

Earlier in the week, the Eastwind's crew had prepared a temporary mooring area for the huge supply ship near the mouth of the channel, about 5 miles from where she would ultimately have to unload her cargo bound for scientific stations throughout Antarctica. Then, the Coast Guard icebreaker had helped her tie up to the ice ledge when she arrived.

In retrospect, the most interesting Antarctic event aboard the Eastwind in 1960, was the sighting of a live volcano, previously thought to be extinct.

On December 29, while the Eastwind was breaking ice in McMurdo channel, 10,148-foot Mt. Terror was observed coughing huge clouds of steam into the intensely blue South Polar sky. All hands were soon on deck taking pictures of the event.

Mt. Erebus, 13,200 feet high, is supposed to be the only active volcano on the Continent.

New Year's day aboard the Eastwind was excitement filled, and culminated in a huge feast for everyone aboard, the 269-foot gleaming white icebreaker.

*"It has been, with the Lord's help, a good year for us,"* said Captain Naab in an informal talk to the officers and men on the ice before the celebration began. *"I am proud to have under my command a group of officers and men who have displayed great courage and devotion to their ship, their shipmates, and their loved ones."*

Then he offered the first toast: *"From all of us on the Eastwind, to all of you back in the States, A Happy New Year, and a prosperous one."*



At stroke of midnight, flag hoist proclaims "Happy New Year."

Rare photo of Mt. Erebus (l) and Mt. Terror (r) both emitting clouds of volcanic steam.

