



■ B&C officials visited the cadet unit aboard *Clan Matheson*, February 16, before the cadets sailed on their first deep sea voyage. Above: deputy fleet manager Capt. A. Tyrrell (right) with cadets Brian Dalziel and George McEwan.



■ Cadet Robert Michael Ndala discusses the voyage to come, with training officer H. M. Jones (left) and W. K. Mabbett (right) of fleet management, London.



■ At left: another of the cadets at the *Clan Matheson* gathering, James Sweetman, already sported a very seamanlike beard. With him are Capt. Tyrrell and G. Snell, fleet management, London.

seafarers living in their own homes in London and the Home Counties.

Holidays are arranged, there are outings to the coast and places of interest or sometimes just a meeting over a cup of tea. Transport is provided from a convenient point in London and wives are welcomed if seating capacity is available. The LVSA is most suitable for those who can easily reach London early in the day to join the coach for outings.

The association has also been exploring the prospect of setting up a Southampton group along similar lines, and preliminary response to inquiries among retired seafarers there has been encouraging.

Anyone interested in joining the London group, or in helping to form a Southampton group, should write to the honorary secretary, LVSA, Weston Acres, Woodmansterne Lane, Banstead, Surrey SM7 3HB. Requirement for membership is only a brief statement of seafaring service; sent with a postal order for 12p this will entitle the retired seafarer to membership and a lapel badge.

#### New Entrants

Junior Radio officer: G. Barnes, N. M. McKinven, A. W. Pettie, W. H. Whitelaw, G. F. Stone, F. Wallace; second engineer

officers: A. B. Young, C. G. Meek, B. J. A. Cooper; junior engineer officers: P. S. G. Hodges, A. C. Lara, D. E. Barber, R. Heenan, K. W. Eskins, A. McGilvray, R. G. Spiers, D. G. Chalker; electrical engineer officer: D. R. Dawson; junior electrical engineer officers: P. Kelly, J. A. Carruthers, R. L. Beaumont, R. McCoughan, M. F. Shields, D. Arnold; third purser (catering): B. R. Horlock; junior pursers: D. C. Hamilton, Miss J. E. Chapman, Miss A. E. Chapman, Miss A. E. Connor, Mrs. J. A. Hill; children's hostess: Miss C. F. Amis.

#### Births

Congratulations to chief officer and Mrs. F. H. Murray on the birth of their son James on February 4. Also to fourth engineer and Mrs. B. C. Wills on the birth of their son on January 31.

■ Below left: George Baker being presented with a gold watch by B&C deputy chairman Bernard Gayzer, marking George's retirement after 40 years with the group. The presentation took place aboard *SA Vaal*, the last ship in which he served (as second cook). Since 1967 he has worked ashore. In this group: Cowan, D. Sowden, Capt. R. Hart, Mrs. Baker (who was presented with a bouquet) and officials of the National Union of Seamen and the Department of Trade and Industry.



■ Below right: the wedding of Paul Ireland and Petula Gilbert took place on January 23 at St. Mary's Church, South Stoneham, Southampton. Paul, who has been with B&C for 11 years, is a third engineer in the mail service. Picture: Bitterne Photographic.

