED HER TO VUNG TAU WHERE
 THE REFUGEES DEBARKED WITHOUT INCIDENT. AT PHU QUOC ISLAND, WHERE
 THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES EXCEEDED 49,000, USS DUBUQUE TRANSFERRED
 FOOD, WATER AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE REFUGEE-LADEN SHIPS
 AWAITING OFF-LOADING. USING LANDING CRAFT AND OTHER SMALL BOATS,
 DUBUQUE SUPPLIED MORE THAN 52 TONS OF RELIEF MATERIALS TO FOUR

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SHIPS AT ANCHOR. TEAMS OF DOCTORS AND HOSPITAL CORPSMEN FROM USS
 BRANHAM, DUBUQUE, BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19) AND FREDERICK (LST-1184)
 WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK, TREATING THE SERIOUSLY ILL AND INJURED.
 USS STODDERT (DDG-22), USS COCHRANE (DDG-21) AND USS VEGA (AF-59)
 ALSO PROVIDED EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAL CARE TO
 THE REFUGEES. AS OF 11 APRIL, NEARLY ALL MSC AND USN SHIPS WERE
 REMAINING IN THE EVACUATION AREA.

B. MARK-92 FCS, MARK-75 GUN COMPLETE TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS.
 THE NAVY'S NEW MARK-92 FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM AND THE MARK-75 76-MM
 GUN HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS IN USS TALBOT
 (DEG-91). DURING THE TESTS, THE MK-92 GUIDED 11 MISSILES TO NINE
 HITS AGAINST SUPERSONIC AND SUBSONIC AIR AND SURFACE TARGETS. THE
 TWO MISSES WERE ASCRIBED TO MISSILE FAILURES. THE GUN, ALSO UNDER
 CONTROL OF THE MK-92, KNOCKED DOWN THREE DRONES IN THREE ATTEMPTS,
 EACH ON THE FIRST PASS, AND DEMONSTRATED EXTREME ACCURACY IN
 ADDITIONAL FIRINGS AGAINST AIR AND SURFACE TARGETS AND SHORE
 BOMBARDMENT. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST TIME A FIRE CONTROL
 SYSTEM HAS CONTROLLED BOTH MISSILES AND GUNS DURING A TECHNICAL
 EVALUATION AS A COMPLETE WEAPON SYSTEM. THE MK-92 AND THE MK-75

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HIGH PERFORMANCE EXPENSIVE SHIPS AND THE LESS EXPENSIVE ONES THAT CAN BE PROCURED IN GREATER NUMBERS. HE ALSO STATED THAT NAVY PEOPLE CANNOT BE REGARDED AS CIVILIANS IN UNIFORM AND SHOULD BE PROPERLY APPRECIATED AND COMPENSATED. CNO SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY CY74 RECRUITING WHICH MANAGED 98 PER CENT OF ITS GOAL, CAREER PETTY OFFICER RETENTION OF 82 PER CENT, FIRST TERM REENLISTMENT OF ALMOST 40 PER CENT AND RECOGNIZED THE ADDITION OF MODERN WEAPONS SYSTEMS, NEW SHIPS AND IMPROVED AIRCRAFT TO THE NAVY'S INVENTORY IN 1975. HE EMPHASIZED READINESS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSIONS, BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, AS HIS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT CONCERN. STATING THAT TODAY, WE HAVE THE FORCES WHICH PROVIDE CAPABILITY FOR MARGINAL SUCCESS, CNO WARNED THAT FURTHER EROSION OF FORCE LEVELS COMBINED WITH CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE SOVIET NAVY'S CAPABILITIES COULD REVERSE THE MARITIME BALANCE WHICH CURRENTLY RESIDES IN FAVOR OF THE U.S. NAVY.

B. NAVY AIDS STORM-TORN MAURITIUS. THE FAST COMBAT SUPPORT SHIP USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) INITIATED U.S. DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS LAST WEEK FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN NATION OF MAURITIUS, DEVASTATED BY CYCLONE GERVAISE. THE CYCLONE LEFT AT LEAST SEVEN PERSONS DEAD.

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THOUSANDS MORE HOMELESS AND SEVERELY DAMAGED POWER, WATER AND COMMUNICATION LINES. USS CAMDEN, ENROUTE TO THE MAURITIAN CAPITAL OF PORT LOUIS WHEN THE CYCLONE HIT, ARRIVED 8 FEBRUARY, IN TIME TO ASSIST IN RESTORING ELECTRICAL POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS. CAMDEN'S CREW HELPED REPAIR THE MAIN HOSPITAL AT PORT LOUIS, DONATED BLOOD, PROVIDED EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES AND CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE HELICOPTER SURVEY OF THE ISLAND'S POWER LINES AND ROADS. PHILIP MANHARD, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS, CALLED IT THE WORST CYCLONE DISASTER THERE IN 15 YEARS, AND REQUESTED AID FROM UNITS OF A U.S. TASK GROUP IN THE AREA. USS CAMDEN WAS RELIEVED AT PORT LOUIS BY THE NUCLEAR POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ENTERPRISE {CVAN-65} ON 11 FEBRUARY. OTHER UNITS OF THE TASK GROUP IN THE AREA INCLUDED USS LONG BEACH {CGN-9}, USS BENJAMIN STODDERT {DDG-22}, USS RATHBURNE {DE-1057}, USS MARS {AFS-1} AND USNS PASSUMPSIC, A MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND OILER.

C. CNO VISITS SAN DIEGO. ADMIRAL JAMES L. HOLLOWAY III RECENTLY VISITED NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA, HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE WEST COAST SINCE BECOMING CNO ON 1 JULY 1974. HE WENT ABOARD SEVERAL SHIPS IN PORT AT SAN DIEGO AND MET WITH OFFICERS.

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OR NAVY WOMEN WAS 605 AND 613 WERE ENLISTED. THE GOAL FOR THE THREE NAVAL RESERVE PROGRAMS WAS 1,862 AND 1,623 OR 87 PER CENT WERE ENLISTED.

C. NAVY TO GET NEW FAMILY HOUSING UNITS. FUNDS TO BUILD 2,850 NAVY FAMILY HOUSING UNITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CONGRESS IN THE FY 75 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. THE APPROPRIATIONS PORTION OF THE BILL INCLUDES FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING UNITS: SAN DIEGO-500; JACKSONVILLE/CECIL FIELD-200; OAHU, HAWAII-600; NEW ORLEANS-200; CHERRY POINT-300; CHARLESTON-350; BREMERTON-300; GUANTANAMO BAY-200; KEFLAVIK-200.

D. NAVY HAS LED THE WAY IN SPACE. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MANNED SPACEFLIGHT PROGRAM IN 1959, 39 OF THE 73 PEOPLE IN THE ASTRONAUT CORPS HAVE BEEN EITHER IN THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS OR WERE TRAINED AT NAVY FACILITIES. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 33 ACTIVE ASTRONAUTS IN THE PROGRAM AT THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, TX. OF THESE, 21 ARE NAVY OR NAVY-TRAINED PEOPLE. THE FIRST AMERICAN IN SPACE WAS NAVY COMMANDER ALAN SHEPARD, NOW A RETIRED REAR ADMIRAL. THREE OF THE SIX MERCURY SPACE FLIGHTS HAD NAVY COMMANDERS. FIVE OF THE TEN GEMINI SPACE FLIGHTS WERE COMMANDED BY NAVY OFFICERS.

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FOUR OF THE SIX LUNAR LANDING MISSIONS WERE LED BY NAVY OFFICERS, AS WERE TWO OF THE THREE SKYLAB MISSIONS. THE FIRST SKYLAB MISSION SAVED THE SKYLAB PROGRAM FROM POSSIBLE DISASTER THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF AN ALL-NAVY CREW - CAPT CHARLES CONRAD, CAPT JOSEPH P. KERWIN AND CAPT PAUL J. WEITZ. THE BACKUP CREW FOR THE AMERICAN-SOVIET SPACE DOCKING MISSION, TO BE LAUNCHED IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, INCLUDED TWO NAVY OFFICERS. THEY ARE CAPT ALAN L. BEAN AND CAPT RONALD E. EVANS. TWO MEMBERS OF THE SUPPORT CREW ARE ALSO NAVY - CDR RICHARD H. TRULY AND CDR ROBERT L. CRIPPEN.

E. CNO WELCOMES SURFLANT, SURFPAC. IN A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO VADM ROBERT E. ADAMSON, JR., COMMANDER SURFACE FORCE ATLANTIC AND VADM ROBERT S. SALZER, COMMANDER SURFACE FORCE PACIFIC, CNO ADM JAMES L. HOLLOWAY III EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE NEW SURFACE COMMANDS "WILL MEET THE CHALLENGES AND CREATE A UNIFIED FORCE THAT WILL SERVE THE NAVY AND THE NATION WELL IN THE YEARS AHEAD." ADM HOLLOWAY SENT THE MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TWO COMMANDS ON 1 JANUARY 1975. SURFPAC AND SURFLANT WERE FORMED WHEN THE CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCES, THE SERVICE FORCES AND THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCES OF THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC FLEETS WERE

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WEEKLY NEWSGRAM FROM CHINFO (NAVY INTERNAL RELATIONS ACTIVITY) (30-74)

1. THIS NEWSGRAM CONTAINS NAVY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST WEEK. THE INFORMATION IS INTENDED FOR DISSEMINATION TO ALL HANDS.

A. CIVILIANS EVACUATED FROM CYPRUS. AMERICAN AND BRITISH NAVAL UNITS AND AIRCRAFT EVACUATED 752 AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONAL CIVILIANS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND OF CYPRUS THIS WEEK FOLLOWING THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT. HELICOPTERS OPERATING FROM USS INCHON (LPH-12) EVACUATED 466 CIVILIANS TO THE AMPHIBIOUS SHIP CORONADO (LPH-11), WHICH TRANSPORTED THE CIVILIANS TO BEIRUT, LEBANON ON 22 JULY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, ANOTHER 286 CIVILIANS, INCLUDING 114 AMERICANS, WERE AIR LIFTED BY BRITISH AIR FORCE UNITS TO HMS HERMES, AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO USS TRENTON (LPD-14) WHICH ALSO PROCEEDED TO BEIRUT. THE TWO SHIPS EVACUATED CITIZENS REPRESENTING 24 NATIONS. OTHER U.S. UNITS WHICH SUPPORTED THE EVACUATION EFFORTS INCLUDED USS SPEIGEL GROVE (LSD-32) AND USS SAGINAW (LST-1188).

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BASIC GOAL FOR REGULAR NAVY ENLISTED PROGRAMS IN APRIL. THE GOAL WAS TO RECRUIT 4,580 MEN AND WOMEN, INCLUDING FORMER SERVICE PERSONNEL AND 5,830 WERE RECRUITED. THE APRIL GOAL FOR FIRST TERM REGULAR MALE RECRUITS WAS 3,400 AND 4,610 OR 136 PER CENT WERE SIGNED UP. CRUITCOM ALSO ATTAINED 99 PER CENT OF ITS GOAL FOR REGULAR NAVY WAVES BY ENLISTING 570 WOMEN OF A 575 GOAL. OF THE FIRST TERM MALE AND FEMALE RECRUITS, 61 PER CENT ARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 77 PER CENT ARE "A" SCHOOL QUALIFIED AND 3.4 PER CENT ARE MENTAL GROUP IV CATEGORY PERSONNEL. IN RECRUITING FOR ITS NAVAL RESERVE PROGRAMS, THE NAVY ATTAINED 1,159 OR 91 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL 1,273 ENLISTED GOAL. THE APRIL GOAL FOR ALL REGULAR NAVY AND NAVAL RESERVE PROGRAMS WAS TO RECRUIT 5,848; 6,985 OR 119 PER CENT WERE SIGNED UP. THUS FAR THE RECRUITING COMMAND HAS ATTAINED 18 PER CENT OF A FISCAL YEAR 1974 ADD-ON GOAL OF 8,800 PERSONNEL, IN ADDITION TO ITS MONTHLY GOALS.

➔ H. NAVY HELOS COMPLETE SWEEPING OF SUEZ CANAL PROPER. U.S. NAVY HELICOPTERS OF TASK FORCE 65 HAVE COMPLETED THE MINESWEEPING OF THE SUEZ CANAL PROPER AND ARE NOW SWEEPING SUEZ BAY AND THE LAKES WHICH ARE A PART OF THE CANAL ROUTE. THE HELO MINESWEEPING IS A

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OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-BRITISH-EGYPTIAN EFFORT KNOWN AS OPERATI-
 NIMBUS STAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORTS THAT THE HELICOP-
 TER MINESWEEPING PART OF NIMBUS STAR IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN
 JUNE 1974. THE FIRST AMERICAN FLAGSHIP OF THE OPERATION, THE NAVY'S
 AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIP USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) WAS RELIEVED ON 12 MAY
 BY USS INCHON (LPH-12). IWO JIMA SERVED AS BOTH THE FLAGSHIP OF
 COMMANDER TASK FORCE 65, RADM BRIAN MCCAULEY, WHO IS HEADING THE
 AMERICAN PART OF OPERATION NIMBUS STAR, AND AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE MINESWEEPING HELICOPTERS FROM HELO SQUADRON HM-12, HOME-
 PORTED IN NORFOLK. PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION NIMBUS STAR IS THE
 SECOND MINESWEEPING EFFORT FOR INCHON. SHE ALSO SERVED AS RADM
 MCCAULEY'S FLAGSHIP DURING OPERATION END SEEP, THE MINE CLEARANCE
 OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE WATERS OFF NORTH VIETNAM IN EARLY 1973.
 BOTH INCHON AND IWO JIMA ARE HOMEPORTED IN NORFOLK AND ARE OPERATING
 AS UNITS OF THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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