

Aggies At Sea Get Training

(Editor's Note: The article below was written by Associated Press Staff Writer Kay Huff upon arrival of the "Texas Clipper" in Rio de Janeiro. New enroute home, the "Clipper" was scheduled to arrive in Willemstad, Curacao, this morning for a four-day visit, last stop before coming back to Galveston Aug. 14.)

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) When the captain of the Greek cargo ship Albino suffered a painful hand injury off the coast of Brazil, he hardly expected aid would come from a group of students from land-locked Texas A&M.

But it did, and the result was an example of professional seagoing experience which the Texas Clipper, training ship of the Texas Maritime Academy, is designed to provide.

The Clipper was nearing Rio de Janeiro on its annual summer cruise when it was asked to give medical aid. It reversed course, rendezvous with the Albino and took the captain aboard, completing what is a fairly routine oc-

currence among ocean-going vessels.

It was not routine, however, for the more than 150 college students who make up the crew of the Clipper, many of them at sea for the first time.

The students, mostly from Texas but also from a dozen other states, are enrolled in the "Summer School at Sea" program of Texas A&M.

For them, going to the aid of another ship was a highly realistic way of picking up practical experience.

The maritime academy cadets are in 4-year programs leading to degrees in marine engineering and transportation. They are putting to test last winter's classroom instruction.

This year's cruise, the fifth in the academy's 5-year history, began June 17 when the Clipper left Galveston. It arrived in Rio for a 6-day stay after a stop at Trinidad, and also was scheduled to visit Recife in Northern Brazil and Curacao.



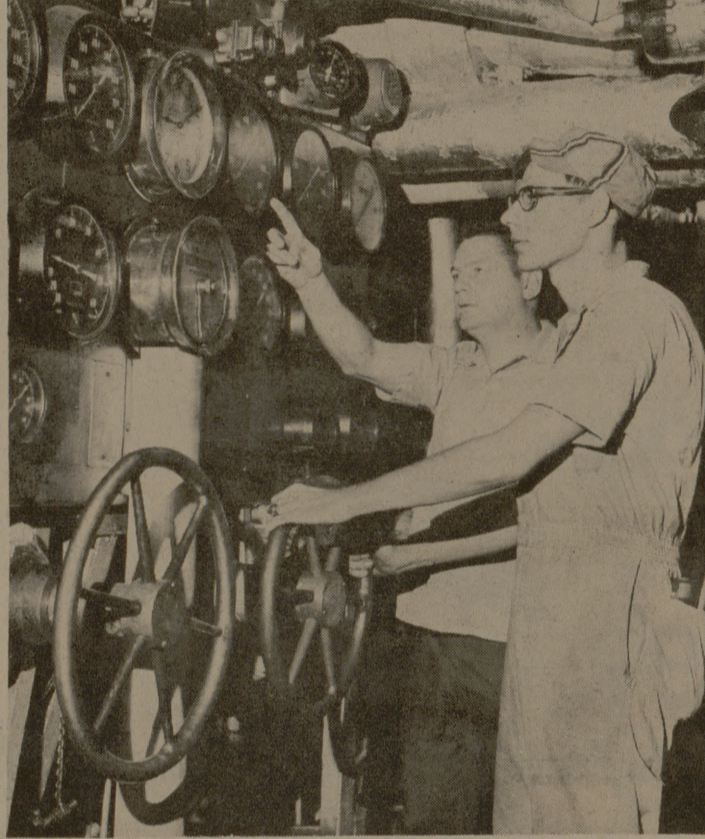
Two Aggies View Rio de Janeiro from Sugarloaf Mountain.



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The Texas Clipper Docks in Rio de Janeiro.



Student gets Instructions in Engine Room.



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