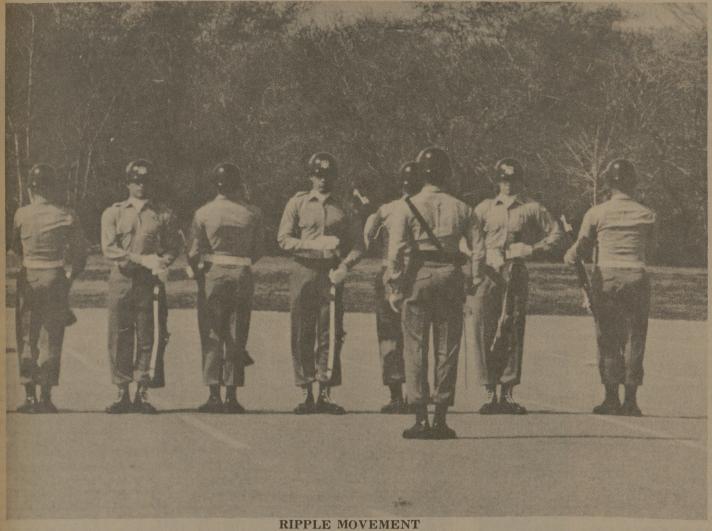
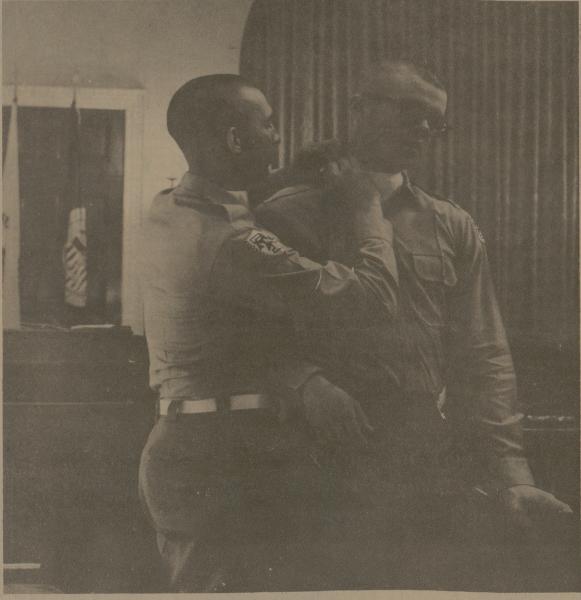
THE BATTALION



Commander Sammy Garcia watches the team perform minute competition routine at D. C. Stadium's parking one of several ripple rifle movements in its eight-

DOWN TO BRASS TACKS After touring the White House and Capitol, the freshmen had just about three hours to change into their uniforms before the afternoon's competition and when a uniform calls for as much meticulous care as the team puts into its appearance, three hours was cutting it close. To save time, Congressman Casey had arranged beforehand for the fish to use a vacant House committee hearing room for the preparation. At right, Jeff Schaub of Company A-1 adjusts col-lar brass for Fred Hofstetter, Company C-2. Appropriately enough, the hearing room was that used by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.





FINGERTIP CONTROL

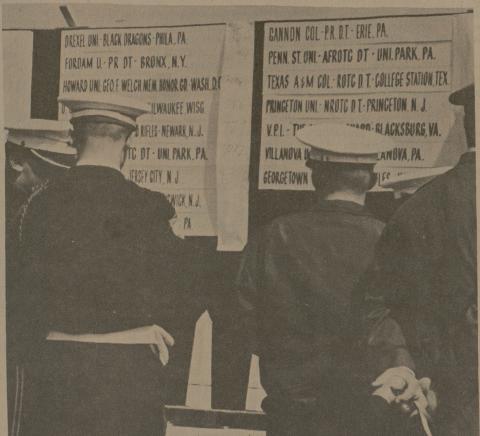
Drill team members show off some of their skills in front of Congressman Casey's suburban Maryland home. After a barbecue at the Caseys' Saturday, the fish ran through their routine as neighbors gathered to watch.



Anatomy Of A National Champion Drill Performance



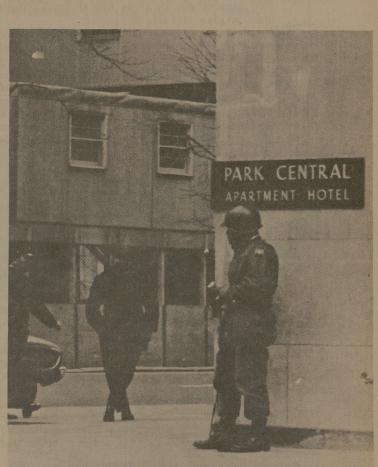
MARCH ON WASHINGTON?
Fish Drill Team members, clad in team sweaters, march toward the Capitol for a Saturday morning tour.



EARLY RESULTS

Members of other drill teams group around the scoreboard shortly after St. Peter's College's total was posted. The 838 points dominated the competition until the fish came through with an 869 total.

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AROUND THE PERIMETER

A National Guardsman, one of thousands of troops called in during the Washington riots, stands with fixed bayonet on a corner across 17th Street from the YMCA where the team spent Thursday and Friday nights. At left, two policemen patrol the tense area. The looting spread to within blocks of the YMCA and forced an early end to the team's Washington trip.