

Benn Sailor Wins Award

A prayer composed by Chaplain's yeoman Edward Jesensky, YN3, has been given special award by 'Youth', a magazine published by the National Council Catholic Youth. The prayer is to be accepted as the official prayer for Catholic Youth Week, October 28 through November 4.



CONGRATULATIONS - Edward Jesensky, YN3, Chaplain's Yeoman receives his shipmates congratulations for his composition of a prayer which will be used as the official creed during Catholic Youth Week. L. to R. Chuck Vekas, SN, William Peoples, SN, and Jesensky.

A PRAYER OF YOUTH

As I stand here on the threshold of manhood I cast my eyes heavenward for Your tender guidance. I ask of you, dear Jesus, to help me to put away all my childish whims and desires and to grasp that which is expected of me as a young man.

Take my hand and lead me across the stepping stones that lead from childhood to manhood. Help me to take each step with an awareness of Your love for me. Should I let my weakness overpower me, dear Jesus, and I fall, give me the courage to start again as You did three times on the way to Calvary.

Let me always make headway and never let me look back or try to take the easy way out when temptations of youth befall me. May Your Divine way of the Cross be a constant reminder for me as I meet the many obstacles a youth must encounter in becoming a God-loving man. Then, dear Jesus, when I have successfully completed the long journey from childhood to manhood may I be able to look back and see my youth as something pure--the pure memory of Your ever-loving protection of me. Amen.



Non-Skid To Cover Hangar Deck Area

The application of non-skid material on the hangar deck is Benn's latest improvement in safety precautions for handling aircraft.

Non-skid material consists of a heavy paint skillfully blended with a fine gravel which provides traction when the surface is wet. The process of laying down the tread entails many hours of hard, tedious work as the deck to be painted must be absolutely free from rust and dirt. After cleaning the steel, it is sprayed with an acid substance to help the non-skid to adhere firmly. The safety material is laid in a manner similar to applying plaster. A second coat is used to add a lasting finish.

The USS Essex has this non-skid paint around the aircraft elevators while the USS Hornet boasts the flooring of hangar bays 2 and 3 with the material, the latter being Bennington's ultimate aim.

Lieutenant C.V. Burch, Benn's hangar deck officer states that although it is an expensive task to cover the deck with the special paint, the amount saved by cutting down accidents caused by wet, slippery surfaces will make it economical in the long run.

Doing the job in between operations is a new idea as the process is usually reserved for a regular yard period.