

NEWS OF THE HECTOR HERON

Third Mate J. Solomon has sent these photographs taken during the festive season, which the *Hector Heron* spent in Aalborg, Denmark.

The top picture shows the ship, complete with Christmas Tree on the foremast. "Although it was only December," Mr. Solomon writes, "ice was already forming on the Fjord, and some of it can be seen under the bow of the ship and more in the background. At noon on Christmas Day the temperature was 21°F!"

In the middle picture the officers are gathered in the Captain's saloon. Included in the fare is a Christmas cake—a real work of art—made by Chief Cook Tung Fung Po.

To give an idea of how cold it really was the third picture was enclosed. The ice was only local, however, caused by a dripping valve.



The Hector Heron's



Christmas

Special Club Sailings

The *Capetown Castle* recently completed the last of five special club sailings under the name of "The Overseas Visitors' Club Special," bringing mostly young people to England for the first time. Fares are greatly reduced on voyages and many extra entertainments are provided, with wonderful prizes given for the winners of items such as the Beauty Competition, The "Toni Trial" Hairdressing Competition, etc.

First Prize given by the Overseas Visitors' Club for the "Miss *Capetown Castle*" Beauty Competition proved to be a Fortnight's Ski-ing Holiday in Austria.

A big feature of the voyages is the "Beatniks Ball" which is held after leaving Las Palmas amid a mass of large tropical ferns and greenery provided from the islands, and arranged on the Dance Deck to simulate a tropical paradise (complete with O.V.C. beatniks and Union-Castle Masters-at-Arms side by side!).

The Purser of the *Capetown Castle*, Tony Dyer, took this month's cover picture of the ship on sailing day at Cape Town. Photo 21 mm. Leica lens, F.8 at 250th of a second.

