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Bill "Bojangles" Robinson Smash Hit at All T. I. Colored Dance

Successful Dance Held at T. I. Gym Saturday Evening

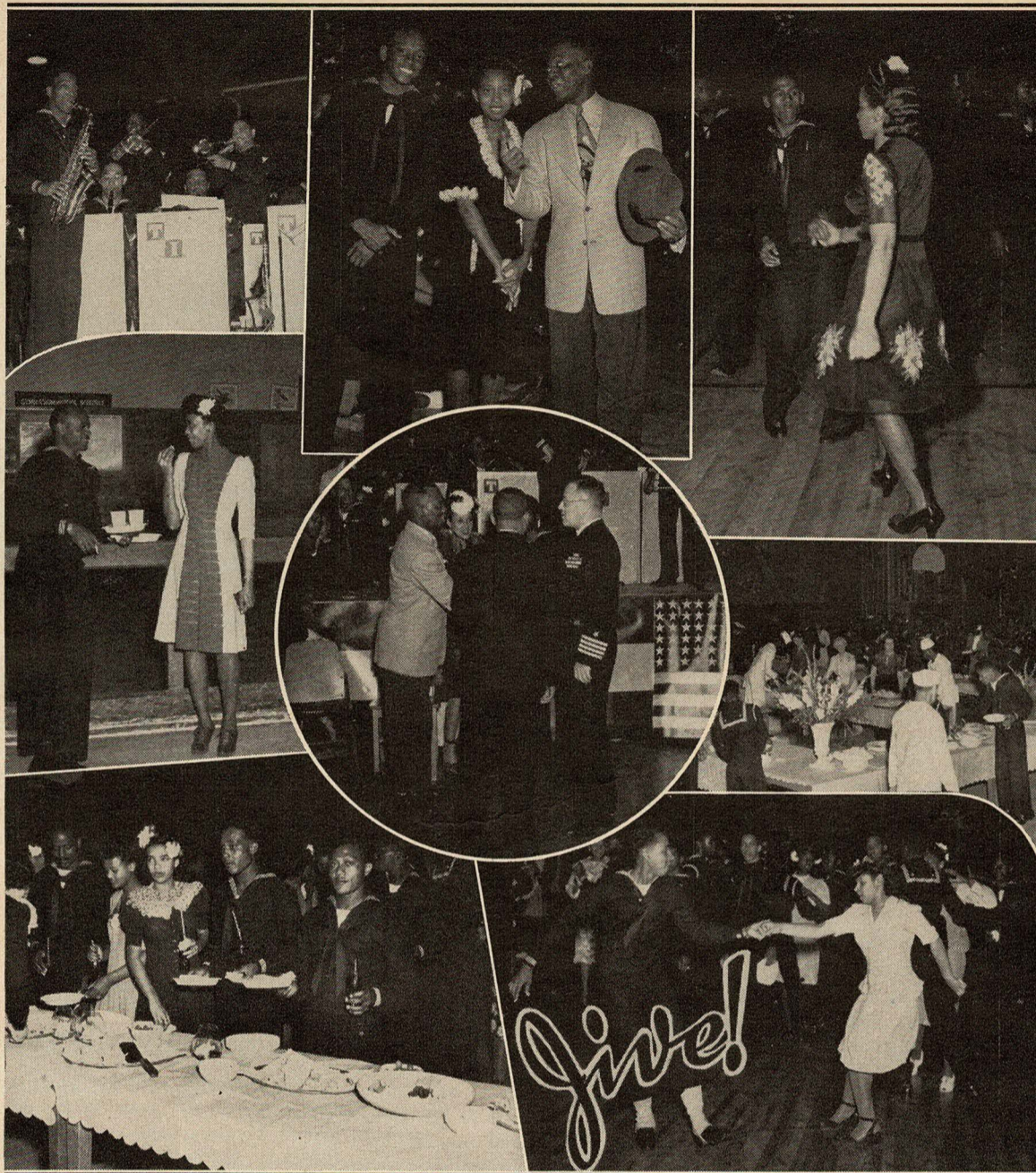
The Treasure Island gymnasium could have appropriately sported the New York Savoy Ballroom's tag-line — "The home of happy feet", for last Saturday night, August 5, Treasure Island regained its pre-war color and splendor as a treasure chest of entertainment and the mecca for music lovers and dance fans. The Colored Bluejackets stationed on Treasure Island found their hearts "drumming a cadence" to the pulsating rhythms of the Treasure Island Swing band when they met some of Bay Area's loveliest ladies at one of the most colorful dances ever given here.

The gymnasium was nearly filled to its capacity and a spirit of joviality permeated the atmosphere as the swing band, led by saxophonist Van Buren Kelley, played many popular songs arranged by their staff of arrangers headed by D. K. Brown, Mus2c.

Mingled laughter, mirth and merriment, sporadic applause and thunderous ovations prevailed throughout the evening.

Bill Robinson in Spotlight

The colorful affair was highlighted when the spotlight beamed upon America's greatest tap dance artist Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, who rushed over to Treasure Island, between his stage appearances at San Francisco's Warfield Theatre where he was heading the "Basin Street Jamboree", to perform a tap dance routine for the bluejackets. Robinson's charming wife accompanied him in a soft shoe dance number to climax his performance and the audience rocked the gymnasium with one of the loudest ovations of the night. After his performance, Robinson was introduced to Captain R. W. Cary, Commander U. S. Naval Training and Distribution Center. He stated that he has entertained members of the Armed Forces more than any other individual performer but he enjoy-



HIGHLIGHTS of the dance for the Colored Bluejackets are shown in a pictorial revue. Top (left to right)—Van Kelley, saxophonist, fronting the Treasure Island Swing band. "Bojangles" Robinson with C. Clark and Elizabeth Ford. Harris Allen, Flc in a dance routine with attractive Connie Curry. Center (left to right)—Refreshment time for a sailor and a

girl. Insert shows Captain R. W. Cary greeting Robinson while Mrs. Robinson, R. E. Johnson, Y3c, a "Masthead" staff member, and Chief White look on. Mrs. Nellson and Mrs. Horn aid hostesses with refreshments. Bottom (left to right)—"Chow time." Cox Ray Davidson and charming Eva Lane are shown "cutting the rug."

Disabled Men On Shore Duty Will Serve Near Home

Washington — Disabled enlisted patients classified for duty ashore (except Seabees and Hospital Corps personnel) will be assigned hereafter to duty in the naval district or river command in which they are hospitalized or in their home naval district, river command or naval air training command.

This procedure, announced in a BuPers directive, supersedes the previous system whereby such personnel—currently more than 1500 a month—have been transferred to the nearest receiving ship or receiving station to await assignment by BuPers. The change was made to avert loss of man days and to reduce paper work.

Men evacuated from overseas and later found qualified for limited shore duty may designate their home naval district, river command or naval air training command as the one in which they wish to serve and may be transferred there at government expense. Other qualified personnel may have the same privilege—at their own travel expense.

In cases where a report of medical survey recommends assignment of a man to a warmer climate or other locality, the medical officer in command will exercise independent judgment and transfer the man to the commandant of the nearest naval district, river command or air training command which best fits the individual's case.

Disabled Seabee personnel classified for shore duty will be transferred to the Naval Construction Center at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., or at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, Calif., depending on which is nearer.

72,000 WOMEN ARE NOW WEARING UNITED STATES NAVY UNIFORM

The nationwide celebration of the second anniversary of the Women's Reserve, was held in the Sylvan Theatre, Washington Monument Grounds, Washington, D. C. The rally, sponsored jointly by the Navy Department and Potomac River Naval Command, was attended by nearly 10,000 officers and enlisted personnel of the Women's Reserve, probably the largest gathering of military women in American history.

The Mistress of Ceremonies for the Anniversary program was Lt. Frances Rich, who introduced Captain Mildred McAfee. Distinguished speakers were Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN; Admiral Ernest J. King, USN and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal.

Admiral Nimitz, speaking from Pearl Harbor, brought forth the important part women have had in the Naval history of the world. Cleopatra of Egypt, who is credited with having had command of a task force of 60 ships almost 2000 years ago. Famous Helen of Troy whose salvation fleet of 1000 ships have now become legend. Isabella of Spain whose patronage of Columbus founded a new world. Queen Elizabeth saw England reach a new pinnacle of sea power and her Navies prove for all time the value of Naval defense. He concluded his talk by saying, "It is only recently that women have had an influence within Navies. In their two years as an integral

part of the Navy, the WAVES have demonstrated keen ability, loyalty, and devotion to duty. We are proud of them."

Secretary Forrestal presented present statistics by noting that today 72,000 women wear the Navy uniform, nearly half the pre-war strength of the Navy in 1940. They hold 34 different Navy ratings, representing 250 different kinds of work. Mr. Forrestal made a statement which will interest all the advocates of overseas duty for WAVES. He stated, "The tempo of the war is rising to a climax. This stepped-up push for victory will increase your responsibilities and the demands for your work. You will have many opportunities for varied and interesting service, certainly here, and we hope ultimately in our shore establishments abroad. I offer the Navy's traditional 'Well Done' to the Women's Reserve of the United States Navy."

12th Naval District Swim Meet Slated For August 30

The Twelfth Naval District will hold its District Swimming Meet at the Alameda Naval Air Base on August 20. There will be entries from the various stations in the Twelfth Naval District. Enlisted men and WAVES who wish to try out, or anyone who has had competitive experience in swimming contact Chief Bill Egan at the Treasure Island swimming pool located in the gymnasium.

Events for enlisted men attending the meet will include fancy diving contests, 100 yard free style, 50 yard back stroke, 50 yard breast stroke, 150 yard medley relay, 50 yard free style, 220 yard free style, 200 yard free style relay, 150 yard medley (individual), 440 yard free style, underwater swim for distance, and cross-chest carry race.

Interested WAVES have their choice of participating in any of the following: Diving, 50 yard free style, 50 yard back stroke, 50 yard breast stroke, 150 yard medley relay, 200 yard free style relay, and 150 yard medley (individual).

A cup will be awarded for the winning team and winning relays while individual medals are to be given for the first four places in each event. Point scores for WAVES events will be counted towards Team Points for Trophy.

Gas Ration on Leave One Gallon Per Day

Naval personnel on leave 72 hours or more are entitled to receive special gasoline rations of one gallon for each day of leave up to 30 gallons. Ration currency may be obtained from local OPA Boards upon presentation of original copy of leave papers which will be endorsed by the boards to indicate the ration issued. Application should be made to local boards in the community where the automobile to be driven is located.

WANTED Professional Musicians

Professional musicians who know they will be stationed on Treasure Island four weeks or longer are needed in the New Treasure Island dance band being formed at this time. Those playing saxophones and trombones are requested to leave their names at the Welfare Department now.



ed his stay here better because Treasure Island is the "cream of all the musical affairs" which he has attended.

Another attraction of the evening was a jitterbug contest. The winners—Thelma Potts and Harris Allen; Roberta Green and Abraham Kelley—were each awarded a twenty-five dollar war bond by Captain R. W. Cary.

Refreshments consisting of delicious sandwiches, cakes, olives, pickles, cokes and coffee were

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