



'ALL HANDS MAN YOUR UNREP STATIONS

Our first UNREP, with the TOLOVANA, gave the men on the highlines a chance to find out what it was like to pull a net full of cargo across 120 feet of open sea. We had had simulated UNREP drills, but this was our first try at the real thing, which went smoothly as we took fuel and supplies as well as transferring a man to the UNREP ship. On a later UNREP we highlined a Navy chaplain across. He must have been saying some prayers because the out-haul line broke just before his turn.



We had our first operation with Navy swift boats on the 31st. Three of them were due alongside for fuel and water before heading up one of the rivers around the Mekong Delta to search out the Viet Cong. So we prepared; anyone who owned a camera got it, and when the swift boats arrived their crews must have felt like they had just won the war single-handedly. Just about everyone was on the fantail doing more shooting with cameras than the swift boats would be doing up the rivers.