

## "ISLE OF SURTSEY"

As we departed New York on June 27th, it was hard to realize that we wouldn't set foot in the U.S. for another four months. We cruised northward along the coast of Newfoundland, toward Greenland and encountered many foreign and U.S. vessels along the busy North Atlantic shipping lanes. A series of oceanographic stations were completed in the run from Greenland to Iceland and then on toward Ireland. We got just what the doctor ordered to break the monotony, as early one morning the Island of Surtsey poked its smokey head over the horizon. It is the product of a submarine eruption which started in November, 1963. In June, 1964, it was reported to be over a mile wide, one thousand feet high, and growing at the rate of twenty feet per week. As we snapped pictures the helicopters went in for a closer look.

Cruising through Pentland Firth gave many of the crew their first view of Scotland. But the best we could do was drool as the green hills of Scotland drifted by only a few miles away. Soon it was time to start thinking of Copenhagen and how to get the most out of our three liberty days there. The time flew by and on July 12th we berthed alongside a British Corvette and behind five French Frigates. On hand to greet us were the welcoming officials and many citizens of Copenhagen.

