

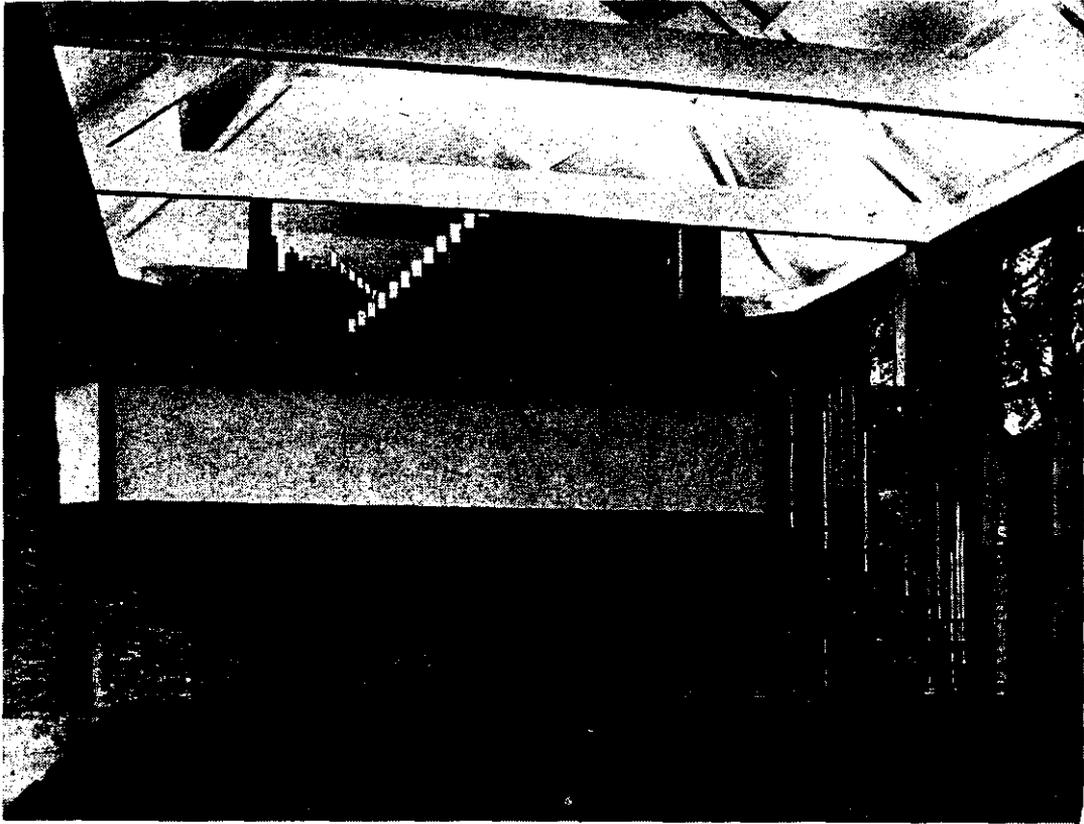


FIG. 1—THE SALUTATION BY THE CHAPLAIN OF THE FLEET BEFORE THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ST. JAMES AT THE R.N. ENGINEERING COLLEGE, MANADON
(Courtesy 'Western Morning News')

R.N. ENGINEERING COLLEGE CHURCH DEDICATED

The 17th Century tithe barn of Manadon House, in the grounds of the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon, Plymouth, became the Church of St. John and St. James in a dedication ceremony conducted by the Chaplain of the Fleet, The Venerable Archdeacon John Armstrong, O.B.E., on 30th January, 1962.

The ceremony, with the Assistant Bishop of Portsmouth and former Chaplain of the College, the Rt. Reverend F. N. Chamberlain preaching the sermon, was attended by many senior naval officers and civic dignitaries. The guests included the Second Sea Lord ; the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth ; the Chief Naval Engineer Officer ; the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Plymouth ; and representatives from the Royal Canadian, Royal Australian, and Royal New Zealand Navies. They were welcomed by the Commanding Officer of the College, Captain R. C. Paige, R.N.



A VIEW OF THE INTERIOR

In his address, the Assistant Bishop of Portsmouth said that the ceremony was the 'realization of all the hopes and desires of many. . . . Now this tithe barn at Manadon is taking its rightful place among the churches of the Royal Navy'.

The 'hull' of the church—side walls, windows and floor—was designed by Navy Works, Devonport, and finished under its direction.

The generous response to the appeal, which was noted in the 'Correspondence' of the last issue of the *Journal*; the efforts of the officers at present under instruction, who raised funds for interior fittings and to provide the organ; and the subscriptions of past and present college members and friends, have enabled the transformation to be completed without outstanding debt.