

RUSSIAN SAILORS ARRIVE:

Portsmouth receives a goodwill visit from a Russian naval squadron for the first time since the war. Before Nelson's "Victory", Soviet Admiral Golovko who came ashore ahead of his squadron takes a salute with Admiral Greasy, C-in-C, Portsmouth.

Admiral Golovko fought side-by-side with the British Navy during the war, and one of his first wishes on reaching Portsmouth was to meet some of his wartime friends. Four destroyers and two cruisers make up the goodwill squadron, and the first of the cruisers to dock is the "Sverdlov"

Families of Russian diplomats are here to welcome her as she glides to her berth.

Admiral Golovko watches his flagship, the cruiser "Sverdlov" approach the quay. The berthing is a credit to his squadron; she comes in on ship's engines alone, and (as one British officer said) "she wouldn't have crushed an egg".

This is an exchange visit; as the "Sverdlov" berths at Portsmouth, British ships are visiting Leningrad.

Admiral Greasy boards the Soviet flagship to pay his compliments. As he comes aboard, the Sverdlov's guns fire a salute. But all the time is not given over to formality. Russian sailors are entertained ashore; others visit London; and a hundred Russian naval cadets make a trip to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, for a 24-hour stay with their British counterparts.

The British cadets greet their guests outside the college which has produced some of the greatest figures in Royal Naval history.

Cadet Wallace meets Russian cadet Bally. What's in a name? Bally sounds English enough anyway! And whatever their language, sailors understand one another the world over.

It's the Royal Navy's boast that Jack Tar is Britain's best ambassador overseas. Ivan Ivanovich doesn't seem to be doing too badly, either!