

"Fish" must have been the word of the day when we moored to buoy 28 in Hong Kong harbor. We immediately became the target of numerous merchants in small boats advertising everything from a handmade suit to a good massage. Port and starboard liberty was put into effect. While the starboard section stayed aboard carrying out our SOPA ADMIN duties the port section left to discover the many wonders of Hong Kong. As SOPA ADMIN we controlled U.S. Navy and other military traffic in the harbor and acted as the nucleus of the Shore Patrol.

LIBERTY BOAT ALONG SIDE.

Hong Kong was actually our first chance to take advantage of the great buys the Far East had to offer. Many of us took the opportunity and bought cameras, stereos, and suits at low prices. Of course there were a few of us who weren't as fortunate and some of our bargains turned out to be losers.

