

S.S. "CHUSAN"

CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

KING NEPTUNE	B. Thomson	Staff Captain
QUEEN AMPHITRITE	L. Warren	Purser
JUDGE	M. Bradford	2nd Officer
DOLPHINIUS	J. Wachter	Chief Officer
ROYAL PHYSICIAN	B. Palmer	Asst. Surgeon
ROYAL BARBER	J. Kelly	Q.M.
ROYAL BARBER'S MATE	C. Glover	Q.L.
CHIEF OF POLICE	K. Flint	Snr. Asst. Purser
POLICE	1. A. Moody 2. M. Fox 3. J. Strange	Asst. Engineer Asst. Engineer Asst. Purser
CHIEF BEAR	G. Harris	1st Officer
BEARS	1. J. Cumming 2. R. Murr 3. W. Goldie	A/2nd Electrician Sy. Electrician 1st Cl. Swimming Atttd.

Reserves for Bears or Police:

J. Paston	3rd Officer
D. MacNeil	Q.M.
F. Williams	Q.M.
R. Barnard	Swimming Bath Atttd.
A. Williams	Bell Boy
J. Stringer	P.R.A.

Defendants appearing on various charges before the court include:

Miss Yvonne Buckingham
 Mr. Peter Arne
 Mr. M.B. Maltby, President, Cambridge
 University Boat Club.
 Mr. David Rutherford, member of the
 Isis Crew.

Miss Janette Scott has kindly consented to present souvenirs of their initiation to the defendants.

Other celebrities who it is hoped will be present to witness the ceremony include:

Mr. Kenneth Horne
 Mr. Richard Murdoch
 Mr. John Snagge
 Mr. Wallace Greenslade
 Mr. W. Barrington-Dalby

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5th December, 1958

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Hoar Ye All:

King Neptune the 1st hereby commands that Ye shall all present yourselves at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th December, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Eight at the White House Swimming Pool, accompanied by Spouse, Fiancee or Lady-Friend for the benefit of a "dummy run" at 4 p.m. The actual ceremony will commence at 5.30 p.m. the same evening.

Invitations will be issued by King Neptune the 1st to all of his Court so that the guests will be passed into the Underwater Palace by the Nubian Guards.

Members of the Court wishing their Regalia to be sent to the Baths instead of bringing it with them, should hand it in to the Chief Officer by the evening of Sunday, 14th December.

Travel by Underwater Rail to:

Great Portland Street	(District Line)
Regents Park	(Bakerloo Line)
Warren Street	(Northern Line)

The following sea Buses pass the Palace:

Nos. 1, 3, 18, 27, 30, 53, 137 and 176.

Signed under my hand this day.

NEPTUNE THE 1st.

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The following will be required to be supplied from the ship by Deck and Pursers Department on the day of the "dummy run" and will be sent up to the Swimming Pool by the Dock Superintendent.

DECK DEPARTMENT

4 Tiddly Lifebuoys ("CHUSAN")
2 Ordinary Lifebuoys (P. & O.S.N.COY)
2 Polythene buckets
1 Whitewash Brush
Noptune's Wig, Skirt, Crown and Trident
Queen Neptune's Wig, Skirt, Crown and Trident
Royal Barber's Razor
1 Stretcher
1 small Oxygen bottle for blowing up balloons

PURSERS DEPARTMENT

50 towels
2 sheets
1 doz. balloons
2 bottles Cochineal
String of Sausages
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Chopped liver
1 bare Rib Bone
1 Large Dried Cod for King Neptune

Signed: STAFF CAPTAIN.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTESYvonne Buckingham

Miss Yvonne Buckingham, 21, has a number of films to her credit including "Robbery Under Arms", "No Trees in the Street", "Room at the Top" and "Captain's Table", which has its Premiere in London on January 2. In this she plays a beautiful red-headed passenger on board a luxury liner to Australia.

Recently she was registered at Lloyds of London, as "an unrefrigerated paddle-boat of bone construction" and was ceremonially launched on the Serpentine.

Born in Ripon, Yorkshire, she came to London to do fashion modelling, but before long made her debut in the Tommy Cooper show on television. Her latest appearance, on ITV, was as Muriel in "Heat of the Evening" on December 12.

Her measurements are: Ht.5'6". B.38. W.24. H.37.

Janette Scott

Miss Janette Scott, 20, has been in films since she was two, and has been under contract to Associated British for 10 years. She will shortly be seen starring in "The Devil's Disciple", playing opposite Sir Laurence Olivier, Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas.

Immediately before beginning work on this Hecht-Hill-Lancaster production, she was working on another stage at Elstree with Miss Anna Neagle and Frankie Vaughan on "The Lady is a Square".

Daughter of the well-known Lancashire-born actress Thora Hird, Janette Scott made her screen debut at two in "Went the Day Well". At 10, with several films already behind her, she got her biggest role in "No Place for Jennifer". Other films followed, including "The Galloping Major", "The Magic Box", and "No Highway"; West End plays including "The Third Person" and "The Private Life of Helen"; and broadcasts including Little Nell in "The Old Curiosity Shop".

From the theatre she returned to films, to make "As Long as They're Happy", "Helen of Troy", playing Cassandra, and "Happy is the Bride" with Ian Carmichael. In 1955 she had her first romantic role in "Now and Forever", playing opposite Vernon Gray.

Peter Arne

Born in British Malaya of a Swiss-French mother and a Dutch father, Peter Arne made his first stage appearance at the age of seven. The war intervened in this career, and after being medically discharged from the R.A.F. following a crash he enlisted in the Royal Navy, taking charge of landing craft in Bombay. From that he joined S.E.A.C. radio, writing scripts and announcing, and then joined the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

Returning to this country, he acted in the West End, in repertory, television and films, served in department stores, worked as a time and motion man and as a night skivvy in the Dorchester, until his big break came with a dual leading role in "Time Slip", and the lead in "Murder Anonymous" with Jill Bonnett. His next big part was in "Cockleshell Heroes", followed by "High Tide at Noon". His latest - "The Moonraker", and "Intent to Kill", both going the rounds at present. He has contributed sketches for Hermione Gingold in "Sweet and Low", and has had a play "No Stranger" produced in London.

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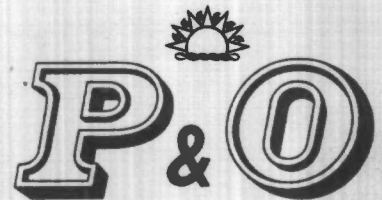
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Dear Subject,

Since thou hast shown thyself loyal, and obedient to Our command in journeying hither (though truly I doubt not the cause of thy coming is merely an incontinent thirst), 'tis only meet and right that thou shouldst know some matter of the purpose of Our gracious presence in this unaccustomed clime, of the means by which Our transportation was affected, of those persons of Our court who here escort me, and of those land-locked mortals who will undergo the barberous initiation you will here witness.

Discover, then, within this seal, Our Royal Command first issued to the escort of Our Court, drawn from the noble ranks of S.S. Chusan; their shopping list, each curious item genuinely required for our purpose; their role of honour, and that of their victims, of whom be it specially noted one is the only lady registered as a ship at Lloyds - all honour to her; the origins of this ancient ceremony, and the whyfor of its performance so far from Our beloved equatorial Kingdom, to which as you will learn we shall return next Eastertide aboard this same S.S. Chusan.

All this, it is Our hope, may furnish some source for that commodity which you who live with ink, as We with water, call "copy". And be it said, it is Our foremost fervent wish that you enjoy Our hospitality this eve; and to that wish in all sincerity We sign Our hand.

Down the hatch.

Neptune R.I.

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WHEREAS IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ME THAT, ON THE 15TH DECEMBER, 1956,

PETER ABRAHAM

WAS GUILTY OF AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND NEPTUNIAN
DISCIPLINE IN THAT BY HIS MANY VILLAINOUS PERFORMANCES IN FILMS
BEARING SUCH BRUTAL TITLES AS " MURDER ANONYMOUS" AND "INTENT TO
KILL" HAS PROVED THAT CRIME DOES PAY.

AND HAVING HEARD THE EVIDENCE OF ALL THE WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION,
AND HAVING REFUSED TO HEAR THE EVIDENCE OF ANY OF THE WITNESSES FOR THE
DEFENCE I DO HEREBY AJUDGE THE AFORESAID PETER ABRAHAM

TO BE GUILTY BY ACT 14 SUBSECTION 1

THE SUMMARY PUNISHMENT FOR THIS OFFENCE IS THAT A FILM NOW BE MADE
OF HIM BEING CLEANSED OF HIS CRIMES.

WHICH SENTENCE I NOW ORDER TO BE CARRIED OUT.

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WHEREAS IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ME THAT, ON THE 15TH DECEMBER, 1958

MISS YVONNE BUCKINGHAM

WAS GUILTY OF AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND NEPTUNIAN
DISCIPLINE IN THAT SHE DID ALLOW HERSELF TO BE REGISTERED AT LLOYDS
AS AN UNREFRIGERATED PADDLE BOAT OF BONE CONSTRUCTION AND TO BE
LAUNCHED IN THE SERPENTINE.

AND HAVING HEARD THE EVIDENCE OF ALL THE WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION

AND HAVING REFUSED TO HEAR THE EVIDENCE OF ANY OF THE WITNESSES FOR

THE DEFENCE I DO HEREBY AJUDGE THE AFORESAID YVONNE BUCKINGHAM

TO BE GUILTY BY ACT A.1 SUBSECTION ALSO A.1

THE SUMMARY PUNISHMENT FOR THIS OFFENCE IS TO BE SENT FORTHWITH

ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE TO PROVE THAT SHE IS STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND

SEAWORTHY

WHICH SENTENCE I NOW ORDER TO BE CARRIED OUT.