

Coast Guardsman Frantic Over Wife's Complaints to Solon

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ANGUAR, Caroline Islands (UP)—Honest, Senator Johnson, things aren't as tough down here with the Coast Guards as Mrs. Jo Click of Abilene, Tex., thinks they are. Who says so? Mrs. Click's husband, Jesse, electronics technician second class, U.S. Coast Guard. Jesse, 23, of Hereford, Tex., loves his wife dearly, but wishes she would stop writing Sen. Lyndon Johnson complaining about the tough time Jesse and his buddies are having on this South

Pacific Coast Guard Loran Station. "Damn it," Jesse protested, "Jo just misunderstood my letters, and now nobody in the state of Texas, Washington, D.C., or the Coast Guard will believe that we're getting along fine down here. What's worse is that they all seem to think I'm being pressured and threatened because I told Jo to stop writing to Senator Johnson." The trouble all started about six weeks ago when Jo got a couple of gripe letters from Jesse who grumbled about the delayed mail and how much he missed her good Texas cooking. Jo wrote Senator Johnson demanding the Coast Guard speed up its mail service, and treat Jesse and his 15 shipmates lots better than they had been.

Chain Reaction
"Sure I wrote Jo, griping about no mail and no milk," Jesse explained. "Everybody writes gripe letters home once in a while, but my wife is the one in a million who decides Washington had better do something about it." "The bad part about it," Jesse said, scratching his red goatee and sideburns, "was that Jo would send me copies of the letters she was writing Washington. It got so

I was afraid to open her letters, wondering who all would get into the act next." It got to be quite an act, too. Sen. Johnson's office queried the Coast Guard commandant, Vice Adm. A. V. Richmond. Admiral Richmond messaged Rear Adm. Frank Kenner, commander of the 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu, who radioed Capt. Elmer Comstock, commander of the Coast Guard's Marianas section.

Sen. Johnson's office personally flew from Guam to Anguar to check the trouble and put his staff to work investigating. The wires carried the explanations back through the chain of command, and Jo got a letter from Admiral Richmond assuring her the shortages were only temporary, but try as it might, the Coast Guard just couldn't provide all the niceties of life on Anguar that were available in Abilene.

Jesse Embarrassed
Everything would have ended happily right then and there except that Jo wasn't through writing letters. Jesse had asked his wife to stop her letter writing to Washington. It was embarrassing him. So Jo, with Jesse's best interests

at heart, pleaded with Senator Johnson to stop his investigation as she was afraid he was going to cause Jesse to be disciplined severely by the Coast Guard.

He was being punished. Unmercifully punished, by his shipmates who were fully enjoying his predicament.

Russian Farmers Visit in Canada

OTTAWA (UP)—Nine Russian farm experts paid a courtesy visit to the Canadian capital Saturday. The group, which previously toured the United States, will spend the night in Ottawa and leave early tomorrow by plane for Regina, Sask., to begin a western tour.

"I sure wish," Jesse continued, "that there was some way to let Jo, the senator and the commandant know that things are going fine here. The Coast Guard is doing everything possible to make this place liveable."

"It's sure nice," he went on. "to know that Jo is worried about me, and that the wife of a second class electronics technician can get action all the way up the line. But darn it, I wish she'd stop writing those letters."

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Jean Hersholt Has Operation

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Jean Hersholt, 69, Danish-born actor best known for his role of Dr. Christian on radio, was in "good condition" Saturday in a hospital at nearby Santa Monica following an operation.

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Multnomah Collects \$9,000 Flood Fund

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