



NOTHING BUT S-E-X - A real bundle of feminine pulchritude enchants our pin-up spot this issue, made to order for locker doors and the like. A rose is a rose by any name so we'll leave the choice of a handle up to our readers.

Puff, Puff, Puff!

Atlantic City, N. J. (AFPS)—Cigar and cigarette smokers are lighting up at almost record frequency this year, according to a report read at a meeting of the National Tobacco Tax Assn. here.

It's estimated that 425 billion cigarettes will be produced this year. The all-time record was set in 1952, when a whopping 433.5 billion were produced.

The big trend today seems to be toward filter tips, the report noted. Filter tip sales accounted for about 26 per cent of the market last year, and 24 per cent in the first three months of 1956.

SCUTLEBUTT



"Look at it this way—I'll be at sea most of the time!"

The EXEC answers your questions

In an effort to keep the crew informed on questions concerning Bennington and Naval policies, the Executive Officer will personally answer queries submitted by the men of Bennington. All questions should be submitted to the JET BLAST.

WHEN CAN THE MEN WHO ARE BEING DISCHARGED IN THE LATTER PART OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY EXPECT TO LEAVE THE SHIP?

ComAirPac's policy is to retain men on board as long as possible, then return comus by air to arrive at the receiving station seven working days before expiration of enlistment.

APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG WILL THE SHIP BE IN HAWAII BEFORE ITS DEPLOYMENT TO THE FAR EAST?

The ship is expected to be in Hawaii for approximately 2½ weeks.

WILL BENNINGTON RECEIVE ITS CINEMASCOPE LENS AND SCREEN BEFORE DEPLOYMENT?

No! Carriers need a longer focal length lens than is presently being supplied by BUSHIPS. The new lens must be manufactured and BUSHIPS will notify us when they are available.

Peekaboo Picture Phone

New York (AFPS)—A revolutionary new "picture-phone" has undergone successful tests, the Bell Telephone Co. has announced.

The pictures have been sent over short and long distances, even as far as from New York to Los Angeles, the company said.

Experimental pictures vary in size from one by one and a half inches to two by three inches, and are viewed from one to two feet away. Unlike television, which sends 30 pictures a second, a new picture is displayed every two seconds.

It is the first system of its kind to use a pair of ordinary telephone wires.

