

RESEARCH SUBMARINE—The first submarine, a 2,000 pound, 12-foot research craft, ever built by the Department of Interior is shown on its maiden voyage being operated by technician Robert Kiwala, left, and James Squires. It was turned over to the department's fish and wildlife service laboratory at Tiburon, Calif., with plans to inspect San Francisco Bay and to study fish life. The sub can cruise two to six knots under water for 10 hours without surfacing and is controlled by an airplane-type stick connected to hydroplanes and a rudder. (UPI)

Therapists to Get Higher Salaries

White City — Higher starting salaries for occupational, physical, and corrective therapists are being offered by the Veterans Administration at its stations throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico.

C. T. Jackson, director of the VA Domiciliary, White City, said under new qualification standards recently approved, VA salaries begin at \$5,035 per year for therapists holding bachelor's degrees from approved schools, and without experience.

Salaries begin at \$5,540 for therapists graduating in the upper 25 per cent of their college class, having B or better college averages, or holding master's degrees, without experience.

Announcement and application forms may be obtained from post offices, from any VA hospital or regional office, or from the central board of United States civil service examiners, Veterans Administration central office, Washington 25, D.C.

The VA stations also will provide help in making application for those positions.

English Walk Too, Only Do It The Hard Way

By JOSEPH BREU
Southampton, England — For you blue souls who have been everywhere and done everything, here's something new to try some time: go take a stroll under the liner Queen Elizabeth.

It can be done — it has been done. It just takes a little status, nerve and a strong back.

There is a six-week period each year when you can walk under the Queen. That is the time she spends in drydock in Southampton for her annual overhaul, which is perhaps the world's biggest spring cleaning job. During that time, the liner is scraped and painted, one of her four sets of engines is replaced, and the cabins and staterooms are all spruced up.

In Pit To make your sub-liner trip, you will have to go to the bottom of the dry dock, which is a pit about 80 feet

deep in which sits the Queen Elizabeth, looking eerie and uncomfortable out of water.

But from just under the bow of the ship, the ship's grace of line is most evident. She looks sleek and beautiful. As you walk back along the side, you notice that the 1,031-foot liner is neatly balanced in the center and along the sides on steel supports.

To set it on the supports so that it will stay up requires pinpoint accuracy. The center of the bottom of the hull must be settled within one inch on the center support. Skin divers direct the operation from beneath the ship and if she misses the first time, the liner is refloated until she is perfectly set down.

Like Cave

Walking beneath the bottom of the hull is like walking in a cave. For about 100 yards you walk stooped over in a space about four feet high.

But there are compensations. To bump your head on 83,873 tons and survive is bracing to the ego.

The overhaul on the Queen Elizabeth this year includes some extra features. To prepare the Queen for her introduction into the Caribbean cruise service out of New York, Cunard lines have decided to add a new cocktail bar to the cabin-class lounge and to restyle with new soft furnishings 150 cabin class staterooms.

During each of the overhauls over the next three years, Cunard will make extensive renovations on the Queen to modernize her and maintain her as one of the world's leading liners. Cunard officials estimate the Queen Elizabeth will remain in service for the next 10 years.

Elephants Still Awaiting Births

Portland — Been wondering what's happened to Portland's two pregnant elephants?

Nothing. Tuo Hoa now has been expecting for 700 days — and that's believed to be a record, according to Dr. Matthew Maberry, zoo veterinarian.

Pet has been expecting for 669 days, he said.

Belle gave birth to Portland's first baby elephant, Paaky, after a gestation period of 635 days. Rosy gave birth to Me-Tu after 634 days. Dr. Maberry said he did not think either Tuo Hoa or Pet was a "false alarm."

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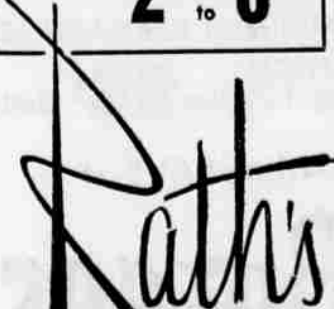
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