

The LOOKOUT

A stylized illustration of a hand holding a red flag with the text 'PORT NEWARK STATION S.C.I.' over a cityscape. The hand is white and appears to be holding the flag from the right side. The flag is red and has the text 'PORT NEWARK STATION S.C.I.' written on it in white. The background is a grey, textured cityscape with various buildings and structures. The overall style is graphic and somewhat abstract.

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Welcome

Aboard

The purpose of today's trip is two

First, we want you, friends of the Seamen's Church Institute, to be part of the dedication of our new Port Newark Station and Sports Field. The ceremony you are participating with us in today, marking an important step forward in our 126 year history, makes it all the more meaningful.

Second, we feel that we can better impress on you the great need for a dockside station of Seamen's Church Institute when you see for yourselves the isolation of Port Newark. It is a dreary experience for a seaman after a long cruise to put into a dock 12 miles from nowhere.

This new station is one of several our Institute hopes to build in the future. It is living proof of our desire to go out to the merchant seamen wherever they dock instead of waiting for them to come to us.

Because many of the ships docking at Port Newark come from foreign nations, the opportunity to better international relations is limitless. In troubled times like these what better service to our country can this Institute offer?

Thank you for coming. We hope your trip is as rewarding to you as it is to us.

The Board of Managers and Staff
of Seamen's Church Institute

MORE THAN 600,000 merchant seamen of all nationalities, races and creeds come to the port of New York every year. To many of them The Seamen's Church Institute of New York is their shore center — "their home away from home."

First established in 1834 as a floating station in New York Harbor, the Institute has been turned into a modern hotel for seamen, offering a wide range of educational, medical, religious and recreational services.

Although the seamen meet almost 60% of the Institute's budget, the cost of the recreational, health, religious educational and special services to seamen are met by endowment income and current contributions from the general public.

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THE COVER: A study of the bow of the Japanese training ship, *Nippon Maru*. The ship visited New York as part of the United States-Japanese Centennial celebration of the signing of the first trade treaty between the two nations.

REACHING OUT . . .

PORT NEWARK

To the untrained eye Port Newark presents a vast spectacle of rows of warehouses, stacks of lumber of parked cars, lines of containers disgorging their cargoes in a hundred ways. With as many as a hundred ships discharging or loading cargo, the picture becomes downright chaotic.

Expansion of Port Newark began in 1948 when the Port of New York signed a 50-year lease with the Port of Newark and assumed responsibility for the port's development. Within a span of 12 years, 15 cargo terminal buildings, several deep-sea wharves, a 15-acre lumber terminal, a bulk wine terminal and a fumigation building have been constructed.

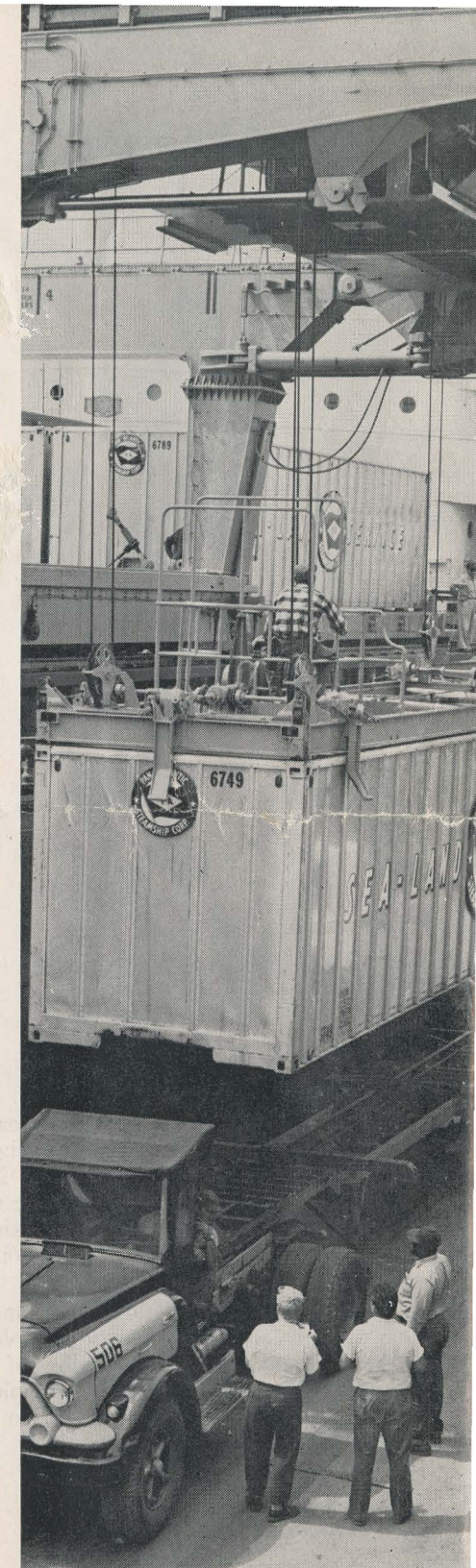
AVOIDS CONGESTION

One well may ask why — way out in a seeming hinterland — has Port Newark grown so rapidly? For one thing it is away from the congestion which usually marks seaport activity. Also, the port is convenient to three railroads, a modern highway system and two airports. Hence distribution of goods is easily accomplished.

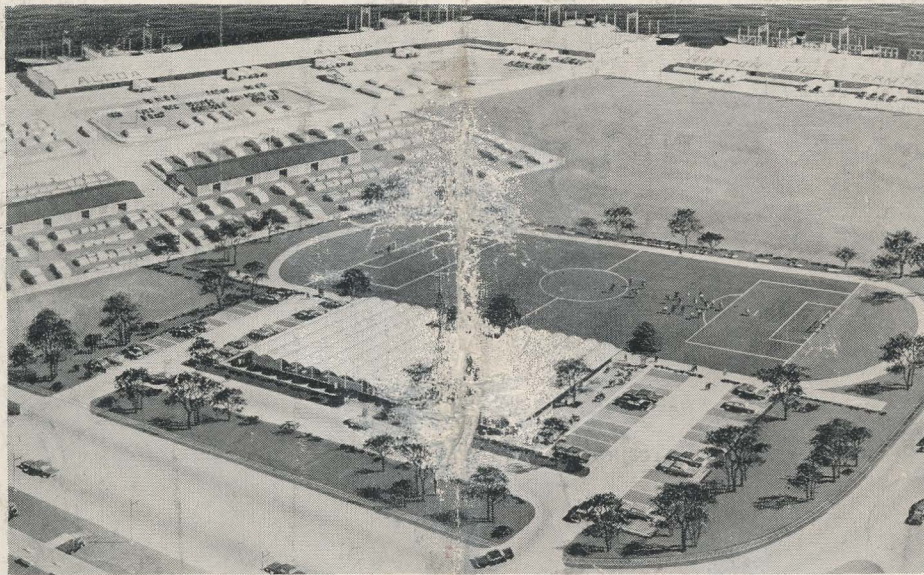
What has all this to do with Seamen's Church Institute? It has been the custom for representatives from the Institute to go down to the docks and extend the hand of friendship to incoming ships' crews. As the docking areas moved these representatives moved with them until finally they found themselves making regular visits to Port Newark.

THE HUMAN ELEMENT

Here they found the crews had virtually no facilities where they could spend their off duty hours. These merchant seamen, from all over the world, eagerly accepted invitations to come to the Institute. They welcomed the chance to engage in competitive sports with other ships' crews. But in order to get to the International Seamen's Club the Institute had to charter buses and



S.C.I. ANSWERS A NEED



Artist's rendering of the Port Newark Station as it will appear upon completion. It will be built in two stages to keep pace with the increased demand for services that is expected with the further expansion of Port Newark.

much time was spent going to and from the Club. In order to hold outdoor games the Institute representatives had to search for an athletic field . . . sometimes this search would end in teams travelling from Port Newark to a field in Brooklyn.

From this struggle to meet the needs of seamen docked in remote areas came the idea to build a recreation facility right in the locale.

REAPING THE FRUIT

The fruit of this idea was reaped when Seamen's Church Institute signed a 20-year lease with the Port of New York Authority for a 2 1/3-acre spot where an athletic field and a single story recreation building will soon be available.

Work on the athletic field is underway now and it should be completed by the summer. Construction of the recreation building will be completed this fall. It will have 2,500 square feet available for a lounge, snack bar,

dressing rooms, showers and offices for chaplains. Eventually when the entire building is completed there will be a full-fledged chapel and additional recreation rooms.

Commenting on the Port Newark Station of Seamen's Church Institute, Franklin E. Vilas, president, said "The Port of New York is usually the first point of contact newcomers have with the United States — first impressions can be lasting ones. And we feel it is important to greet seamen of all races, creeds and colors and make them feel welcome. We want the impressions they carry back to their homelands to be happy ones.

"The Port Newark Station of the Seamen's Church Institute will provide recreational facilities for merchant seamen from all nations. What better way to demonstrate our Christian concern for the health and happiness of all mariners than through this reaching out of a guiding hand."