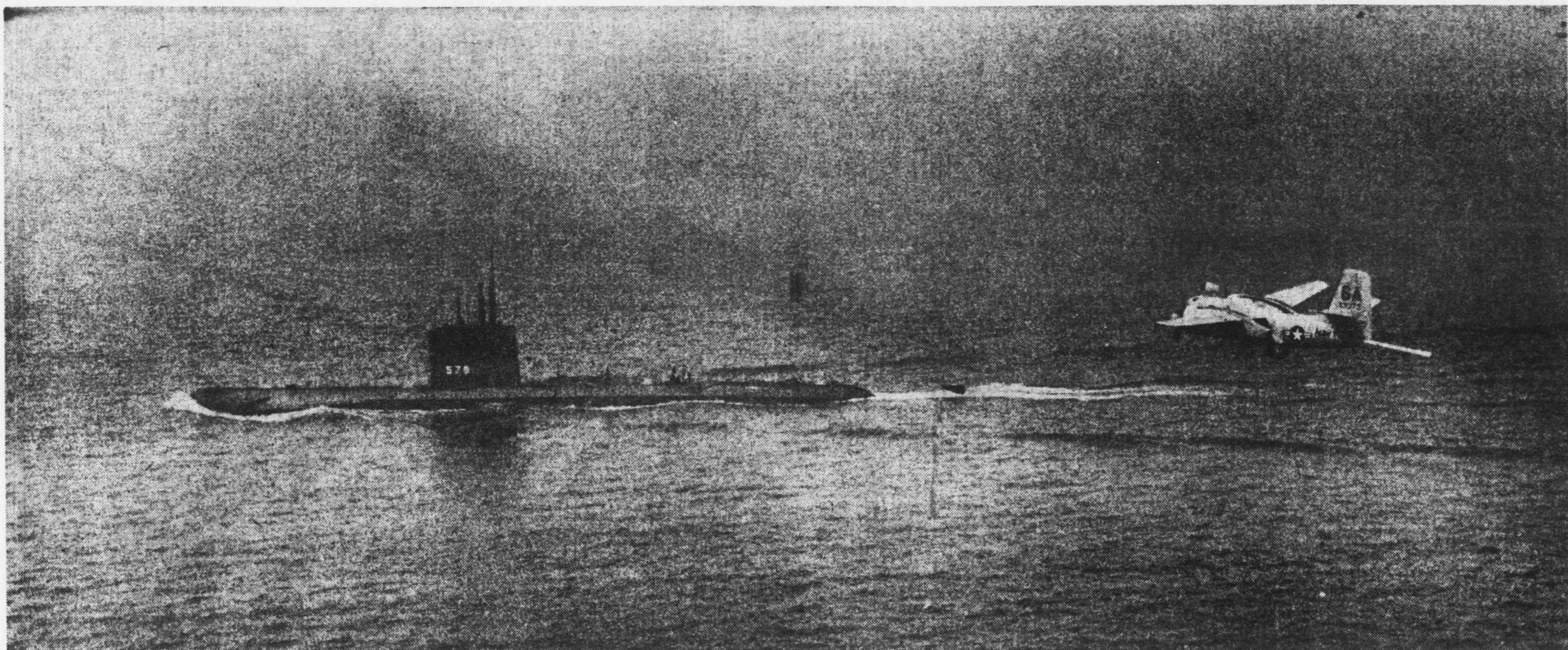


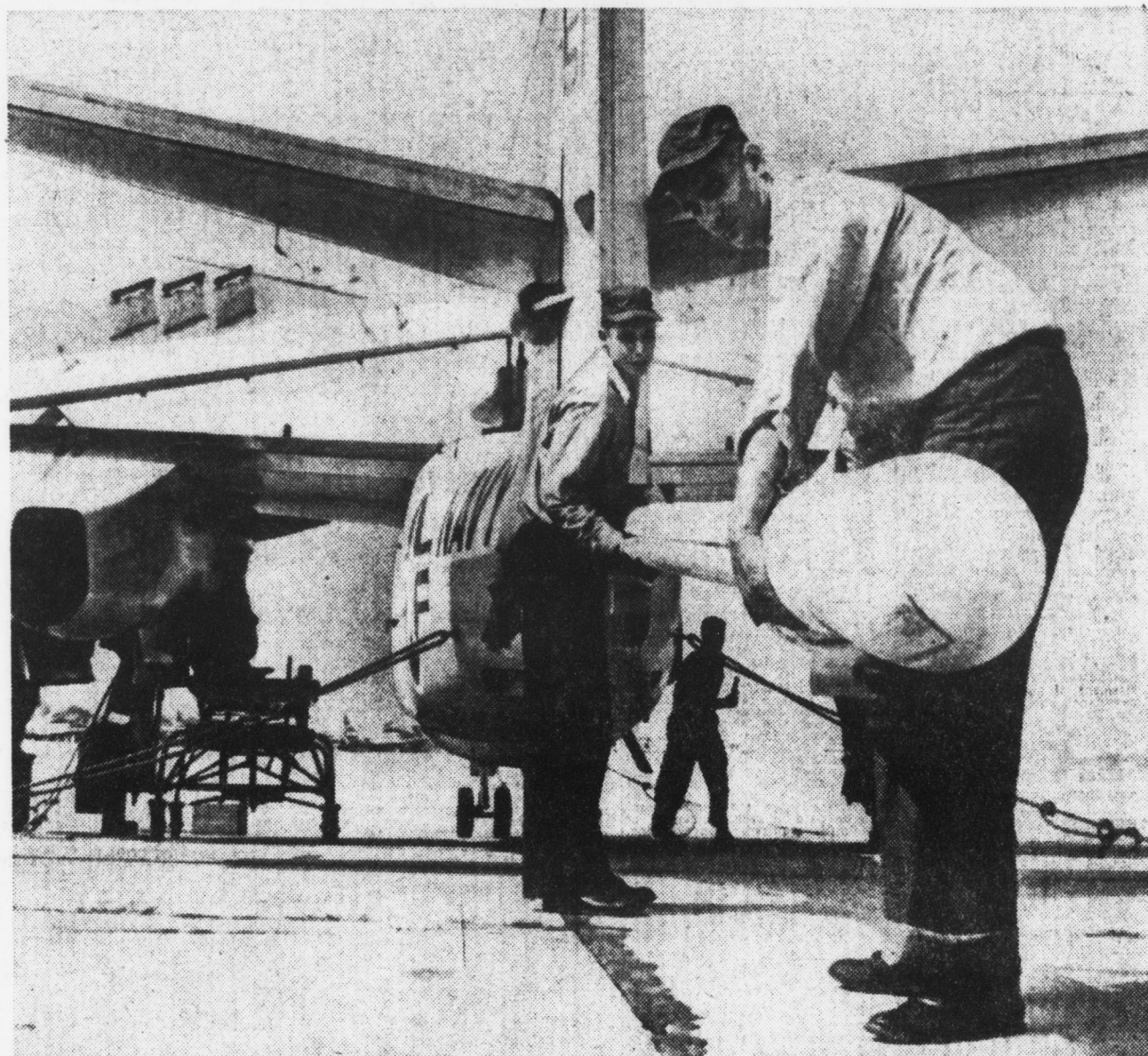
Local Naval Airmen Stretch "Sea Legs" in Training



ANACOSTIA NAVAL RESERVE SUB HUNTERS TRACK DOWN AN 'ENEMY' U-BOAT (THE USS SKATE)

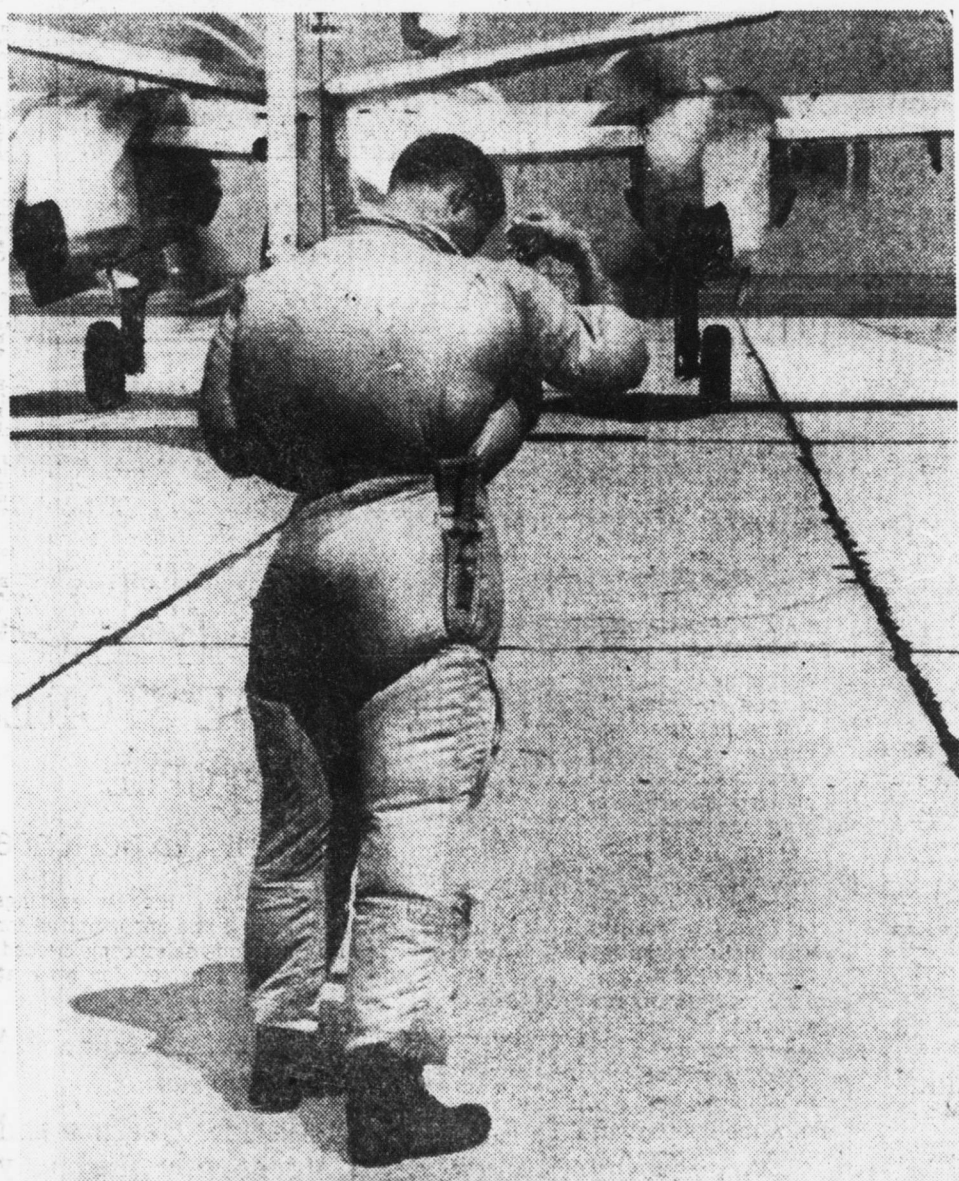


The crew of an S2F in Anti-Submarine Squadron (VS) 662, now on two weeks training duty at the Quonset Point (R. I.) Naval Air Station, plan a mission over the Atlantic where they are working with a simulated "enemy," the nuclear submarine Skate. They are, left to right: Lt. Comdr. Benjamin C. Miles of Deale, Md.; Lt. Comdr. Robert J. Saunders of Alexandria, Va.; A02 Alan V. Burke of Hyattsville, Md. and AN Raymond E. Deskins of Washington.

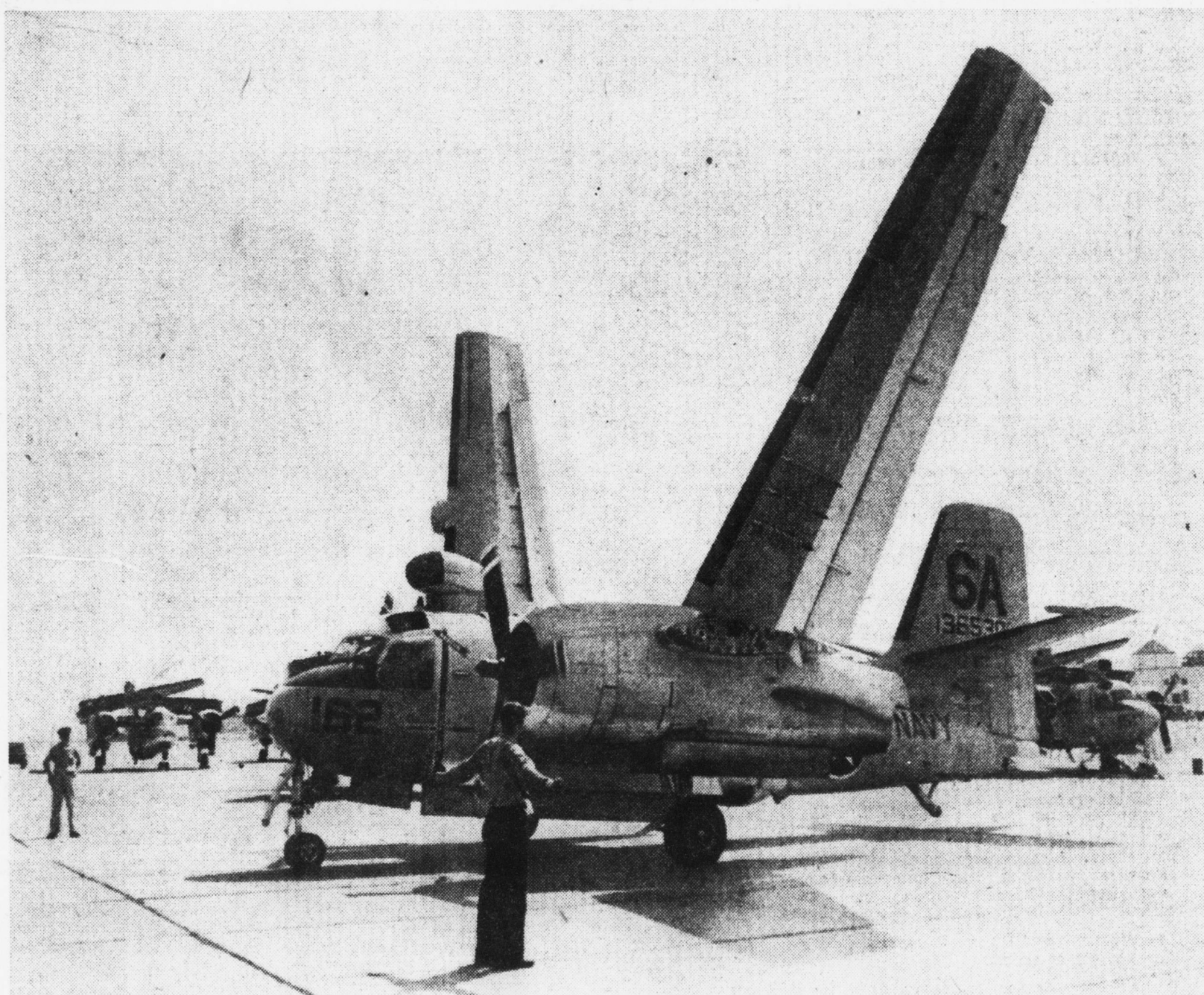


The MAD (magnetic detection) boom, a stinger-like pole that telescopes from the tail of a plane when flying a search, is checked for retractability before an anti-sub mission at Quonset by ACC B. F. Boyer of Dahlgren, Va. and PNC Francis F. Anthony of York, Pa.

Most of the men in VS-662 are from the Washington area. A sister squadron of air reservists, Patrol Squadron 661, also based at Anacostia, has been called to active duty because of the Berlin crisis.



AA John R. Hastreiter's flight suit balloons around him from the propeller blast as he stands behind one of the S2F's on the Quonset runway.



AN Jack E. Brown of Washington, one of the enlisted members of VS-662, directs an S2F down the runway to get ready for a take-off. The plane's wings will be unfolded as soon as the craft gets out of the congested parking area. The planes drop sonobuoys into the water where a submarine

is suspected and these devices relay information on the sub's location to the MAD boom sticking out behind the plane. Then the plane can go in for the kill. Planes flanking the S2F are from the carrier Essex, working with the Washington squadron.—Star Staff Photos by Arnold Sachs.