

# The mailships picture page



■ *At right: on board the Union-Castle flagship Windsor Castle: the director of nursing of the Wellington Hospital (B&C's project at St. John's Wood) Miss M. "Val" Jones and purser Colin Dellar. Miss Jones was on her way to South Africa to look at some aspects of private medicine there. A highlight of her stay will be a visit to the Grootte Schuur Hospital in Cape Town.*



■ *At left: Capt. P. St. Quentin Beadon and authoress Judith Berrisford on board Penderennis Castle in Southampton, at the end of Capt. Beadon's first round trip as the ship's new master, May 14.*

*Judith Berrisford is known for her travel articles and broadcasts, but above all for her flower and gardening books and radio programmes. She and her husband, Clifford Lewis, gave talks and lectures to passengers on board during the voyage after spending six months touring South Africa gathering material for their '73/74 programmes. Picture: H. J. Wood.*

■ *Early on March 28 the Norwegian cargo vessel Vikfrio and the Spanish tanker Marquina were involved in an accident off the West African coast about 120 miles south of Dakar. Both ships caught fire. Plenty of help was at hand but the vessel receiving casualties, the motorship Japan, had only one doctor and limited medical supplies.*

*The southbound mailship Edinburgh Castle (Capt. R. Shattock) joined the rescue ships and sent two doctors—the ship's surgeon Dr. M. Hardy and one of the passengers, Dr. W. J. Wilkie—with medical supplies for the men being treated aboard Japan. The doctors set up infusions, administered drugs and applied dressings before Japan took the casualties north to Dakar.*

*Our pictures, right, show the rescue ship Japan stationary with Edinburgh Castle's lifeboat approaching with the doctors. In the background is the damaged Vikfrio. The lower shot shows the still-burning Marquina, apparently abandoned.*

*Pictures: P. Denton, Transocean Photographic.*

