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3rd January 1962

Miss Grace Field,
Pathe News,
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LONDON, W.

Dear Miss Field,

As arranged on the telephone
to-day I am enclosing the invitation for
your representative to attend the launching
of the Schnellboot "Strahl" .

I would be obliged if you would
confirm that some-one will be attending
giving the name and also saying whether
it is intended to stay for lunch, which
you will see will be in a different place
to the launching.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Carpenter
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HYMN for optional use.

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

AMEN

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- 24. These men see the work of the Lord: and His wonders in the deep.
- 25. For at His word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof.
- 26. They are carried up to Heaven, and down again: to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
- 27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their end.
- 28. So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: He delivereth them out of all distress.
- 29. For He maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves thereof are still.
- 30. Then are they glad because they are at rest: and so He bringeth them into the haven: where they would be.
- 31. O that men only worshipped the Lord for His goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!
- 32. Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

PSALM CVII. Confitemini Domino.

- VERSE 23. THEY that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters;
24. These men see the works of the Lord: and His wonders in the deep.
25. For at His word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They are carried up to Heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wits' end.
28. So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: He delivereth them out of their distress.
29. For He maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves thereof are still.
30. Then are they glad, because they are at rest and so He bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.
31. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men!
43. Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

AMEN.

Let us Pray

O THOU that sittest above the water floods, and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech Thee, the supplications of Thy servants for all who in this ship, now and hereafter, shall commit their lives unto the perils of the deep. In all their ways enable them, truly and godly to serve Thee, and by their Christian lives to set forth Thy glory throughout the earth. Watch over them in their going forth and in their coming in, that no evil befall them nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. And so through the waves of this troublesome world, and through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, bring them of Thy mercy to the sure Haven of Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

The Minister and People shall say:

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever.

AMEN.

A Hymn may here be sung.

THE LORD bless us and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore.

AMEN.

After this, the ceremony of launching shall proceed with the usual formalities.

January 1962.

Press Release.

"Strahl" the second of two new Fast Patrol Boats for the Federal German Government was launched by Frau Hasso von Etdorf, wife of Herr Hasso von Etdorf, German Ambassador in Great Britain on 10th January 1962, at the Portchester, Hampshire, Shipyard of Vosper Limited, who designed and built her.

The new boat is very similar to the 'Brave' class Fast Patrol Boats. The length of the boat is 99 ft. overall and 96 ft. on the deck. The beam is 24 ft.

The boat is powered with three Bristol Siddeley Marine Proteus engines as used in the 'Brave' class Fast Patrol Boats. Messrs. W.H. Allen of Bedford have supplied the primary reduction gears, and the reverse reduction gearboxes.

In addition to the Proteus engines, Rover Gas Turbines, driving Mawdsley 40 K.W. Alternators are fitted to provide electrical power. No diesel machinery is fitted. Both Proteus and Rover turbines will run on pool diesel fuel.

The electrical installation incorporates all the new lightweight equipment developed by Vosper Limited for Fast Patrol Boats.

The armament of "Strahl" can be varied for different roles. As a torpedo Boat she will carry four 21" torpedoes and one 40 mm Bofors gun, as a Gunboat she will carry two 40 mm Bofors guns; in a Torpedo/Gunboat role she will carry two 21" torpedoes and two 40 mm Bofors guns.

The complement will be three Officers, three Petty Officers and sixteen ratings.