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NAVY NEWS:

H.M.S. "Cumberland" provides its own rain-stern as it ploughs across the Mediterranean. Known as "pre-wetting", this sprinkler system is a new method of protecting warships against radio-active particles following an underwater atomic bomb explosion. During and after contamination about fifty nozzles spray some three hundred tons of water an hour over the decks and superstructure. A constant check with geiger counters would ensure that work could be resumed immediately all danger has passed.

Another new trick up the Navy's sleeve makes its public debut aboard the aircraft - carrier Albion. It's a device which aids high-speed landings, particularly by jet fighters. The pilot watches a row of lights on the carrier as he comes in to land. By lining them up with another blob of light reflected in a mirror, he can make a faultless touch-down.

Group Captain Cunningham and the skipper watch jet Sea Hawks being prepared for take-off. H.M.S. Albion is equipped with the new "angled" or "canted" deck. This enables aircraft which have missed the arrestor wires to take off again quickly.

A rescue helicopter stands by in case of mishap.

Now a De Havilland 110, the famous "all-weather fighter that may soon be adopted by the Navy, prepares to test the mirror device. Test-pilot Jack Elliott took the plane through the sound barrier before bringing her down. And there's a perfect "touch-and-go" landing as the Navy does it all with the aid of mirrors.