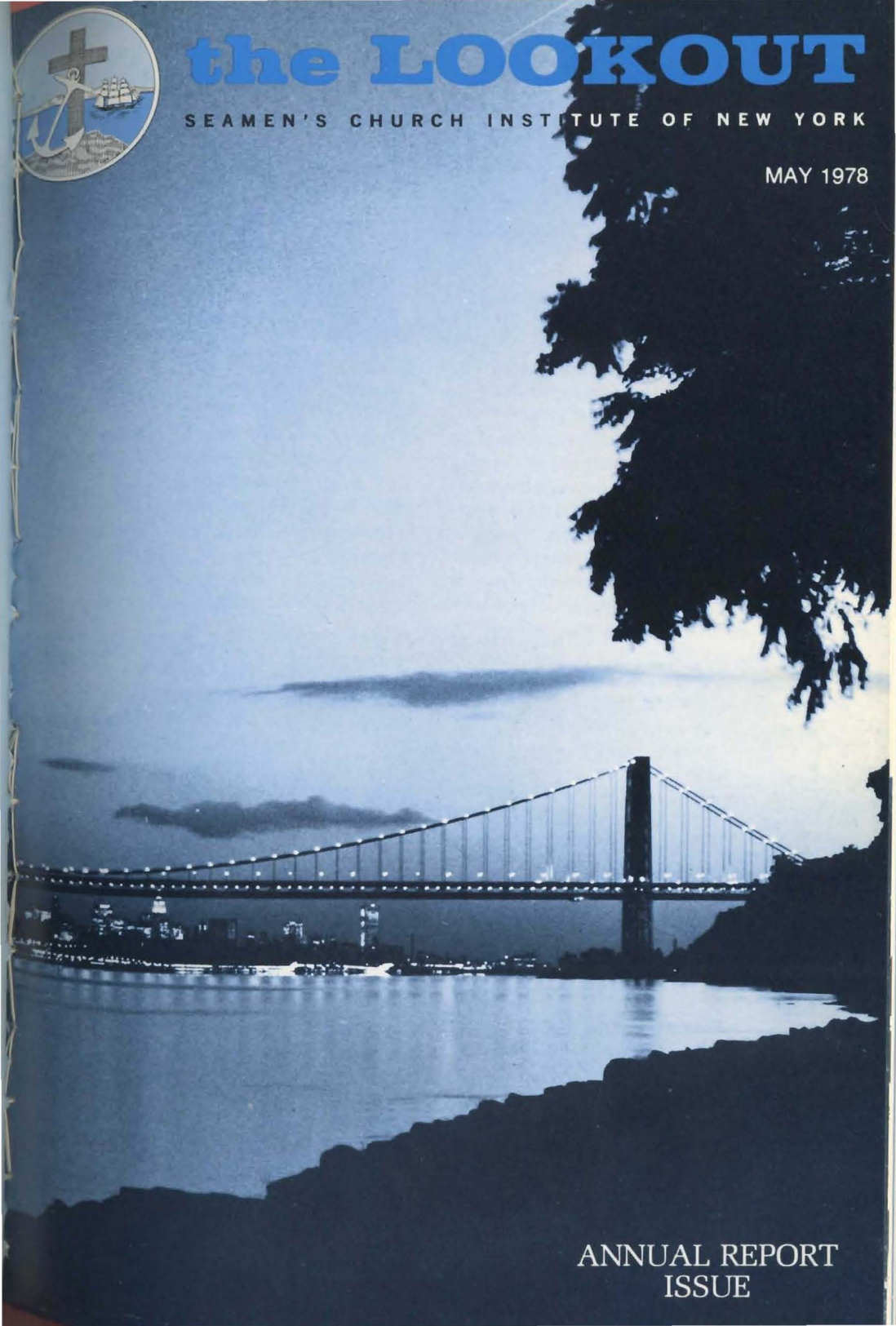




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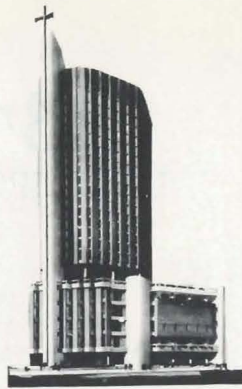
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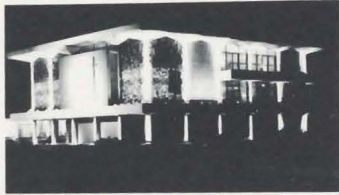
More than 300,000 such seamen of all nationalities, races and creeds come into the Port of New York every year. To many of them the Institute is their shore center in port and remains their polestar while they transit the distant oceans of the earth.

First established in 1834 as a floating chapel in New York harbor, the Institute offers a wide range of recreational and educational services for the mariner, including counseling and the help of five chaplains in emergency situations.

More than 3,500 ships with over

140,000 men aboard put in at Port Newark/Elizabeth annually, where time ashore is extremely limited.

Here in the very middle of huge, sprawling Port Newark pulsing with activity of container-shipping, SCI has provided an oasis known as the Mariners International Center which offers seamen a recreational center especially constructed, designed and operated in a special way for the very special needs of the men. An outstanding feature is a soccer field (lighted by night) for games between ship teams.



Mariners International Center (SCI)
Port Newark/Elizabeth, N.J.

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143rd ANNUAL REPORT

In this issue, we are pleased to publish the Institute's 143rd Annual Report. In

addition to providing condensed statements of 1977 operating income, expenses and services to seamen, we have tried to convey to you a real sense of the "human touch" which is so essential in our work.

We also touch upon some of the challenges and problems which face the Institute both now and in the months ahead. To this point, we are pleased to note that the Board of Managers will soon announce a number of major decisions and objectives which could well determine the future successful operation of the Institute. The Board will be sure that you are apprised of these matters, either through this publication or by special letter.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

During 1977, all seamen's services were fully-maintained and improvements were made in the area of ship visiting, increased leisure activities and services in our seamen's clubs; and additional counseling services — particularly in the area of alcoholic rehabilitation. In addition, a number of innovative special courses were begun in both our Merchant Marine School and Roosevelt Institute of Maritime Studies.

Hotel occupancy by seamen was at an all time high resulting in a modest increase in earned net income from this area; and voluntary support showed some gains for which the Institute is always most appreciative.

However, a sluggish stock market provided little profit from our modest holdings and mounting inflation still hounded our every move.

Further reduction in heat and light plus strict and stringent budget control did help to reduce the year-end deficit to less than originally projected, but the Institute was still forced to draw from endowment in order to maintain essential services.

The reduction in heat also effected a run on wool sox, snuggies and drippy noses among the staff. No one minded because it was for a good cause. Only later, did we learn that we had weathered one of the coldest winters on record with nothing worse than numb fingers and tingly toes.





Emblem on SCI vestibule door.

ON THE WATERFRONT

IN-DEPTH STUDY

Early in 1977, at the encouragement of the new Institute Director, Father James R. Whittemore, the Board of Managers began an in-depth study of the viability, present operations, and future role of the Institute. Its goal? To significantly reduce the Institute's deficit in 1978; to strengthen services to seamen in the years ahead, and to make those changes in the Institute's organization, procedures and objectives that will lead to a balanced budget.

This meant that the Board, the Institute Director (who is also a member of the Board), an expert planning consultant, and members of the staff spent hundreds of hours examining all aspects of Institute operations. In addition, seamen, churchmen, business executives, government officials and directors of similar social service organizations were consulted.

From this kind of committed examination and evaluation came the data from which new plans and decisions will be made. But 'less you wonder, the evidence clearly indicates that the need for human services for the hundreds of thousands of seafarers annually entering this nation's largest port is as urgent today as in years past. It also indicates that the unique and effective work of the Seamen's Church Institute in meeting these needs for over 140 years, makes it the primary organization depended upon to deliver these services.

That is both a compliment and a challenge which the Institute intends to dedicatedly fulfill for both our seafaring brothers and sisters and for you, our friends and supporters.

Of all the various services of the Institute, perhaps none is more important than ship-visiting. This is the front line, where the action is; and the situations and needs encountered are as diverse as the multi-nationals who crew the ships.

That is why, regardless of Winter's cold or Summer' heat, multi-lingual Institute ship visitors are daily on the some 750 miles of waterfront bordering the Greater Port of New York & New Jersey.

Last year, four full-time and three part-time ship visitors called one or more times on over 3,000 vessels. The crews would welcome even more visits if time or personnel allowed.

In discussing this work with senior ship visitor, Gilbert Rodriguez, who has been with the Institute for 20 years, he noted that just visiting a ship is, in itself, a source of great satisfaction to the crew. This is particularly true for foreign seamen who are pleased to know that someone is concerned about their well-being and wants to be of help. They are equally pleased to get a supply of "fresh" reading material in their native language and to be able to discuss in their native tongue how to use the maps, transportation guides, etc., provided them. In addition, they usually want to know safe and interesting places to visit, where to shop for certain items, and what are fair prices, etc.

If time allows, the ship visitor often takes crew members "shopping" and if there is no time, he tries to help fill emergency needs. For example, Father Salvatore Malanga, Port Chaplain for the Archdiocese of Newark who works from our Mariners International Center



SCI Chaplain makes a night call



Ship visitor Bill Henry explains SCI services available to seamen located in Pt. Newark/Elizabeth, N.J.

in Port Newark, met a British seaman who arrived in port after a long period at sea with his dentures broken. Father Malanga arranged for the man to go to a dentist and paid for the repair work.

The following is a letter received from the seaman:

"I lack words to express my thanks to you and Father. You have added to my life span - whatever that may have been - by making me able to eat. For the days that I was on baby diet & doing a man's work, I have become weak.

"Now, please accept this as a token of my appreciation, & not as the price.

"Many thanks, & God be with you and Prosper you.

"I remain, gratefully yours."

For seamen with little time in port (often less than eight to twelve hours), the ship visitor is an important source for posting letters. If there is time, he will take crews to one of the Institute centers so that they can make overseas telephone calls. If time is limited, he will take them to the nearest public telephone booth and place the calls from there.

With regard to shopping, not all requests are easily filled. Recently, one Indian seaman wanted to buy a used gas

range to take back to his wife. Somehow, one was found which met the buyer's requirements; and we've been told that it now cooks the best chapatis in town.

Certainly the day-to-day experiences of the Institute ship visitors are one of the best indicators of the need and demand for the work of the Institute. They also show how in great port cities, the work in urban mission must be carried on along the waterfront as well as on the city streets.

Dedication of a new mini-bus made possible by a NMU proposal to and resulting grant from the International Transport Workers Federation





MISSING SEAMEN'S BUREAU IS REALLY SOMETHING MORE

Back in the days of sailing ships and during World Wars I and II, the Missing Seamen's Bureau was far more active than anyone would have liked. Thousands of seamen were located each year but just as many were never found.

Today, requests still come in, and each year a number of seafarers are put in touch with family or friends — if the missing seamen so desire. If they wish to remain "anonymous," messages are relayed between parties; and often that is of help. In addition, the city morgue often calls in search of possible identification for unknown dead, and missing person inquiries are a common occurrence.

And, in talking with Mrs. Carl (Barbara) Clauson who tends to this service, we were amazed at the variety of requests which come her way.

For instance, for the young person who wants to become a seaman, she explains the possible ways of doing so. For the American seaman who must now have a passport in addition to his mariner's documents, she helps with the application, plus obtains birth certificates, or equivalent proof of birth. For the seaman in a local hospital, she



advises the family, and sees that the "patient" gets his pension checks.

As a Notary Public, Barbara notarizes documents for men being employed by the Waterfront Commission as well as proof of signature documents for seamen.

For active seamen on the move (at their written request) she obtains mail from the post office and sends it to the location designated. She even handled the monthly furniture payments for a seaman and then helped him ship the entire lot overseas.

For bonafide seamen "on the beach" seeking temporary employment ashore, she has served as a personal reference; and on occasion, she has worked through consulates to locate parents of young stowaways and help

that they would finally, safely "get off" the ship.

For older, retired seamen living in New York City, she helps with budgeting limited resources and advises on nutrition programs active in their neighborhoods.

For "once were" seamen who are resolute about their lives on the Bowery, she advises them to keep in touch and, in turn, keeps wives and families advised on their condition.

The list goes on, but there is no doubt in the mind of the Institute that this is an essential part of its services to seamen. What does the seaman think?

Read the following ...

*September 21, 1977
(The Philippines)*

"Once again I would like very much to thank you for everything you have done, if not for one like you probably things will be very difficult, — please find me a substitute in case you reach the period of time you had to re-tired.

You see, you are the third person who have been taking care of my mail since Nineteen fifty-six (1956) that is almost twenty one years ago, I thank God and you very special kind of people because not a single mail have been lost in that long period of years —

I certainly agreed with you when you mention the hot summer time in N.Y. City. I have lived in that City over six years and I can't forget that Hot Humidity during the month of July and August, I think it is the Hottest place in the World.

Mrs. Clauson please forgive me if I haven't reply most of your forwarding mail, I do really appreciate every moment I received any thing from you it is just a matter of nothing much to say, but inspite of my silences — deep inside you may never realize how much you are important to us.

Sincerely ...

L.R.

COUNSELING AND AID FOR SEAMEN

The photo inset on the facing page was taken outside the office of Chaplain and counselor William Haynsworth. It is a candid, actual and disturbing picture of personal despair.

However, the fact remains that in spite of all the improvements in life aboard ship, the working environment of the seaman is still one of confinement, tension, and loneliness. For many, this leads to apathy, depression and alienation which, in turn, often leads to excessive drinking as a panacea.

Thus it is that alcoholism has always been one of the persistent problems and major areas of concern in SCI's counseling service to seamen.

How do you help a person who is ashore hardly long enough for treatment and whose working environment is so conducive to recidivism? Basically, "dry him out," counsel him as much as possible, encourage him to join Alcoholics Anonymous (which has long met at the Institute), and hope that when he's fit for duty, he can handle the situation without the booze. But too often, it has not been until a given seaman is totally debilitated personally and professionally and is forced ashore that he can, or is willing, to truly receive help.

During the past year however, a program has been started which the Institute feels is a real move in the right direction. The National Maritime Union has begun a special counseling service for active and retired seamen who recognize that they need help with problem drinking. The word is out and many have come under their own steam to talk it over.

Basically, the program consists of individual and group counseling sessions; referrals to hospitals and rehabilitation centers; attending A.A. meetings; conferring with seamen's



wives and other family members. The availability of residential treatment centers plus the encouragement to maintain contact with other A.A. members when aboard ship has resulted in outstanding success.

As a counseling base and referral source, the Institute is quite involved in the program. Two counseling sessions are held at the Institute each week and the chief counselor for the program, Mr. Carmello Guastella, is an old friend of SCI. Mr. Guastella is an Able Seaman and recovered alcoholic who came ashore at the request of the N.M.U. president, Mr. Shannon Wall, to handle the day-to-day administration of the program. He and the Institute counselors work closely in dealing with this major problem and as a result have had some very successful results over the past year. The Institute is grateful to the N.M.U. for pioneering this program as a union and to the director of the program, Mr. Al Ziedel.

GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

In addition to personal and professional counseling, emergency relief funds and credit for seamen are also administered by the counseling chaplaincy.

This service is available to seamen of all nationalities and is handled in a compassionate but business-like manner. In this way, the seaman does not feel that he is having to ask for alms or a hand-out, and the Institute is able to judge the case and advance funds with the understanding that it is to be paid back at a future date, if possible. A handshake seals the agreement.

Some of the common uses for the fund are to help seamen who are on the beach longer than anticipated; to carry-over persons who may have filed for unemployment in another state, but who have not yet received payment; providing traveling money to a job aboard ship in another port; funds for personal or family emergencies.

Interestingly enough, the system works. Last year no interest credit was issued to 705 men and 74% was repaid.

In support of this point, the Institute even received recently a \$10.00 repayment for a loan issued to a seaman in January, 1936! Another recent letter stated "I want to thank you again for looking after me when I really needed a hand. If there is anything left over from the money order enclosed for my Institute loan, please turn it in as a contribution."

Mariners International Center

(at Pt. Newark/Elizabeth, N.J.)

Outpost to the "Forgotten"

On December 1, 1977, Father James R. Whittemore, Institute Director, spoke on the work of SCI's Mariners International Center at a special hearing of the Episcopal Urban Bishops Coalition and the Urban Task Force of the Diocese of New Jersey.

In reporting on the importance of the Institute's work in urban mission along the waterfront of the world's largest containerport, he noted that the men and women of the sea, especially, are among the forgotten people of our times, even though more than 100,000 of them annually call on the Port of Newark, N.J., alone. He further emphasized that ...

"You and I are dependent upon these 'forgotten people' for the heat in this building, for many of the clothes that we wear, for the raw and finished materials that keep our factories and stores supplied. Two-way international trade for the United States last year totalled \$235 billion and some \$44 billion of this flowed through the Port of New York and New Jersey, the largest percentage directly through this city.

"Does the seafarer of today (whose work makes such a profound difference to our lives) need help? The answer is an emphatic 'Yes.' In spite of real improvement in working conditions and pay, the seafarer remains a lonely isolated person, prey to the chicanery of the waterfront, to violence, to alcoholism, to mental breakdown.

"Shipboard life is a narrow, confined life; the seafarer is a person always in transit; there is a lack of a sense of belonging to anyone or any place; he is uptight when he comes ashore to a world basically alien, knowing that much of the world views him as a person of low esteem — not only forgotten, but often rejected. These are capable but often troubled people."



"Almost 150 years ago a group of young Episcopal laymen founded the Seamen's Church Institute with the evangelical concern to console and strengthen seafarers. This same concern still undergirds all of our work today which now includes shelter, food, counseling, financial help, recreation, libraries, clubs, education, etc."

He went on to say, "... that the Mariners International Center at Port Newark, owned and operated by the Institute, is the only Center concerned with human beings in that vast complex of warehouses, marshalling yards, trucks, giant cranes, containers, and ships. At the heart of our ministry is ship visiting — reaching and contacting these forgotten men and women with the healing word that someone cares, someone will listen, someone will speak to you in your own language.

"At Port Newark we estimate that we reach 120,000 seafarers annually through visits to almost 3,100 ships, and some 20,000 come to the Mariners International Center. They represent at least 40 nations for 80% of the ships are foreign-manned with a high percentage of crews from the Third World. Think what an incalculable positive impact it makes upon a sailor from Africa, Latin



America, the Far East, when an American representing the Church of God offers a helping hand in an isolated port like Newark. President Carter is right when he says "Trade generates forces of friendship and understanding, which in turn bring us closer to the kind of world we want." The Church, through its mission to seamen at Port Newark, is on that frontier of friendship and understanding."

He also asked the Diocese of Newark, "... to make this ministry to the forgotten people of the sea a top priority in your urban mission program," and concluded by saying unequivocally, "... that if the Church will not assume some responsibility to support and strengthen this long established ministry to forgotten people we have no right to expect foundations, corporations, unions, and government to give us help. If they know, however, that the Church cares, I think that they can be led to care as well."

As a postscript he noted, "I write this presentation on St. Andrew's Day ... which reminds me that Jesus's first disciples were seamen. Their apostolic witness down through the ages has inspired countless Christians to 'welcome the stranger in their midst.' May it always be so of this branch of the Church of Christ which we call our own."



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| Gross Income From Departments | | \$1,996,083 |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Salaries and Wages | \$1,183,877 | |
| Employee Benefits | 241,662 | |
| Food and Merchandise | 318,202 | |
| Electric current, fuel, telephone service | 390,975 | |
| Supplies | 88,011 | |
| Insurance | 40,530 | |
| Publicity and printed matter, including "Lookout" | 35,673 | |
| Miscellaneous | 23,396 | |
| Women's Council — wool and gifts for seamen | 31,943 | |
| Investment Counsel, legal and accounting fees | 29,058 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 54,525 | |
| Real Estate Taxes | 69,955 | |
| Interest | 2,042 | |
| | <u>\$2,509,849</u> | |
| Religious and Personal Service Departments | | |
| Salaries, expenses and relief | 262,623 | |
| Mariners International Center, Port Newark | | |
| Salaries, expenses | 218,866 | |
| Merchant Marine School and Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute | | |
| Salaries, expenses | 134,424 | |
| Department of Physical Education | | |
| Salaries, expenses | 16,163 | |
| Joseph Conrad Library | | |
| Salaries, expenses | 41,309 | 3,183,234 |
| Excess of expenditures over income from operated departments | | |
| | | (1,187,151) |
| Less dividends, interest and income from endowments .. | 323,365 | |
| Credit Bureau recoveries | 41,158 | 364,523 |
| Deficit from Institute operations | | |
| | | (822,628) |
| Contributions for general and specific purposes | | |
| Development Office | 112,675 | |
| Special items | 103,544 | |
| Women's Council | 29,861 | 246,080 |
| Deficit from Operations | | |
| | | (576,548) |
| Depreciation — 15 State Street Building | | |
| Furniture and Equipment | | (202,072) |
| Depreciation — Port Newark Building | | |
| Furniture and Equipment | | (27,459) |
| Deficit for year ended December 31, 1977 | | |
| | | \$(806,079) |

() Denotes red figures

The Condensed Statement of Operating Income and Expense for the year 1977 derived from the books and records is set forth above. Audited financial statements will be available at the Institute for inspection upon completion.

Respectfully,
George D. Benjamin, Treasurer

AT 15 STATE STREET, N.Y.C.

- 1,239** American and foreign ships visited and welcomed.

- 6,685** Seamen, representing 42 foreign nations, entertained in the International Seamen's Club.

- 125** Services held in the chapel.

- 80,349** Hotel rooms occupied.

- 500** Seamen enrolled in SCI's Merchant Marine School (Deck 390; Engine, 110) plus MARAD radar, 504; recertification, 402.

- 501** Seamen, shorebased maritime personnel and other community members enrolled in Roosevelt Institute Maritime Transportation Classes.

- 33,036** Seamen and members used the Joseph Conrad Library.

- 52,755** Books and magazines distributed aboard ships in the greater Port of New York & New Jersey.

- 10,344** Pieces of luggage stored in SCI Baggage Room.

- 441,513** Restaurant meals served.

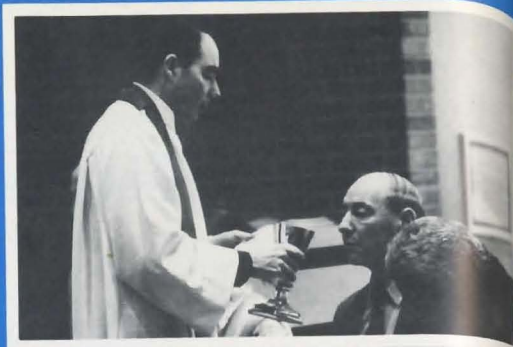
- 9,502** People attended exhibits, concerts and special events.

- 19,424** Visits to the Physical Education facilities.

- 9,254** Christmas Gift Boxes placed aboard ships (5,784 - New York; 3,470, Port Newark)

- 2,890** Pastoral interviews.

- 1,907** Individuals attended meetings ... maritime community, education or church-related programs.



Just relaxing



Charles Rouse afternoon concert — in Seamen's International Club



Fitness factory at SCI



left:
MARAD Radar School
Far Left:
Shooting the breeze



Checking-in for an overnight stay

MARINERS INTERNATIONAL CENTER (Port Newark/Elizabeth, N.J.)

- 885** Seamen used playing field; 60 official soccer matches plus track, field competitions and baseball.

- 3,058** American and foreign ships visited, including U.S. and foreign tanker ships.

- 150** Religious services held in the Center.

- 20,495** Seamen used the Center.

- 10,859** Letters and postcards mailed for seamen.

- 110** Pastoral interviews.

- 923** Overseas telephone calls.

Waiting letters at Mariners International Center

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during 1977 in honor of
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| Esther Jardine | Marion Nelson |
| James L. McFadden | Kate Strong |

"What a man does for himself dies with him.
What he does for others lives on forever."

Sources of Income during 1977

OPERATING BUDGET

\$3,183,234



FROM PUBLIC & SEAMEN 63%

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS 8%

FROM ENDOWMENTS 11%

DEFICIT 18%

Operations for Seamen

Totally Subsidized

Library
Game Room
Ship Visitation
Religious Activities
Missing Seamen's Bureau

Partially Subsidized

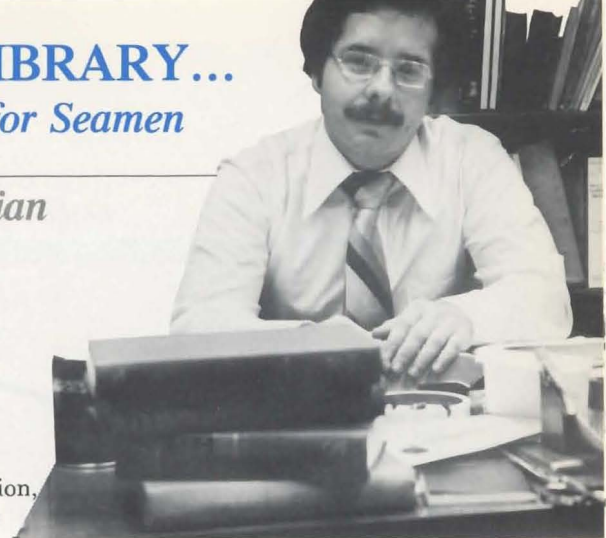
Baggage Room
Credit Bureau
The Lookout
International Seamen's Club
Women's Council
Gymnasium
Mariners Intl. Center at Port Newark
Merchant Marine School

Nominally Self-Supporting

Hotel
Food Services
Roosevelt Institute

THE CONRAD LIBRARY... *a quiet but busy place for Seamen*

by Robert Wolk, librarian



Since its earliest days of mission, the Institute has always maintained reading rooms for merchant seamen. In 1934, it formally established a library named for Joseph Conrad, seaman and novelist.

Today, it is one of the finest maritime libraries in the nation, and also contains a collection of Conrad memorabilia. More particularly, it is the only center for study and recreation in New York established expressly for the benefit of the international community of merchant seamen.

At present, the library contains, on shelf, approximately 16,000 volumes, with the heart of the collection dealing with maritime subjects. Here the seafarer can find books on ocean transportation, seamanship, maritime history, marine engineering, maritime law, boating and sailing, etc., to name but a few subject areas. In addition, there is a general collection of books on the humanities, sciences and social sciences, plus recent fiction and non-fiction best sellers.

More than 125 general interest and maritime periodicals are available plus an audio-visual and microfilm study area. One recently acquired study aid is a blinker light with cassette tape. This new a/v aid is used for teaching shipboard signaling — a Coast Guard requirement for the licensing of seamen. The Conrad Library is one of the few study centers where seamen can make use of this device.

Open 365 days a year, 59 hours a week, the library is totally subsidized by the Institute at an annual cost of approximately \$45,000. Attendance in 1977 was 33,046 persons. Total book circulation for in-house and shipboard use was 4,768 volumes, and 442 books were added to the collection.

In addition to being a comfortable and attractive reading room for seamen, it also functions daily as a study hall for students in the Institute's Merchant Marine School and its Roosevelt Institute of Maritime Studies as well as a research area for authors, lawyers, sailing enthusiasts, the media, etc.

Vertical files containing information on ships and the maritime industry, a collection of invaluable scrapbooks of ship lore by an "old salt," Institute archives plus a mint maritime collection given by Edward D. Untemeyer are also maintained in the library. However, limited staff plus a heavy demand on existing space forces this material to be available "only on request." To make the library fully operational and accessible as a resource study center would require an additional \$30,000 per year.

continued



Study time in the Conrad library.

MAGAZINE ROOM

The Conrad library is also responsible for the selection of books and magazines collected by the Institute. Some volumes are added to the collection while the majority are placed aboard ship. Over the years, the Reader's Digest Association has generously provided the library with regular quantities of their foreign language editions and Time-Life, Inc. and Mrs. Elizabeth Zacharessen of the United Nations Secretariat News have also helped to maintain a supply of foreign language publications. Thus, some 14,000 bundles of books and magazines printed in the language of the often multi-national ships' crews are annually placed aboard ships.

TELEPHONE INQUIRIES

As a maritime resource center, hundreds of inquiries for maritime information are received each year. Last year more than 800 queries ranging from questions on shipwrecks, oil spills and pirates to what brand of champagne was used to christen a particular ship or where do you buy ambergris were received. However, the inevitable but as yet unasked question which the staff fears most is not how to get the ship into the bottle, but how to get it out.



An early SCI reading room.

We'd be delighted for you to come and see us. Just give me a ring at (212) 269-2710. And, if you or someone you know can help us secure an endowment sufficient to maintain and make fully-operational this fine library, I personally guarantee that we'll tell you how to get the ship out of the bottle!

I do mean that.

Robert Wolk, librarian

IN BRIEF



Seamen and staffer Pam Sheard model sweaters knitted by council volunteer, Mrs. Hannah Greunwald.

SEAMEN'S CLUBS

Thanks to a new television set, together with improved reception at our Seamen's International Club in Manhattan, television actors no longer have green skin and four eyes. In addition, the "homey" game of bingo has had a booming revival among our more sedentary seamen, and the novelty prizes awarded the winners are as valued as gold.

Port Newark has extended and upgraded its Center's services, and the foreign seaman can now enjoy a glass of wine with his hamburger without having to visit some not-always-so reputable bar in order to have, what is for him, a basic staple.

HOTEL & BAGGAGE ROOM

Last, but certainly not least, the hotel and baggage room operated all year at near capacity. The former proving again how much the seaman appreciates a clean room with bath at modest cost, and the latter confirming how important it is to have a safe place to store your gear if your life precludes attic, extra closet or, for some, even a home.

VOLUNTEER WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Our Volunteer Women's Council again did a yeoman's job in placing aboard ship 9,254 Christmas Boxes for seamen who were destined to be at sea on Christmas Day. In preparing the boxes, more than 15,000 woolen garments were handknitted and/or funded by volunteers throughout the nation; and hundreds of other volunteers spent long hours making Christmas cards, preparing the other gifts in each box and, finally, packing and wrapping the boxes themselves. The Institute salutes and thanks them and the many others who contributed to this unique and heart-warming project.

MERCHANT MARINE SCHOOL



Mr. James A. Mills,
Merchant Marine
School principal

Enrollment for the Merchant Marine School during 1977 totaled 500 students of which 110 were enrolled in Engineering courses, 72 in Inland studies and 318 in Ocean/Deck classes.

Although some students were preparing for their original licenses, most were preparing to sit for upgrading examinations. The average length of time to complete a course of study was three months for engineers and deck/ocean candidates, and two months for Inland students.



INLAND COURSES

Because the inactment of the 200-mile limit for national territorial waters has increased the "qualification" requirements for present Inland officers and pilots, the Merchant Marine School faculty has worked with these men to structure a course of study to meet their particular needs. Such a curriculum designed to specification allows the experienced officer to learn the new material required while not having to repeat material already mastered. Enrollment during the year included Inland officers from ports along the entire East Coast.

FOREIGN STUDENTS

Twenty-five of the students enrolled in the Merchant Marine School were from outside the United States. Most were from the Caribbean and were attending school in order to prepare for the Liberian licensing exams.

The Institute is the only private East Coast maritime facility offering upgrading instruction to foreign seamen. It is convinced that the reduction of human error aboard ship depends in great measure on thorough in-class training.

It teaches the same subjects to Liberian candidates as it does to those who will sit for U.S. Coast Guard exams.

EVENING ADULT EDUCATION

Evening courses in maritime transportation taught at SCI's Roosevelt Institute of Maritime Studies continued to show significant growth in 1977. More than 500 students from over 140 maritime businesses and organizations were enrolled. In addition to single course certificates awarded, eleven students completed two years of night classes and earned their Six-Course Certificates in Maritime Transportation.

Increased tuition aid by companies with personnel enrolled in the Institute confirmed the usefulness of the courses taught to the maritime industry and the awareness of the need for continued education and training at all levels of management.

Three new courses were added to the curriculum in 1977 —

**Domestic Traffic Management;
Ocean Shipments of Hazardous
Materials/Dangerous Goods;
and
Organized Labor's Relationship
to Ocean Transportation
& Stevedoring.**

In addition, three more industry executives joined the Institute faculty — Ronald F. Bohn, Manager of Hazardous Materials — U.S. Navigation, Inc.; John M. Bringslid, Vice President of Operations — Columbus Line, Inc.; and Geoffrey Rogers, Atlantic Coast District Director — Federal Maritime Commission.

Mr. Geoffrey Rogers explains to his students some of the basic economic factors affecting intermodal transportation pricing.



FRIENDS OF SCI

Support from the Friends of SCI continued to grow in 1977; and a vigorous campaign headed by Allen Schumacher SCI board member and Chairman of the American Hull Insurance Syndicate brought a notable increase in membership.

Again, the Friends' annual Gala Dinner highlighted the association's yearly activities. Outgoing Friends Chairman, Mr. James A. Farrell, Jr., Chairman of Farrell Lines, Inc. was the honored guest and the Sea Chanters of the U.S. Navy Band generously performed at the event. The evening was chaired by Mr. John T. Gilbride,

Chairman of Todd Shipyards, Inc. and under his watchful eye some \$40,000 was netted in support of the Institute.

At the dinner, Mr. Farrell announced that Mr. Edward J. (Ted) Barber, Chairman of Barber Steamship Line, Inc. had accepted the position as Friends Chairman, and that both he and the Friends were pleased the membership would be in such good hands during the year ahead.

Messrs. E.J. (Ted) Barber and W.J. (Bill) Shields, chairman and president respectively, of Barber Steamship Lines, Inc. join Friends of SCI chairman Mr. James A. Farrell, Jr., in introducing the new Institute director, the Reverend James R. Whittemore to the New York maritime community at a special "Welcome Luncheon" hosted by the Friends in early '77.



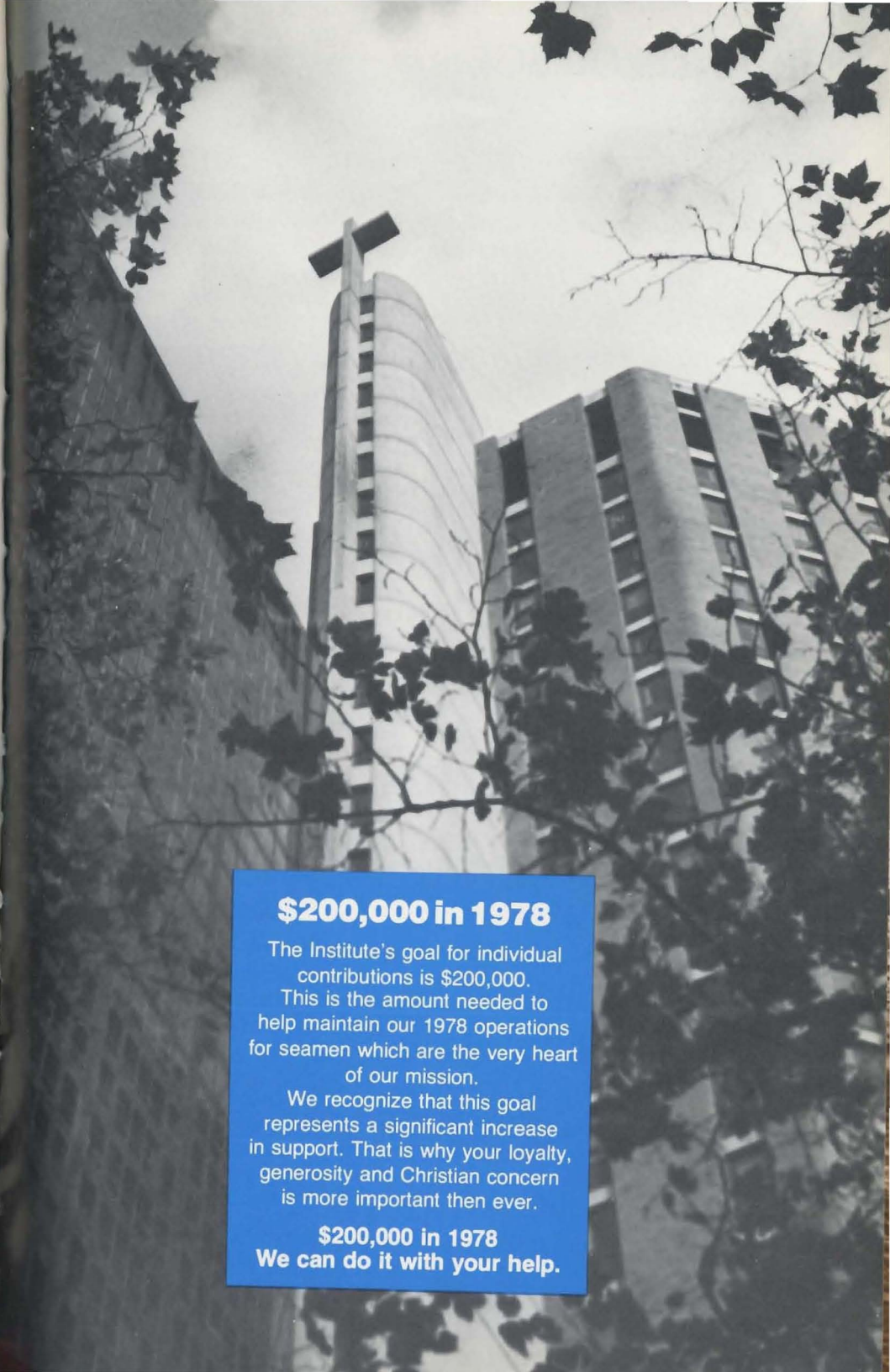
\$200,000 in 1978

The Institute's goal for individual contributions is \$200,000.

This is the amount needed to help maintain our 1978 operations for seamen which are the very heart of our mission.

We recognize that this goal represents a significant increase in support. That is why your loyalty, generosity and Christian concern is more important than ever.

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