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■ Admiral Sir Derek Empson, Navy C-in-C, left, is welcomed aboard the mailship Edinburgh Castle by Capt. C. R. Kelso. With them is Capt. Charles Worth, captain of Southampton Master Mariners Club. The occasion was the 48th luncheon of the club, held at very short notice aboard the mailship after the planned host-ship, Northern Star, was delayed by engine trouble. Edinburgh Castle used both her dining rooms to receive more than 300 guests and members, making the occasion (in the words of the club) a brilliant success. Later, the club presented the mailship with two commemorative plaques with a letter of thanks, One plaque hangs in Capt. Kelso's cabin, the other in the crew social club (see also MANIFEST supplement). Pictures: Southern Evening Echo.

■ In these days of high shellfish prices, Pendennis Castle decided to make quite a show of the fact that it was giving passengers oysters, mussels and cockles from a special stall in the Lido Bar. Catering staff dressed up the stall and even borrowed the famous name of Tubby Isaacs. In the picture: chief officer D. Morris, W. Marshall, Mike Fletcher (in the "Tubby" get-up with pint of Guinness), A. Gordon Cannon, and Capt. Windram who was travelling on holiday to Las Palmas. Picture: M. Percival, Transocean Photographic.

■ 188 all out—that was the proud boast displayed by members of SA Oranje's ship's company on specially-produced tee-shirts, when the vessel reached Durban on her final trip. The figure 188 represents the number of mailship voyages completed by the vessel in her lifetime, without major breakdown. Picture: Transocean Photographic.

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