

Children visit pirates' cave on the Ceylon



"HO, ho, my beauties . . ."
roars Lt. Cmdr. D. R. Leak to these schoolchildren who visited the pirates' cave aboard H.M.S. Ceylon at Mombasa on Monday.

Lt. Cmdr. Leak, who produced the show "Oh! What a Night," tattooed the 240 children who attended a party specially held for them before the cruiser left for the Seychelles and Trincomalee, her base, yesterday. He claimed that many of the children called at his dark and terrifying cave on more than one occasion and that he used his rubber stamp with the skull and cross bones on at least 1,000 occasions.

As the children went aboard they had their noses marked with coloured identification dyes so that they could be placed in groups for the purpose of visiting all the attractions which the officers and men of the ship had put on for them.

Cinema show

The party was very successful and the children, who represented all the communities, had a grand time. The most popular item on the programme arranged for them was the pirates' cave which was furnished with hangmen's ropes, rum casks and maps of treasure islands.

The children had the time of their lives when they went for a trip round the Ceylon in a motor boat, which was pursued by another rigged out as a pirate ship and manned by sailors dressed suitably for the occasion and yelling blood-thirsty oaths.

The other attractions for the children included a cinema show, a helter-skelter, some swings and roundabouts on the quarter deck and a few side shows.

Before the children left H.M.S. Ceylon, they were entertained to a fine tea of cakes and soft drinks in the wardroom.

HEALTH MINISTER'S TOUR COMPLETED

KIKUYU Villagisation, concentration of labour and their attendant health problems were studied by the Minister for Health, Housing and Local Government, Mr. W.B. Havelock, during his tour of the Embu, Nyeri and Nanyuki districts which ended on Monday with a visit to Nanyuki farms and hospitals and the opening of the new Aberdare County Council hall.

The Minister's tour began with the Embu district, where he inspected some of the newly built villages and then went on to see the works camps for Kikuyu detainees on the Mweiga plains. Here, in a well-planned and hygienic camp, minor Mau Mau adherents are working their way back to citizenship by constructing a five-mile irrigation furrow from the Tana River and draining a swamp.

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A party of sixty children were entertained on board H.M.S. Ceylon on July 12th.