



Medallion celebrates Suez Canal re-opening

■ To mark the first anniversary of the re-opening of the Suez Canal, the Canal Authority presented gold-plated medallions to all ships in the Canal on June 5, 1976. Two Clan Line vessels, Clan Macinnes (in the northbound convoy) and Clan Maclaren (southbound) were among the 40 or so ships that received medallions. On visit to the London office, Capt. T. R. Parsons (right), master of Clan Macinnes, was pictured showing the medallion to Capt. C. R. Kelso, chief marine superintendent. Picture: Jane Whigham.



■ Two BCA travel agencies have recently been presented with B.CAL's Agents' Performance of the Year Shield in recognition of their increased productivity during the previous year. In the South, manager Ted Bateman received the award on behalf of Southern Travel in Worthing. In the North, as our picture shows, manager Jim Murray of BCA Travel in Cramlington received the award from Robin Wass (B.CAL senior sales executive) assisted by Kath Sharpe (B.CAL. reservations supervisor). Picture: Searle & O'Rorke.

■ Castle and Canaries Hotels play host to honeymoon couple married 15 years. Tom and Jean McAlister first got married 15 years ago but never had a honeymoon. Some years later they divorced but, after deciding they had made a mistake, got married again. Still they didn't get round to having a honeymoon until earlier this year. While Tom was away at sea, Jean was attracted by a headline in a national newspaper which said "Win yourselves a honeymoon—or even a second one!". Jean entered the competition, won, and then surprised Tom, when he arrived home on leave, that they were going on their honeymoon in two weeks' time. The prize was a Castle holiday for two weeks at the San Antonio Hotel in Lanzarote. Our picture shows the happy honeymooners enjoying a glass of champagne with, on the left, Philip Linsey (Castle overseas representative) and, on the right, Helen Stephens (PRO for the San Felipe Hotel) when they stopped off at Tenerife en route for Lanzarote.



Blue Star will operate Castle tour programmes

Arrangements have been made between Castle Holidays (Holdings) Ltd, a B&C subsidiary, and Blue Star Leisure Ltd, a member of the Blue Star Group, whereby the 1976/77 winter programme of Castle will be operated on a joint basis under the direction of Bob Waller, managing director of the Blue Star tour operations.

Thereafter the continuation of the Castle operations will be achieved by the integration of its business with Blue Star Leisure, who presently operate Caravel and Sunwise Holidays.