

## CHAPTER 10

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

#### 1. Departure Oakland, California

An open house for families and friends was held aboard BURTON ISLAND on the morning of 9 July 1977 just prior to sailing. This gave crewmembers a last chance to see their loved ones and also take them on tours of the vessel.

#### 2. Juneau, Alaska

BURTON ISLAND hosted several groups of pre-school aged children in Juneau, Alaska. Officers and crew were also guests of honor at CCGD17-sponsored functions. A square-dancing troupe came aboard and a square-dance was held on BURTON ISLAND's flight deck. A photojournalist from ALASKA MAGAZINE came aboard prior to departing Juneau in order to do an article about Arctic icebreakers during the Juneau to Nome passage. This article will possibly be published in one year.

#### 3. Nome, Alaska

The unit's Fleet Hometown News Release Hold File with a master story press release was mailed from Nome, Alaska. 74 crewmembers participated.

#### 4. Barrow, Alaska

As a gesture of good will, tusks removed from a dead walrus, found off Point Barrow, were donated to His Honor, Ibsen Hopson, Mayor of Barrow. He received them willingly and graciously on behalf of the Barrow Arts and Craft School. A comment by the Commanding Officer, NARL, that the natives ere hostile to "roundeyes" prompted this act. Mayor Hopson, to the contrary, was quite congenial.