



USS BRINKLY BASS TO ARRIVE

The USS Brinkly Bass, flagship of the Commander Destroyer Squadron 37, will dock in Anchorage Thursday as part of the squadrons activities

in Alaska. The Bass will hold open house Thursday through Saturday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

NAVAL SQUADRON WILL VISIT STATE

USS Brinkly Bass, USS Perkins Here, Other Destroyers In Juneau, Ketchikan

U.S. Navy Destroyer Squadron 37 will visit Alaska Thursday through Monday and the Port of Anchorage will play host to two of the ships, the USS Brinkly Bass and the USS Perkins.

The ships are scheduled to arrive at 8 p.m. Thursday and will be met by Alaskan dignitaries. The public is invited to attend.

The Elmendorf Air Force Base band, Mayor George M. Sullivan, Lt. Gov. H.A. Boucher, Borough Chairman John Asplund, Anchorage's official greeter Rose Golik, Gen. William Elmore, Miss Alaska Linda Hogue and the Anchorage Sea Cadet Corps will be among those meeting the ships.

Presentations by the dignitaries will include the gift of a state flag, with Boucher doing the honors.

The cadets will tie the ships down, and will form the honor guard as Commodore Arthur Coday steps onto the dock.

Other members of the welcoming committee include representatives from the Fleet Reserve Association Color Guard, Knights of Columbus Color Guard, Anchorage Folk and Square Dance Association, a Navy League contingent, and Anchorage veterans groups.

Open house will be held on the ships from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Transportation to the ships will be via bus from the Third Avenue and C Street parking lot. There will be a 50-cent charge for the round trip.

The visiting seamen will be hosted by various clubs in the community, and the Fleet Reserve Association, Anchorage Branch 342, is sponsoring a "Host a Sailor" program to give Anchorage families the opportunity to have a sailor or two in home for dinner sometime during their stay in port. Information about the program can be found by calling 754-4235 or 272-9133.

Thirty sailors will be guests at fishing camps. Jack Henry Post No. 1, the American Legion and the Naval Enlisted Reserve Association will co-sponsor a dinner on Sunday. Free food and beer will be available to the ships' crews. The event will be held in the Legion Post Hall on Fireweed Lane.

The USS Perkins is delivering a 33-foot steel hull utility boat to the Alaska Sea Cadet Corps. The boat was donated by the Navy and loaded aboard the Perkins at Treasure Island, San Francisco. The boat will be used by the cadets for training.

From 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, the Navy League will host a reception for Commodore Coday and his officers in the Commodore Room of the Anchorage-Westward Hotel.

Aside from the USS Brinkly Bass and the USS Perkins, the USS J.C. Owens and USS

Wallace L. Lind will be visiting Juneau, and the USS Bridgett and USS Evans will visit Ketchikan.

Coday, the squadron commander, has been in Navy service since 1944, when he became a midshipman in the United States Merchant Marine. He graduated from the academy with a degree in marine engineering.

He has served as operations and hydrographic survey officer, operations officer, and commanding officer on the staff of the commander of Mine Squadron Four.

Coday attended the graduate school of engineering at the University of Alabama, and also served on the staff of the Manned Space-Craft Recovery Force.

The flagship, the USS Brinkly Bass, was commissioned in 1946 in honor of Lt. Cmdr. Harry Brinkly Bass, who was killed in air combat during the invasion of France.

The ship has a 41-foot beam and is 390 feet long. The destroyer also has facilities for a small helicopter and has two twin five-inch guns.

The Bass saw action in the Pacific during post-war occupation operations, and later in the Korean War where she participated in shore bombardment, search and rescue, and plane guard duty.

The Bass has also been deployed to Vietnam waters as a fire support ship.

Navy To Host Tour, Party For 'Safari'

As part of U.S. Navy Destroyer Squadron 37's activities in Alaska, the crews of the USS Brinkly Bass and USS Perkins will host 40 children of men missing in action or prisoners of war on a tour of the ships and party Friday night.

The youths are all recent high school graduates whose fathers are POW-MIA's. The youths have been in Seward fishing and sightseeing this week, and after a trip to McKinley Park Thursday and Friday, they will attend the party and tour.

Next week the group, called the Alaskan Safari, will take a float trip down the Ketchikan River. Returning from that trip they will have two "free" days before returning to their homes outside.



DESTROYERS TIED UP

The USS Brinkly Bass, foreground, and USS Perkins arrived in Anchorage last night to begin a four-day stay. The Brinkly

Bass is the flagship of Destroyer Squadron 37, which, on its Alaska visit, also has ships visiting Juneau and Ketchikan.

Destroyers Arrive For 4-Day Visit

Alaska's "very own" destroyer squadron, Destroyer Squadron 37, cruised into the Port of Anchorage last night, and was met by dignitaries in ceremonies heralding the start of a four-day stay.

The northernmost element of the Pacific fleet, the squadron was described as Alaska's own by Capt. Arthur Coday who said, "We are your squadron, call us any time."

The destroyers USS Brinkly Bass and USS Perkins docked at 8 p.m., when they were met by a contingent that included Anchorage Mayor George M. Sullivan, Borough Chairman John Asplund, Lt. Gov. H.A. "Red" Boucher, Miss Anchorage 1972 Virginia Adams and Miss Big Lake Lee Ann Belarde.

The Air Force band from Elmendorf struck up "Anchors Aweigh" as Coday, USS Brinkly Bass skipper Cmdr. Earl E. Schultz and USS Perkins chief Cmdr. Eugene J. Erner stepped ashore.

After a presentation by the King Island Native Dancers, Commodore Coday was presented with plaques by Sullivan and Asplund.

Boucher then presented Coday, Schultz, and Erner with Alaska gold pans.

Boucher, an ex-Navy man, razed the crews of the destroyers, and ended by saying "have a good liberty, and if you get in trouble call one of us."

Coday acknowledged the welcome, and invited the public aboard the destroyers.

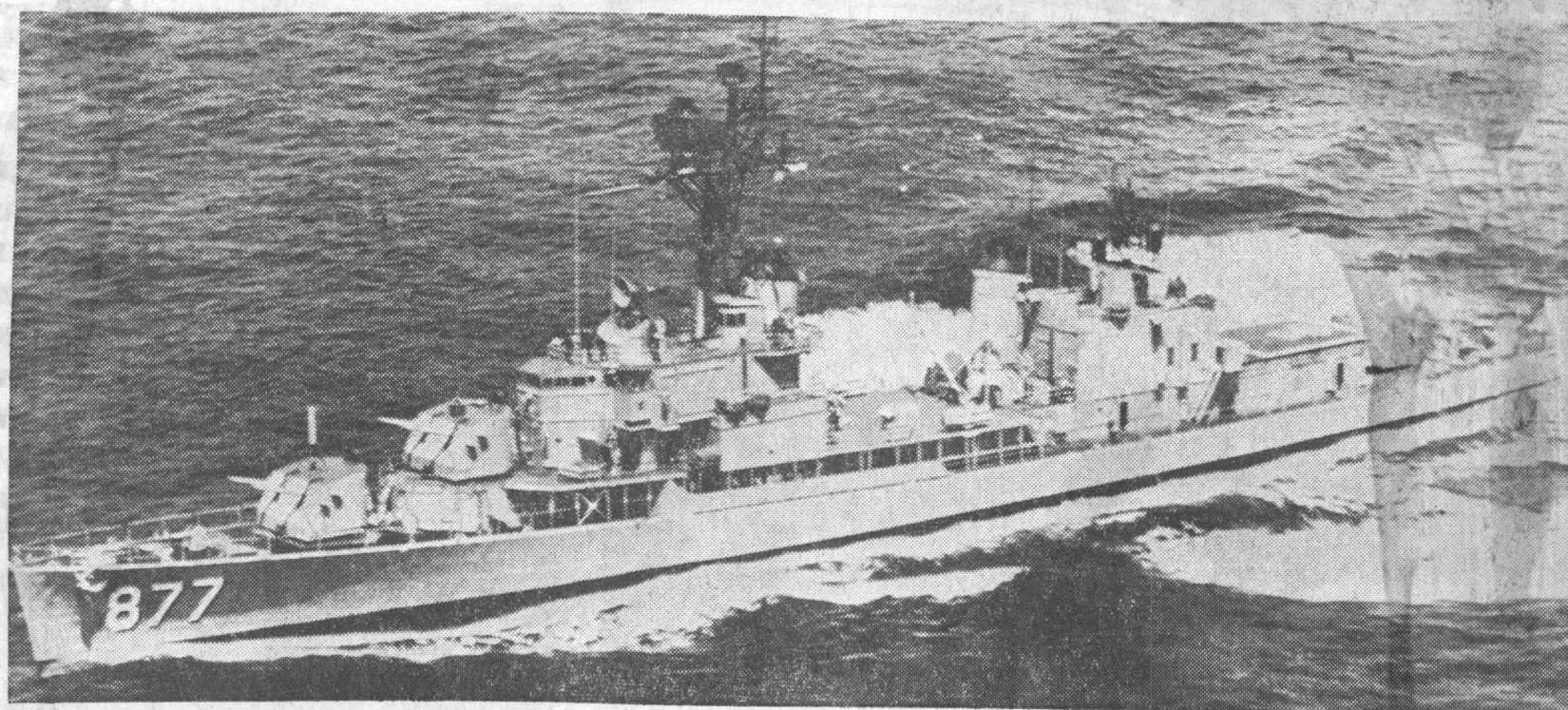
The destroyers will be docked in Anchorage for four days, and public visitation hours are 12:30-4:30 p.m.



HOMETOWN SAILOR RETURNS

Official greeter Rose Golik welcomes sailor Robert Delahay to the City of Anchorage. Delahay lived in

Fairbanks before joining the Navy and is the only Alaskan on the ships visiting the city.



Destroyer USS Perkins, paying a visit to Anchorage

Sailors curious about Anchorage

By JIM SEAY
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The U.S. Navy is in town. The USS Brinkly Bass and the USS Perkins of Destroyer Squadron 37 docked in Anchorage Thursday evening and sailors are spending their liberty at Alyeska, McKinley National Park, Portage Glacier, and some of the local night clubs.

MOST OF the sailors on board were anxious to get to port. They hadn't received any news from the outside world in several days. The chief petty officer was particularly interested in the scores of the last two Fischer-Spasky chess matches. Many were curious about Anchorage, asking about the weather, the people, the

sights and the prices they would encounter.

Two two ships, part of a six-ship squadron, will said Monday morning for a one-day stopover at Kodiak on their way to Tacoma, Wash. The four other ships in the squadron visited Juneau and Ketchikan.

Squadron Commodore Capt. Arthur Coday said that the ships are up here for several reasons: to get experience in the waters of Alaska and to provide training opportunities for the reservists on board. He also indicated that a training exercise involving the Air Force was being talked about but that details had not been settled.

In addition to a great deal of reservists, the crews of the ships are complemented by 20-

30 Sea Cadets, young men between 13 and 17 interested in finding out more about the Navy. They do the same work and undergo the same training as the regular sailors. If they do decide to join the Navy when they are old enough, they enter at a higher level than they would otherwise. Some of the Sea Cadets aboard were from the Anchorage area.

The Brinkly Bass and the Perkins are anti-submarine warfare vessels, Coday told the press. Their job is to detect and destroy submarines. They are equipped with an advanced sonar system, rocket torpedoes, a sophisticated fire control system and two-gun mounts. Each ship is about 380 feet long and has 160 regular crew members.

The Navy demonstrated its good will be hustling high rank-

ing Air Force and Army officers, Navy League officials and interested press from

Kachemak Bay up Cook Inlet at a 15-20 knot clip, past oil derricks and the swirling tide.