

# Annual Report 1962



## SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE of NEW YORK

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THE REV. JOHN M. MULLIGAN, DIRECTOR

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To the Friends of the Seamen's Church Institute:

Our Annual Report this year describes steps which we have taken in this our 129th year to enrich the dayto-day program of the Institute. The purchase of 17 State Street and the surrounding property, consummated in mid-1962, has laid to rest concern for the effect of changes in the downtown area on our 25 South Street location. Relieved of this concern we have proceeded with the implementation of a program designed to bring our seamen guests closer to the community which makes our program possible.

As you read our report you will note that we have explored a number of approaches, several with marked success. While our efforts have met with enthusiastic support from our guests, much of the credit must go to the imaginative and dedicated efforts of our staff under the inspired leadership of the Rev. John M. Mulligan, our Director.

Our early experiment in decentralization with a pilot operation at Port Newark has proved its value. Shortly we will proceed with full development of our facilities there.

My grateful thanks go to all who have helped us carry forward our mission of Christian fellowship with the men of the sea.

Sincerely. randen E. Vilas

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# The Men We Served

The great Port of New York, including Port Newark, accounted for slightly less than one-fourth of all the ships entering the United States during the year. American merchant seamen crewed 41 percent of these vessels, but more and more foreign flagships dropped anchor within view of 25 South Street. Meeting the changing needs of the American seamen were experimental projects discussed elsewhere in this report. Crews of all 47 foreign nationality flagships coming to New York in 1962 signed our guest roster, including men from Thailand's first merchant ship SRI SUKOTHAI. The International Seamen's Club is the melting pot for all men of the sea where a handshake and a smile dispels all doubt about stereotyped Americans. Whether the seafarers stayed with us for an extended period (as with Ameri-

can seamen waiting for rotation-system jobs) or for one or two days (foreign seamen are often in port for short

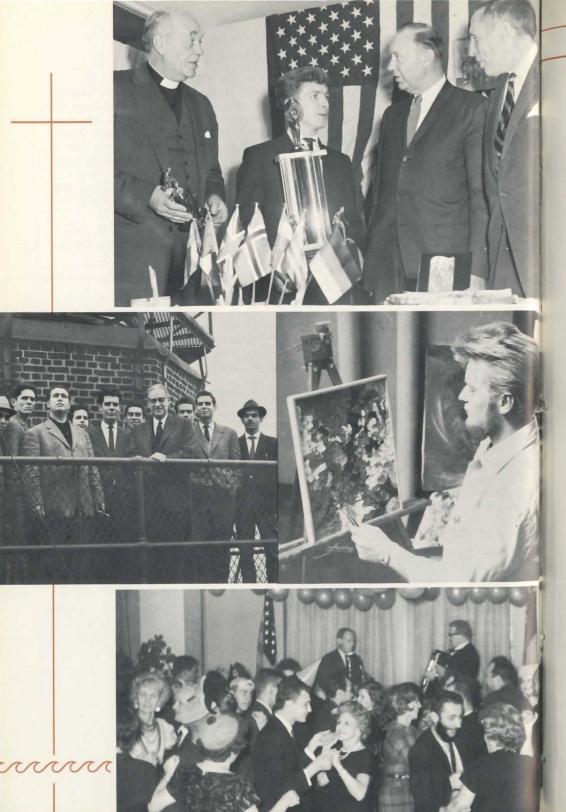
stops), we found ways to channel their leisure time into productive

American seamen by the thousands, already quite at home at SCI, utilized the services which give us the reputation of "a home away from home." Every religious, social, educational and medical facility showed notably increased participation in 1962. By their response to the activities offered at Port Newark, seamen confirmed the need for expansion of the Center to serve that isolated area. We said: Come and be welcome no matter where you were born or how you worship. They took us at our word. Before 1963 is ended, Port Newark Station will be greatly enlarged.

American and foreign shipping activity through the Port of New York during 1962. These percentages reflect, to a degree, the use of SCI's facilities (with the exception of the hotel) by nationality.

America41.3%Norway12Britain6.3Holland4.6Sweden4.3Liberia4	Germany Panama Japan Italy Greece			3.9 2.2 2.2 1.8 .9	
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LEFT: A typical attendance roster signed by each guest of the International Seamen's Club. BELOW: Our visitors relaxing in the spacious Club represented 47 nations over the past year.



# How We Served Them

The floating chapel in which our work really began 129 years ago has developed into our 13-story waterfront "parish" for seamen of all nations who wish to belong to that brotherhood of sea-going men which the Seamen's Church Institute stands for and helps to make possible in the Port of New York.

While the Chapel remains at the heart of our work, our ministry today has grown to meet the many needs which a seaman shares with all men, but which can only be met by him in a community fashioned to offset the handicaps and limitations imposed on him by the nature of his job. The Institute is a home; he may live here between trips. It is a school; he may use his spare time to advantage by studying for a better rating, or to improve his knowledge of languages, economics, politics, and other fields of interest to him. It is a clinic, where he may get needed attention. It is a library where he may browse to suit his fancy. It is a gymnasium to help him keep in good physical condition. It is a theatre where he may see current movies, live plays, and listen to opera and concerts. It is a lounge where he may talk and dance with attractive hostesses. It is a game room where he may test both his physical and mental skills. It is a counseling center where he may talk over his problems with skilled counselors, or receive direction to other community agencies able to help him with some special problem. It is a church where he may worship and find strength to face a troubled world.

All this and more the Seamen's Church Institute has become in order to minister to the "whole" seaman through a constantly improving program of services fitted to his needs.

Photos, top to bottom: RECREATION — Inter-ship football contests with trophy presentations attracted hundreds of seamen to athletic programs in 1962. ■ HOUSING — SCI provided emergency accommodations for several American and foreign groups, in addition to 762 hotel rooms nightly for men of the merchant marine. ■ EDUCATION — Exceptional schedule of cultural and educational programs was meaningful to large number of seamen who were among 13,000 students. ■ SOCIABILITY — Regularly scheduled dances brought American and foreign seamen to SCI's International Seamen's Club. HOSPITALITY — Guided tours for foreign visitors who could not otherwise afford them is important function of International Ships Visitors.



# We Served in Special Ways

Complementing its standard services to seamen, SCI offered its splendid facilities and unique staff to groups visiting the Port of New York and others in the maritime world. This won for us, early in 1962, the first U.S. Department of State Good Neighbor commendation. During the strike we expanded existing services to accommodate hundreds of men who searched for worthwhile activities. Merchant marine, Coast Guard and diplomatic groups met at SCI during the year. When their meetings were educational, they were opened to seamen. As in the past, marine disaster survivors found haven here, and when blood was needed, SCI found donors.



The Marine Museum which will celebrate its 10th anniversary during 1963 drew nearly 20,000 visitors during the year. Many of these were school children. Special tours for handicapped children (picture) were arranged by staff who also showed motion pictures about sailing ships and told appreciative audiences about present day life on shipboard.



In July SCI extended a hand of international friendship to 129 French students, children of French seamen, for whom we provided a home in New York. For our interest in their behalf the United States Travel Agency commended SCI by wiring: "This friendly action typifies the best spirit of our 'visit USA program.' Your thoughtfulness is consistent with the unheralded work of the Institute over the years."



Above, left: Unprecedented numbers of bus tours around Manhattan Island and other points of interest were arranged for crews of foreign ships during prolonged longshoremen strike. Confined to ships, short of money, most of them would not have seen America without our help. At the United Nations headquarters, seamen were met by representatives of their own national delegations. More than a dozen nationalities joined these tours. Above, right: Future graduates of United States merchant marine academies made SCI home base during shipping company orientations scheduled in senior year of training. The Institute also accommodated several groups of State Department trainees studying port activity.

More than 300 members of the Philippine community in New York commemorated the birthday of their national hero, Jose Rizal, with a program of dances, speeches and song, which attracted seamen who know the Philippine people and understand their national sentiment.

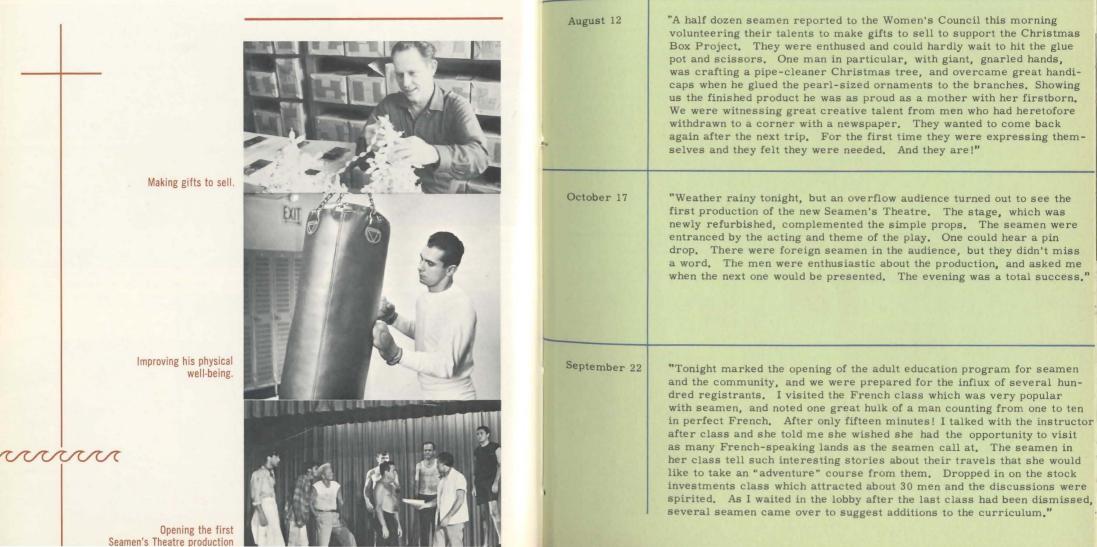


The kinds of athletic opportunities are tailored by SCI to fit the interests of foreign visitors. Soccer, football, walking tours and even skiing were enjoyed through the Port Newark Station during 1962. Shown here are two Norwegian seamen who placed in a ski event held during the strike period.



# Innovations in '62

Seeking to relate the seaman more effectively to the community during 1962, the SCI provided a variety of worthwhile cultural and educational opportunities for seamen as well as for the Institute community. We knew there were men who wanted such a program and we were certain that many others, if exposed, would respond. The response both from the seamen and non-seamen has been most encouraging (13,275 people participated) and has in a very real way made the SCI more dynamic and vital to hundreds of men. The congenial intermingling of the seamen and members of the community as they share in classes, lectures and concerts, has been a bright highlight to show that we are moving forward in the right direction to enrich the lives of all who participate. The next few pages of SCI Log were comments on these exemplary "firsts" during 1962.



July 13

SCI Log – Excerpts from Daily Staff Reports

"All the new gym equipment has not been uncrated yet, but the men are

already using the punching bags and weights. One seaman, recovering

Another, lifting weights beside a man from the Wall Street area, was

asking about the latest dividends from an electronics company. All the

men commented on the exceptional view from the gym, claiming that it

250-pound ship's cook came to work out, with the lament that he had eaten

Most of the men who came today were long-time friends of SCI, and all

were astonished at the changes which had been made on the 13th floor."

too much of his own food and hoped to drop his weight by about 150 pounds.

was the most relaxing spot in New York. We had to chuckle when the

from a shipboard accident, came to exercise a painful area of muscles.

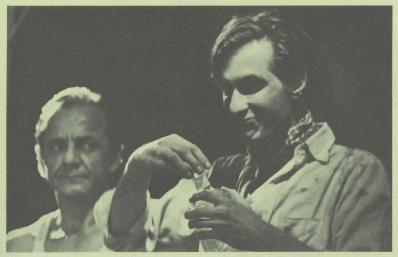


November 8 "I drove nearly an hour in order to arrive at the oil tanker before the men began to unload. They greeted me as a long-lost brother, and it was apparent that they were longing for a visit from a seamen's agency which was interested in them as persons. One man apologetically extended his hand for a shake, saying "It's really great to see someone from New York who will take the time to come this far to bring us some good books. You know, we aren't here long enough to get back to 'civilization'". This tanker visitation project, now in its first month, is pioneering work, but will result in stronger friendships among SCI, its Port Newark Station, and the forgotten men from these oil tankers."

Top photo: 50-member Heidelberg College Choir performed twice at SCI, offered concerts of secular and non-secular vocal music to appreciative seamen. **Right: Half-hour taped** Christmas devotional services in several languages were among new projects of '62. Here, a program is being taped for broadcast aboard Dutch passenger ship. Programs were prepared in English, French, German, Spanish, Greek, Dutch, Norwegian and Italian



"Tonight's speaker, New York Congressman John V. Lindsay, was of special interest to the seamen. More and more men are turning out for these diplomatic or political discussion programs. Mr. Lindsay established an immediate rapport with the group, and their questions at the end received considered answers. A seaman remarked at the conclusion of tonight's program, "It's a lot better to have the men here than to see them on television, and besides they like answering questions about the future of the American shipping industry. Let's have more programs like this one." Our Monday night podium has been occupied this year by speakers from Germany, Israel, Brazil, Spain, Pakistan, Turkey, Philippines, Tibet, and Ecuador. The Department of Special Services has done a fine job in selecting this series of outstanding speakers. This is the highlight of the week for many of the seamen."



One of final scenes from Seamen's Theatre production "One More River" which developed theme: "Judge not, lest ye be judged also." Matthew  $7{:}1$ 

"With tonight's performance by the Rossini Opera Workshop and Monday's concert by the Broadway Symphony Orchestra, this week has provided exceptional cultural opportunities for the seamen. We wondered how 400 restive men would receive two hours of opera. Our doubts were dispelled in the first 15 minutes. Heads began to sway in rhythm to the music, and here and there seamen were humming the familiar arias with the performers. Music is certainly a universal language, for we noted a great number of foreign seamen in the audience, particularly Italians and Germans. Our most interesting observation: these programs of great music are attracting larger numbers of men than the regularly scheduled first-run movies. I'm sure this must have influenced Chaplain Huntley and the Department of Education in scheduling so many cultural programs."

# We Served Through Volunteers

"'Movies in Church?' asked one of the seamen tonight. I replied "And there'll be another next week and all through Lent.' I'm sure he went off to tell his buddy about our new approach to the Lenten season. In these devotional-type evenings, we have used motion picture classics with great moral themes which relate human conditions to Christian teachings. On the schedule for the remaining evenings before Easter are "Ox Bow Incident", "Question Seven" and "God Needs Men." We had not anticipated such an overwhelming participation from seamen who had not appeared at chapel before to my knowledge,"

Two thousand volunteers knitted garments to go into Christmas boxes for seamen and contributed money (569 churches in 39 states) to help the Women's Council meet its 1962 goal of 8,500 boxes. The 4,320 pounds of wool sent out by the Council brought back 15,500 hand-knit articles. Publicizing the fact that the 150,000th Box had been shipped in the 20-year-old project, the Institute honored the seaman-recipient with a reception and a day of sightseeing. Seventy-five women served as hostesses at International Club dances. A volunteer advisory committee presented the Annual Theatre Benefit in November to raise money for the Institute. Without the help of any one of these dedicated women, the SCI would not have prospered so well during 1962.



March 23

ABOVE: Congressman John V. Lindsay reports on the waterfront situation to a crowd of seamen during 1962 longshoremen's strike.

BELOW: SCI's multilingual staff prepare Christmas devotional services which were taped in several languages for shipboard play.



An American seaman from New York state, Harold Murphy, received the 150,000th Christmas Box from the Women's Council. At a reception in his honor, attended by his wife and parents, Institute Director, The Rev. John M. Mulligan, presented him with a portable tape recorder.

Highlighting the SCI social season was the annual Theatre Benefit "Beyond the Fringe." Arrangements were made by volunteers, Mrs. Clifford D. Mallory, Jr., and Mrs. David R. Grace.





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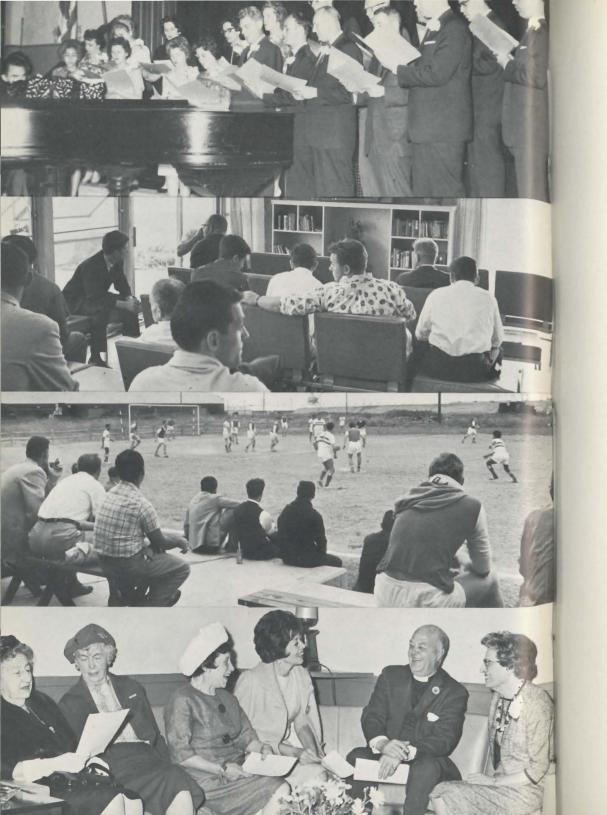
To the world he is just one among many; To us he is the world.

The Seamen's Church Institute of New York has held hands with these men of the sea for longer than any living man can remember. Through the eras of sail and steam and diesel we have steered a sure course through troubled waters with our men. Confident of your continued support and God's help, we now face the vicissitudes of the Atomic Century.

If our friends consider remembering us in bequests, we suggest this simple legal form for their use:

"I give and bequeath to Seamen's Church Institute of New York, 25 South Street, New York City, the sum of ......Dollars."

If other than money is to be given, a brief description of the property should be inserted.



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## Condensed statement of operating income and expenses for the year ended December 31, 1962

Gross income from departments			¢1 104 520
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Operating expenses   Payroll   Food and merchandise   Supplies   Electric current and fuel oil   Investment counsel, legal and accounting fees   Repairs, renewals and equipment   Insurance   Publicity and printed matter   Telephone service   Social security taxes, pension plan and other	\$	$\begin{array}{c} 954,837\\ 264,658\\ 62,044\\ 61,250\\ 13,799\\ 21,524\\ 26,794\\ 18,525\\ 8,298 \end{array}$	
employee benefitsAdult education programPublic relations (including salaries)Miscellaneous		72,000 20,054 22,675 89,323 ,635,781	
Religious and personal service department			
Salaries, expenses and relief	\$	298,209	\$1,933,990
Excess of expenditures over income from			
Operated departments			\$ (739,451)
Less income from:			
General endowments		293,842 6,844 17,806	
			\$ 318,492
Deficit from Institute operations			\$ (420,959)
Contributions for general purposes Contributions to Ways & Means department Contributions from the Diocese of New York Pier collections, special contributions and		106,778 1,560	
income from estates		105,222 7,258	
Credit bureau recoveries	\$	15,160 235,978	
Contributions to Women's Council		21,034	0 057 010
Deficiency of income			<u>\$ 257,012</u> <u>\$ (163,947)</u>

() Denotes red figures

The Condensed Statement of Operating Income and Expenses for the year 1962 is derived from the detailed financial statements of the Institute which have been audited and certified to by Horwath & Horwath independent public accountants. A copy of the detailed statements is available at the Institute for inspection.

> Respectfully, WALTER POTTS, Treasurer

### At 25 SOUTH STREET DURING 1962

- 1,386 American ships were visited and welcomed.
- 2,249 Foreign ships were visited and welcomed.
- **23,943** Seamen of all nations were entertained in the International Seamen's Club.
  - **60** Foreign nations were represented in the International Seamen's Club.
  - **409** Services were held in the Chapel of Our Savior.
    - 96 Missing seamen were located.
- **280,000** Rooms available for occupancy by merchant seamen for the year with 90.7% average occupancy. The New York hotel average was 74%.
  - **13,275** Seamen and members of the community took advantage of group adult education projects and programs.
    - **292** Students were enrolled in the Merchant Marine School, 84 more than in 1961. 237 students were graduated.
  - 18,550 Visitors passed through the Marine Museum.
  - 64,320 Readers used the Conrad Library.

### At PORT NEWARK DURING 1962

- 26,838 Books were distributed.
  - 2,500 Seamen took advantage of official soccer matches and informal games.
  - 1,299 Ships were visited and welcomed, most of them foreign.
    - 14 Religious services were provided for crews on ships.
  - **3,472** Seamen were transported to the International Seamen's Club at the Institute in Manhattan.
- **15,814** Seamen were in some way served through the staff at Port Newark. Countless personal services, such as counseling, letters, telephone assistance, money transfer and exchange, were taken care of for seamen.