



FANTAIL CHAPEL—Macon men answer church call. Below: Chaplain's assistants make ready for topside services.



## Service at Sea

FROM THE EARLIEST days of the Navy, the Chaplain's major duties have, of course, been religious. It is his basic responsibility to conduct divine services, administer the sacraments of his church, teach the principles of his religion and officiate at religious ceremonies. No matter what his own faith, a Chaplain may offer spiritual comfort to men and women of any denomination.

As Macon's Chaplain, Ralph W. Below, can testify, the duties of a Chaplain may extend to many other areas. For example, among his collateral duties are supervision of charity drives, the hobby shop program, coordination of VIP affairs and planning of tours for the ship's crews. Much of his most important work is accomplished through informal chats and discussions.



SINGING SAILORS—Cruisemen sing hymns. Rt: Ship's organ is set up by M. Westfall, SA, and D. Goodwin, SN.

