

### Work Near End On Ship's Boiler

Work on the new boiler installed in the U.S.S. Calcaterra to replace the one damaged on picket duty is almost complete.

The hole cut in the side of the ship through which the new boiler was manoeuvred has been repaired, and the boiler is now in place.

At present the crew is painting the topside of the ship, preparing it for a period next week when it will be on display to the public.

## Schoolchildren Have Chance To Visit Ship

A large number of primary schoolchildren in Otago are going to have the chance of visiting the weather picket ship, U.S.S. Calcaterra.

The ship's executive officer, Lieutenant W. Horsley, said today that through the Otago Education Board, invitations were being sent to schools to visit the ship and it was planned to start the series, two schools a day, on Thursday.

A schedule would be drawn up of the schools wishing to visit the ship and the children would continue to see over the Calcaterra during her next in-port period after her next picket duty.

On this occasion it was hoped to have six schools

from the city visit the ship. The visits would be from 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and the following Monday, Lieutenant Horsley said.

After the 30 schools in Dunedin had been shown over the ship, schools from the country, where transport could be arranged, would be welcomed. The ship was quite aware of the number of schools involved but felt confident of catering for all who wished to see over her.

Grants Braes school pupils, doing a project on Antarctica, have already been given permission to visit the ship and obtain all the information they require.

### 'OPEN SHIP'

On Saturday and Sunday week the public will be able to inspect the ship which will hold an "open house" from 1 p.m. on both days. It is planned to do the same on her next in-port period.

The captain, commander W. C. Earl, will speak to the Balmacewen Intermediate School on Wednesday and address the Otago Officers Club that night.

Lieutenant Horsley said that members of the ship were having "a most wonderful time in Dunedin" and the hospitality extended was beyond all expectations.

"There are all sorts of invitations being extended every day. We even had three men taken down to Manapouri yesterday and that is the way it has been going, people coming down to us to invite sailors out for a day's holiday."

## American Naval Officers: 'A Lovely City'

Dunedin "is a lovely city and must be a pleasure to live in with its clean air and streets," officers in the U.S.S. Calcaterra, said today.

One of the officers, Lieutenant (j.g.) B. P. Schultz, said Dunedin was notably different from some United States cities which were heavily industrialised and whose air was almost invariably smoggy.

The officers are also pleased with the service they receive in Dunedin, particularly in restaurants. In many restaurants the food was "slapped down" and the customer was expected to leave immediately he finished his meal.

In Dunedin the atmosphere was friendly and the service personal.

The ship's company, the "Star" was told, have al-

ready made many friends in the city and all find the hospitality extended to them more than they had expected.

Tomorrow and Friday the Calcaterra's crew will be busy making arrangements for their first weather picket duty at 60deg south, which starts on Saturday when the ship sails.

Refuelling is continuing, with maintenance work, including a few minor repairs to motors and pumps. Some stores are being off-loaded to the Army Hall and fresh stores are being taken in.

Sailing with the Calcaterra on Saturday morning will be a group of men for Campbell Island.