

## ENTERING PACK ICE



BABY SEALS SUNBATHING

As we sailed South the weather became colder and colder, the crew were fast becoming anxious for the first sight of pack ice. A few days later a strange sound was heard through the hull, ICE! At 1155, 24 Dec. we had entered pack ice and layed to awaiting the arrival of our sister ship, the KDISTO.

Rendezvous between ships was in the early morning hours of 25 Dec. 1969, at 66-45N, 178-40E. The pack ice ranged from 4 - 6 OKTAS and consisted of brash, cake and floes - which were honeycombed and rotten. This was attributed to the lateness of the season. "Nothing to it", most of the newer men thought, but they were in for quite a surprise.