

Summer Information

IRC Promotes  
'Know Your Ports'

Continuing a practice which proved so popular last year, the International Relations Club will again sponsor a series of "Know Your Ports" meetings this Spring, to which the heads of the foreign tourist offices, who represent nations to whose ports the Empire State will sail this summer, will be invited to give informal,



Senor Jose M. Coll

Employment  
Agency To  
Start Here

At a meeting last semester, the Student Council recommended that a student employment agency be established at the College in order to facilitate contact between those Cadets interested in part time work and members of the faculty and other who desired their assistance. The recommendation was approved by the Administration and the agency is in the process of being established at the present. The procedure to be used will be principally as follows; it is to be noted that certain minor modifications may become necessary because of existing circumstances.

(a) A Battalion Yeoman be placed in charge of the Agency. If necessary, an additional Yeoman be appointed to take charge of these duties.

(b) a portion of the Center Bastion bulletin board be donated and a three compartment box be constructed to facilitate the operation of the agency.

(c) the following will be the procedure for employment:  
1) Officers or faculty members in need of Cadet labor will deposit request in one compartment of the box. These lists to contain:

- A) Name of employer
- B) Type of work
- C) Place of work
- D) Date and time of work
- E) Any special info pertaining to the work specified.

2) These requests will be listed and posted on the bulletin board of the Yeoman in charge.

3) A work slip will be made out for each available job and shall be placed in the second compartment of the box. This slip shall be in

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illustrated talks about the ports to be visited, as well as additional points of interest which can be seen during the period in which the cadets are in port.

This summer's cruise includes the ports of Villefranche-sur-mer, France, Seville, Spain, Oslo, Norway, Kiel, Germany, and Lisbon, Portugal. Arrangements have already been made with the head of the Spanish Tourist Office to show a film and slides on Seville and surrounding areas, while definite dates with the head of the French Government Tourist Office and the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany are pending.

Senor Jose M. Coll, manager of the Spanish State Tourist Office in Manhattan, will open the "Know Your Ports" series of meetings sponsored by the International Relations Club on Tuesday evening, February 8 at 1900 in the Wheel House. This series was begun last year in response to a growing desire on the part of cadets to obtain information about ports to be visited during the summer, so that they would not go into ports "cold" and thereby waste their time and money on non-essentials.

Mr. Coll made his first appearance here last year, and delighted a large audience with his films and informal discussion of the port of Santander. On Tuesday, he will show a film and slides, and give interesting information concerning the port of Seville and other highlights of Andalusia, as well as discuss the Spanish people and Spain in general.

Born and educated in Barcelona, Spain, Senor Coll, who, himself aspired to a career in the Spanish Merchant Marine, but who was dissuaded from so doing by his parents, has been manager of the Spanish State Tourist Office in New York ever since it was opened in 1947. A member of the staff of the Spanish State Tourist Office Department for over 17 years, Mr. Coll was in the Paris Office until 1940, when it was closed because of World War II. Prior to his arrival in the United States he was manager of the Office in San Sebastian, Spain. Before he entered the work of the Spanish State Tourist Department, Mr. Coll was employed for some years by "La Vanguardia," one of the leading newspapers of Spain, having been its foreign correspondent in New York in 1931 and 1932. He has traveled extensively in Europe, North Africa, South America, and the United States.

All meetings of the "Know Your Ports" series last one hour, including the stimulating question and answer period, and are open to all the cadets of the college, whether or not they are members of the International Relations Club. Make these meetings a "must" on your calendar.

NEW BATTALION RATES,  
FLOOD, HASKIN LEAD

BATTALION RATES - Spring Semester 1955			
Battalion Commander	FLOOD, A.W.	5 Stripes	
BATTALION STAFF			
Chief of Staff	HASKIN, P.N.	4 Stripes	
Asst. Chief of Staff	SHELLENBERG, V.R.	2 Stripes	
Battalion Adjutant (Pers)	FALBO, G.A.	3 Stripes	
Asst. Battalion Adjutant	JANECEK, R.A.	2 Stripes	
Batt. Aide (Communications)	SADLER, J.W.	3 Stripes	
Batt. Aide (Logistics)	BRIGHT, R.G., Jr.	3 Stripes	
FIRST COMPANY			
PREEG, E.H.	(D) Company Commander,	4 Stripes	
SHIMSHIDIAN, A.A.	(D) 1st Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
ANDERSON, G.B.	(D) 1st Petty Off.	Eagle	
OLH, P.D.	(D) 2nd Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
FIREY, R.S.	(D) 2nd Petty Off.	Eagle	
SECOND COMPANY			
DOUGHERTY, C.E.	(E) Company Commander	4 Stripes	
ALBINO, J.A.	(E) 1st Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
COHEN, F.	(E) 1st Petty Off.	Eagle	
BALANCIA, C.G.	(E) 2nd Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
HONEYWELL, A.P.	(E) 2nd Petty Off.	Eagle	
THIRD COMPANY			
BRACKEN, J.R.	(D) Company Commander,	4 Stripes	
SEGARRA, H.R.	(D) 1st Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
PIERPONT, N.E.	(D) 1st Petty Off.	Eagle	
BALLETTO, R.J.	(D) 2nd Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
LOWN, P.C.	(D) 2nd Petty Off.	Eagle	
FOURTH COMPANY			
BASILE, N.K.	(E) Company Commander,	4 Stripes	
MILLIGAN, R.M.	(E) 1st Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
WALSH, W.W.	(E) 1st Petty Off.	Eagle	
ZALOUMIS, A.	(E) 2nd Pltn. Ldr.	2 Stripes	
CARBERRY, J.W.	(E) 2nd Petty Off.	Eagle	
THE BAND			
Band Leader	BRAVATO, W.P.	4 Stripes	
Asst. Band Leader	DAVIE, R.L.	3 Stripes	
Band Librarian	MC CHESNEY, L.D.	Eagle	

Pay Status At Ebb

Since the announcement last January 17 in the President's budget recommendations, that the Federal Government was considering withdrawing its financial assistance from the State Maritime Schools, the continuance of maintenance payments to Cadets at the College and the annual training ship grant have been in doubt. To present, no definite action has been taken since the recommendations made by Mr. Rothchild, head of U.S. Maritime Administration, through

the President's message must be transformed to a bill before congressional processing may be taken.

Capt. Arthur Spring, Dean of Students, stated that action has been instituted by the College Parents Association and the Alumni Association regarding the financial situation, and the results received to this date have been reported as gratifying. However, the final outcome cannot be recorded until the bills are submitted to Congress.

Foreign School  
Delegate Here

The State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler was host last week to a distinguished visitor, Mr. Emin Hekimgil, Educational Attache of Turkey. Mr. Hekimgil, whose office supervises the education in this country of more than 800 Turkish students, made an inspection of the Marine Engineering facilities at Fort Schuyler. He was especially interested in learning how marine engineers are trained in the United States.

The Dean further said that the cessation of Federal assistance would not in any way warrant the termination of the College's existence. It would, however, place a greater burden on the Cadets receiving aid, and require some revision of the system now in operation for the support of the school training ship, T.S. Empire State.

The Federal Government last year appropriated a total of approximately \$660,000 to the four State Maritime Schools (Maine, California, Massachusetts, and New York) to provide for the maintenance of Cadets and training ship expenditures.

The new Battalion Rates for the coming semester were published by the Administration. The second classmen will assume command of the Cadet Battalion immediately after this Saturday's Admiral's Inspection and maintain their rank until the Training Ship Empire State sails in June. Henceforth, the entire first class will be registered as Cadet Ensigns, the designation they will hold until their graduation in four months. Next September a new group of first classmen will relieve the present rates (who will become Cadet Ensigns) and continue in that status until one year from this date.

Andrew Flood, an outstanding student at the College and class president for two years, will become the new Battalion Commander, and in that capacity serve as the Corps' military leader. Cadet Flood is a veteran of seven years as an enlisted man in the United States Navy, and has exhibited the results of his wide experience in administering class policy during his terms as executive. He lives in Babylon, Long Island and plans on entering the business world upon graduation.

The Chief of Staff will be C/M Phillip Haskin, top student in the engineering department. Cadet Haskin is a native of Blue Point, Long Island and attended the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute before entering the College in the fall of 1955. He has been the Art Editor of the PORTHOLE since his fourth class year and will continue in that position. He is well known for his witty and timely contributions to the newspaper in the form of weekly cartoons. Upon assuming his duties as Chief of Staff he will be charged with the administration of Battalion policy and be responsible for the smooth operation of Cadet routine.

The second class rates will begin conducting daily inspections on Monday, 7 February 1955, and the fourth class is reminded that they are to know the names of all staff rates and their immediate company superiors prior to Monday, 13 February 1955.

Newman Club  
Announces  
February Hop

The Newman Club of the State University Maritime College held its first meeting of the new semester on Tuesday night, Feb. 1, 1955 in the Wheelhouse. The big topic under discussion at the meeting was the coming St. Valentine's Dance, which is to be sponsored by the Newman Club. It was decided by a vote of those present that the dance be held in the Mess Deck and that the band be the College's own Kay-dets. At the Valentine Dance, Feb. 12, 1955, the Queen of the dance will be presented with an award by Frank Walsh, the Newman Club President.

Plans are also under way for the Annual Newman Club Communion Breakfast which will be held in Mav.



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# The Merchant Marine And Foreign Policy

The following is the text of a speech given by Mr. Alexander Purdan, Executive Director, Committee of American Steamship Lines, before a joint meeting of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commission of the American Legion at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., on January 27, 1955. The talk was entitled "The Merchant Marine and Our Foreign Policy."

I have been asked to speak today on "An Arm of Diplomacy" and I am grateful to the person who conjured up that title for giving me a fresh slant and a new reason for an American Merchant Marine.

But I would ask your indulgence if I expand the topic slightly and discuss "Our Merchant Marine as An Instrument of National Policy."

Although I sometimes think that the trouble with our diplomacy is that it is too diplomatic, this is not my sole reason for enlarging the topic.

Nor do I propose to attach more importance to our Merchant Marine than is its proper due in our total transportation system. Yet, since our merchant fleet is an international link, it has a particular significance.

I honestly believe that the United States has erred in not considering its Merchant Marine as an instrument of national policy.

To be sure, it is national policy that we must have an American Merchant Marine for our commerce and our defense, but this is quite different from considering it as an instrument of our total national policy and particularly of our foreign policy. On the contrary, it has sometimes appeared that the necessity for a Merchant Marine was an unwelcome consideration to our foreign policy planners.

While our foreign policy is always fluid and at times, perhaps, difficult to define, it surely divides most easily into trade policy and defense policy. There are many other facets to it, but these you will agree, are the most important.

Mr. Dulles will probably not appreciate my help, but at the risk of incurring his displeasure I would venture that our trade policy is basically directed at maintaining an expanding American economy and promoting increased world trade. But the reasons are not entirely selfish. It is not trade merely for trade's sake or for our own economic advantage. Our trade policy, I believe, has a broader, a firmer foundation in the realization that improved opportunity for the peoples of the is a powerful antidote for Communism.

Thus, our trade policy is inextricably mixed up with our defense (continued on page 3)

# SHORESIDE

By John F. Fox

Shoreside activity for the dancing set will be at its nadir this weekend. This may be attributed to the fact that the colleges, from which most of the invitations come, are still having exams and their new social season is not expected to get underway until the fourth week in February. However, the Newman Club is having their annual Valentine's Dance, 12 February in the messdeck. For the nominal price of twelve bits all hands will be able to enjoy themselves from 2100 to 0100. The music will be supplied by the ever popular "KAY-DETS."

Although exams have slowed down most of our present shoreside activity, the motion picture industry has continued to make many excellent pictures. This always appears rather evident at this time of year and this year is by no means an exception. Why, a short trip downtown over the weekend can enable one to see such top rate pictures as "Bad Day at Black Rock" at the Rivoli, "Unchained" at the Victoria, "Battle Cry" at the Paramount, "The Racers" at the Roxy and "The Bridges at Toko-Ri" playing at the Radio City Music Hall.

On the local screen, there are some unusually good presentations. The Square is featuring "Lilli" until Saturday and Sunday they will present "Black Tuesday" and "Sitting Bull". Over the weekend the Interboro will show "Barefoot Contessa" and "Operation Manhunt."

## The Inquiring Reporter

As you may have heard, the federal aid to this college may be cut off. How do you feel this will affect the college, the cruise, and yourself?

E.J. Carpenter 1/C

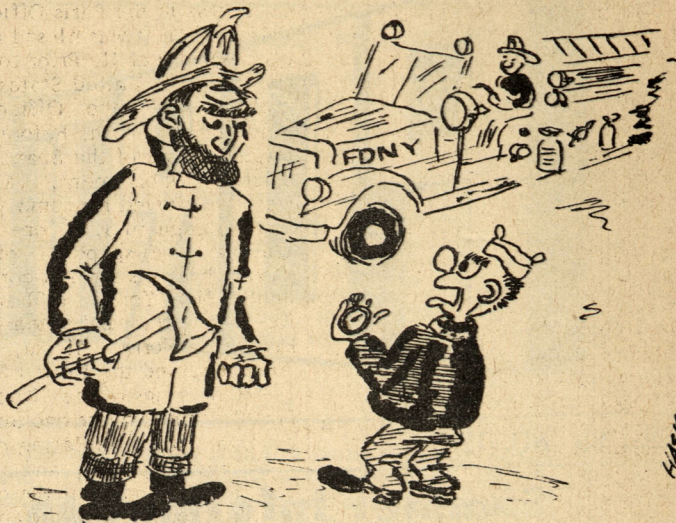
"Since the Federal government allots us annually about 50,000 dollars, for the maintenance of the ship, the discontinuation of their aid would put all the burden on the state. As the state will probably not be able to support this extra financial burden I feel it will almost surely end the summer cruises. Since this is the oldest and largest State Maritime College, I doubt very much if it would cause the college to close down. As for myself, since I am well paid under the old program and that I will graduate pretty soon, it would have little or no affect on me. The Fourth Classmen will probably be hit the hardest."

R.G. Bright 2/C

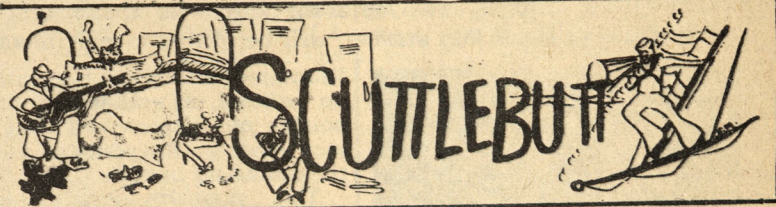
"I do not believe the college itself will be affected too much. If the Federal government does not allot us all the money for the upkeep of the ship the cruise would consequently be knocked out. If they have an arrangement whereas the state and Federal government share the cost, then I believe the cruise will be cut down to a few weeks. The big question as far as I am concerned, being an 'out-of-stater' would be whether or not we would have to pay both maintenance and tuition (which is now being paid by the government under the Midshipman program). If this happens it would be a big blow to me and other 'out-of-staters'. After all, 920 dollars a year is no joke."

D.B. Dinsmore 4/C

"As far as I understood Captain Spring, the money appropriated by the government only covers those students in the Navy program. Therefore the school would probably keep on going without any changes. As for myself, I do not think I would be able to continue without taking a leave of absence for a year and working. I definitely would not quit. One thing is sure; I couldn't continue straight through without pay. As a whole, I think a few of us came to this school with the presumption that we would only have to pay for maintenance for about a year. Now, if we do not get paid, it would put us in quite a predicament."



YOU GUYS HAD BETTER GET ON THE BALL OR ELSE WE'RE GONNA KEEP ON HAVING THESE DRILLS !!



JOHN KLOMAN, JIM LAFEMINA, and JASBO HAIMS.

All love stories have some sort of appeal to most of us but, perhaps the most interesting and tender of these is the silent, gradual romance that startles the whole world when it finally is realized. We have among us a young lad, who from all outward appearances seems quite unconcerned about many topics, especially those concerning the opposite gender, who is the hero of this heart-warming story. Now is unfolded an amazing account of a true, everlasting, and sincere devotion which touches the hearts of even the laziest individuals. One brief glance at the hand of our young "Romeo" reveals the symbol of the great bond between them. Proving that distance is no barrier and that love knows no bounds, our "lost" friend sits in his room composing sonnets amidst a series of sighs. The world is losing a great wrestler and a future "Mr. America" by the force of one small arrow from Dan Cupid's bow. Oh love in bloom!

Honest Ave Rieffanaugh is going to use his political influence to replace all two-cent transfers sold by the Surface Transit Corporation with free transfers. After a recent, exhausting probe of the situation, Ave came to the conclusion that the actual cost does not warrant the price of the transfer and that the profit gained from their sale is pure profit and not essential to the operating costs of the vehicles. For this gallant politician, who is ever seeking ways to better the world, we award the Crusader prize for soap-box activities.

A new explosive, powerful enough to knock out armies at a time has been developed by one of our classmates. You've undoubtedly heard him test it countless times and believe me, it's potent. The explosive is called H.N.R. and is supposed to be many times more powerful than T.N.T., R.D.X. and H.B.X.

Exams have come and gone and so have quite a few of the boys. For some of us it's discouraging, others are sad, and then there are those who plow ahead, undaunted by the slashing of the ranks. We're like mountain climbers, watching our friends being picked off the steep walls by the ceaseless efforts of the elements. It's best not to look back but to hang on tightly, and climb ever upward.

And now to the sunny side, if there is one. Rumor department, via grape vine:

1. We may get a new ship. Anonymous reports say the ex-hospital ship "Mercy".
2. It is also reported that a South American cruise is on some important minds.
3. The Throggs Neck-Fort Schuyler bridge is to be completed in 1960.
4. Papa Sam may cut us off without a penny. (I hope your folks wrote to the big boys in Wash. D.C. about this.)
5. The new dorm may be completed in two months (about time I'd say).
6. Lou Gagliano will be engaged before the year is up. (Am I going to get heck for that one).

I guess I should state that the above six statements were passed on to me by grape vine alone lest someone may be angry with me.

Regarding a new ship though. It seems that quite a few of the boys have gotten to like the old one, and would hate to see her go. The engineers have gotten to know all about her innards and know how to make her put out what should be expected. We know where to kick the standby boiler feed pumps now and that's quite an accomplishment. Other second classmen have comfortable spots in the bilge picked out for underclassmen they've become attached to. There's quite a bit of pride attached to making a stubborn old lady like that go, even if there were some harsh words spoken about her during the six months she was mother to us.

By the way, Mechanix Illustrated described her as sleek and fast. (All 12 knots of her).

Wow! Dig that Phil Haskin with his 4.0 average. Oh well, better luck next time Norm.

Don't forget that Valentines day is around the corner. Remind your girl to send you a card.

It's over! No more cramming, late lights, no-doze pills, or mental anguish until about the 17th of May. Naturally we all swear solemn vows of, "Never again", but in 3 1/2 months I'll bet we'll all be mental wrecks again after a slack semester of little or no work. It's one vicious circle!

Against all odds, and over coming many pitfalls found on ship-board (ask the boys who live there), Jim McGovern, the "Comeback (continued on page 3)

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# SHIPPING SIDELIGHTS

By Jerry Nolan

A British ship that used to sail around the world has made her shortest voyage this December into a drydock. The famed cutty sark once the speed demon of the clipper ships was towed a short distance down the Thames and drydocked near the Royal Naval college where she will be used as an educational training center. As she moved slowly down the river whistles and sirens of London harbor craft saluted the 85 year old windjammer that was once a pride of the London China Tea Trade and the London Australia wool trade. Aboard the ship was a man who joined the cutty sark in 1885 as an apprentice, Captain C. E. Spring.

The downward trend of the privately owned U. S. Merchant Shipping continues according to the latest report from the American Merchant Marine Institute. The transfer or sale of 3 tankers and 14 dry cargo vessels abroad resulted in a decrease of more than 185,000 dead-weight tons during the month of November. The latest available statistics on U. S. foreign trade showed that U. S. flag vessels carried only 29.1% of a total of 15,528,300 long tons (exclusive of trade in military controlled vessels) over a one month period.

The New York ship building corporation, Camden, New Jersey has been awarded a contract for the construction of four destroyer escorts at a total cost of \$31,900,000.

This contract was awarded by the Navy department to keep the New York Shipbuilding company from losing its valuable trained Naval Architects and labor. This shipyard is one of the few whose staff is familiar with the design of surface combat ships and has built 178 warships for the Navy since W. W. II.

The firm of Gibbs & Cox has designed 2 passenger ships for the Oceanic Steamship Co. These passenger ships will replace the Marirosa and Monterey which were built for Pacific service a quarter of a century ago. It is presumed these ships will be made from converted Mariner class ships which are now idle and perhaps will be built with a construction subsidy which the company has asked for.

## Cruise Memories



The question in our minds is, which cruise?

Compliments Of Joseph Stein

## Scouts Have Day At Fort

The State University Maritime College at Fort Schuyler is inaugurating this year an Annual Boy Scout Day and will be host this Saturday (February 5th) to 430 Boy Scouts of District 7, the Bronx, and their parents.

The boy scouts, who are all from the East Bronx area, will observe an Admiral's Inspection, have lunch at the College, and then watch a basketball game between Fort Schuyler and Plattsburgh State Teachers College. According to Coach W. Roger Reinhart, the Maritime hoopers are determined to avenge a drubbing received at the hands of Plattsburgh last year.

As an added attraction, the boys will tour the Fort and then go aboard the 6,000-ton training ship Empire State. Cadet guides will escort them through the vessel and explain how the maritime students learn seamanship and engineering aboard the ship each summer.

Among the Boy Scout leaders this Saturday will be: Mr. William Warner, District Commissioner; Mr. F. Walton Braun and Mr. Albert Smith, Assistant District Commissioners; Mr. Arthur Freiberg, Neighborhood Commissioner; and Mr. Robert Hawthorn, District Executive.

## EMPLOYMENT AGENCY (continued from page 1)

the two parts and shall contain on each half:

A) All pertinent information about the job;  
B) a space for the signature of the applicant.

4) Any Cadet wishing to apply for the job will take the work slip, tear it in half, sign both halves, and deposit one half in the third section of the box in order to inform the Yeoman-in-Charge the job has been taken. He will carry the other half with him and present it to his employer at the time he reports for work.

5) The Yeoman-in-Charge will keep a record of jobs available and filled, and persons concerned.

Capt. Spring, Dean of Students announced for the benefit of those who are presently seeking Cadets to fill part time jobs that he now has a list of names of those who are seeking employment. Until the establishment of the regular bureau, the Dean will accept request from the faculty employers and fill them from the names he now possesses.

Early to rise  
and early to bed  
Makes one healthy  
And socially dead.

## On A Higher Note

By 1st. Co. 2nd. Pltn. Ldr. Phillipe D. Ohl

Now that exams are over, and things are comparatively quiet in the academic world, until the mid-term rush, the would be music lover is provided with an excellent time to further his interest in this subject. New York is a veritable music lovers paradise. It is possible that it is the only city in the world where there is something for everybody, in the quantity and quality that we are used to finding.

The Met's season is in full swing, and many interesting works are coming up soon. The New York Ballet Company is at the City Center with its full repertoire. This will be in the form of 3 or 4 parts of different ballets each program, as has been the procedure in the past. For those with an economical viewpoint Cooper Union is offering many lectures and recitals, and in most cases these are free. The Broadway season is well underway with many new musical comedy offerings. Carnegie Hall is booked well ahead for many recitals and concerts. Last but not least Hollywood has many films of a musical nature, some are pure opera, such as "Aida" but most are of the musical type. The best way to find out which is being done, and what might interest you is to consult a paper or the New Yorker.

Over the post exam leave I caught the show at the Radio City Music Hall (I had two free passes), and as usual it was very well done with lavish sets, etc. This is all very good if you like this type of thing, but I don't. I'll leave the movie out, which wasn't too bad, because it isn't my province, but the stage show was bad enough to make up for both of them. The show started off with a corruption of a ballet characterized by a ballerina - who didn't quite make it up on her toes - what's more she couldn't even keep time. Then a tired group of singers came out and sang some tired songs, with the aid of the P.A. system (this was probably tired also). When a forty voice mixed chorus needs the help of a P.A. system there is something wrong with their voices or the acoustics of the place or both - even in Radio City. Then the Rockettes went through their precision wriggles and struggles, and at my distance you couldn't tell what their gender was - feminine or masculine (if you want to speculate on neuter too, go ahead, but leave me out of it). For all the artistic value of it you might as well watch the valves or pistons go up and down in an engine - that's even more perfect timing! The organ and orchestra also played. It all added up to a pretty good show - if you liked that sort of thing - I don't.

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