

SUBPOENA and SUMMONS EXTRAORDINARY

The Royal High Court of the Raging Main

County of EQUATIS,)
Vale of Pacificus,) s. s.
Domair of Neptunus Rex.)

To Whom May Come These Presents:

GREETINGS AND BEWARE

WHEREAS, The good ship CALCATERRA (DER-390)

bound LIMA, PERU is about to enter our domain, and the aforesaid ship carries a large and slimy cargo of land-lubbers, beach-combers, cargo-rats, sea-lawyers, lounge-lizards, parlor dunnigans, plow-deserters, park-bench warmers, chicken-chasers, hay-tossers, sand-crabs, four-flushers, cross-word puzzle bugs and all other living creatures of the land, and last but not least, he-vamps, liberty-hounds and Drug Store cow-boys falsely masquerading as seamen and man-o'-warships of which you are a member, having never appeared before us; and

WHEREAS, the Royal High Court of the Raging Main has been convened by us on board of the good ship CALCATERRA on the 25TH day of AUGUST 1965 at Longitude 81° 02" WEST and Latitude 0° 0' 0", and an inspection of our Royal High Roster shows that it is high time the sad and wandering nautical soul of that much abused body of yours appeared before the High Tribunal of Neptune; and

BE IT KNOWN, That we hereby summons and command you JOHN P. SPATH

now a LTJG, U. S. N., to appear before the Royal High Court and Our August Presence on the aforesaid date at such time as may best suit our pleasure, and to accept most heartily and with a good grace the pains and penalties of the awful tortures that will be inflicted upon you for daring to enter our aqueous and equinoctial regions without due and submissive ceremony to be examined as to fitness to become one of our Trusty Shellbacks, and a worthy Son of the Sea and answer to the following charges:

CHARGE I. In that JOHN P. SPATH

now a LTJG, U. S. N., has hitherto willfully and maliciously failed to show reverence and allegiance to our Royal Person, and is therein and thereby a vile land-lubber and pollywog.

CHARGE II. IN THAT JOHN P. SPATH DID COMPLAIN TO VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE OFFICER POLLYWOG GROUP THAT HIS VERY IMPORTANT WATCH ASSIGNMENT, MAIL BUOY LOOKOUT, WAS UNBEPFITTING A PERSON OF HIS HIGH POLLYWOG OFFICE, THEREBY INFERRING THAT THE HONORABLE SHELLBACKS WERE IGNORANT OF HIS HIGHLY SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS.

CHARGE III. IN THAT JOHN P. SPATH DID INDICATE BY HIS ALOOFNESS AND DISINTEREST, THAT THE MOST HONORABLE, AUGUST BODY, COURT AND ALL SHELLBACKS IN GENERAL, WERE NOT TO BE RECKONED WITH, THUS CAUSING GREAT CONCERN TO HIS MAJESTY NEPTUNUS REX AND HE WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED DURING THE DECONTAMINATION PROCEEDINGS.

DISOBEY THIS SUMMONS UNDER PAIN OF OUR SWIFT AND TERRIBLE DISPLEASURE. OUR VIGILANCE IS EVER WAKEFUL, OUR VENGEANCE IS JUST AND SURE !!!

Given under our hand and seal.


Attest, for the King:

DAVY JONES, Scribe.

NEPTUNUS REX.