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Finally, all the cabins, including those of the Tourist class, have been equipped with individual climate control. With her 106 cabins for 2,000 passengers France is a ship well suited to modern living—a fact which greatly appreciates and contributes to her popularity.

This is France. It was possibly a daring venture to build such a liner when on the North Atlantic flying tends to reduce the time of the crossing to a few hours. However, we find it impossible to conceive that for all potential passengers the future of our world should be cut short by a mere matter of hours speedily increasing at a time when thanks to perpetual discoveries in the field of science within little periods of hours.

In the “Little Prince” of Saint-Héloïse, the little prince one day met a merchant who sells pills guaranteed to every thirst. Readily one pill a week; and you’ve no longer any need to drink.

“Why are you selling these pills?” asked the little prince.

“I saw a lot of time,” said the merchant. “Experiments have established that they save forty-five minutes a week.

“And what does one do with the extra time?”

“One does what one wants with it,”

“I said the little prince, if I had forty-five minutes to spend, I should walk slowly towards a fountain.”

Let us hope, for the genuine spirit of France, that the new generation of superliners will not offer such luxuries as wine as Saint-Héloïse’s Little Prince.

J.-P. Ricard

France in September 1939. The pilot (pilot) is probably French, the passengers in black suits waiting to be accommodated.
**FRANCE**, TECHNICAL ASPECTS

**as we frequently meet with on land.**

In an age when the cost of personnel becomes heavier and heavier, whereas energy costs less and less, is it not more profitable to spend relatively more on fuel, if that permits us to reduce the cost of personnel? And is it not all the more so on ships, while the square meter yields a considerable amount every year? This would result in a no less important saving of personnel. How would you reduce the number of passengers accordingly?

**FRANCE IS NOT ANOTHER NORMANDIE.**

France relents her famous predecessor by the amount of work and effort that her realization has represented, and by the world publicity given to her launching (April 10). Her design and construction have been carried out with the greatest precision, and the protection afforded by the board of the 250,000 tons is no less than 25 feet. The repair of the Normandie's hull, which was criticized, has been replaced with a vessel that is more useful and more easily managed. The construction of the Normandie was not only necessary but inevitable. The ship was not only needed because of her enormous size, but also because of her ability to handle the high winds and storms that are common in this area.

**COMPARISON BETWEEN FRANCE AND NORMANDIE.**

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**The Imperatives: Security and Comfort.**

The constructors of France have brought into play all the techniques capable of ensuring the security of the ship, and even more importantly gone beyond the requirements of international regulations in this respect, as the ship is a passenger liner and not a Commerce Steamer. However, the construction of the ship is also based on the principles of maximum comfort and security for the passengers. The ship is designed to provide a high level of comfort and security for its passengers, and the safety equipment is considered to be one of the most important aspects of the ship's design. The ship is designed to ensure the safety of its passengers in case of any emergencies that may arise during the voyage. The ship is also designed to provide a high level of comfort for its passengers, with a wide range of amenities available on board.

**TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

by J.-P. RICARD

**Director Technique de la Compagnie Générale Transatlantique**

**ACCORDING to passenger statistics for the North Atlantic, ocean-going traffic, in spite of the very spectacular development of air traffic, remains...**

A new ship, the France, was launched in 1938 and entered service in 1940. It was designed to transport 2,500 passengers, and it was capable of reaching a speed of 25 knots. It was also equipped with a large number of lifeboats, and it was well-equipped to handle any emergencies that may arise during the voyage.

**WHY A BIG LINER?**

From 1923 onwards, therefore, three projects were examined:

- **A** line of about 50,000 tons displacement, with a cruising speed of 25 knots, providing a crossing in four to five days and 22 to 25 round trips annually.

- **B** a line of about 35,000 tons displacement, having the prestige project a considerable passenger capacity but less rapid, with a speed of 23 knots, a duration of crossing of six days and sixteen round trips annually.

**OUR COVER**

(To be continued)

The last of a group of French passenger ships, the France was launched in early months of 1938. The last of these two new ones was commissioned in July 1938.
FIESTA IN RIO CRUISE

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

7:30 A.M.  BREAKFAST IS SERVED
Dining Room, Forward and Aft.
Dine early: open 9:00 A.M.

7:00 A.M.  HOLY MASS
In the Chapel, Verandah Deck, Starboard forward.
Celebrant: Father Henri BRASSET.

8:00 A.M.  CALISTHENICS
Swimming Pool, Upper Deck Aft.

9:00 A.M.  WALKERS' MUSTER with Paul KARUSA
Reef Deck Aft.

10:00 A.M.  YOUR LESSON IN FRENCH
Also on TV screen, Channel 9A. With Father Jean-Paul GIGUEL.
Conf Race, Verandah Deck Portside.

10:30 A.M.  CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING on Sun deck Aft.

11:00 A.M.  FREE DANCE LESSON with the DUQUAINES.
Fontainebleau Lounge, Verandah Deck Aft.

11:30 A.M.  HOSTESS HOUR
Left Bank Club, Promenade Deck Aft.
Meet your hostesses: Marie NASSET, Clotilde MULLER and Joseph RACIETI.
Dance with them questions of dance, social activities and program.

12:00 A.M.  MARCHING REPORT
Navigating Officer Alain PAILLY
TV Channel 8A.

12:45 A.M.  COCKTAIL TIME, as in 8:00 a.m.
Music by Real WOOS in the Riviera Lounge, Verandah Deck Aft.

1:00 P.M.  LUNCH ON IS SERVED
Dining Rooms, Forward and Aft.

2:30 P.M.  INTRODUCTORY BRIDGE LECTURE
AND INFORMAL CARD GAMES
With our bridge instructor, B. BECKER.
Promenade Lounge, Verandah Deck Port Aft.

4:00 P.M.  BOAT DRILL

4:15 P.M.  TEA IS SERVED
Promenade and Verandah Deck, Open Decks and St. Tropez Lounge. MUSIC in the St. Tropez Lounge.

4:15 P.M.  RECORDS CONCERT
Left Bank Club, Promenade Deck Aft.
Chaplin's "Las Sylphides".
Ponchielli's "Shades of Autumn".

5:00 P.M.  "FOND Mots D'Amour" SONGS
Party for all adult passengers traveling without escort.
Fun, laughter, jokes. (performers by Alexis, Carbone and Campi)
Fontainebleau Lounge, Verandah Deck Aft.

6:00 P.M.  "YOURS LATE NEWS REPORT!
TV Channel 8A.
Foster - Andre FAUZET.

6:30 P.M.  CAPTAIN'S COCKTAIL PARTY
Fontainebleau Lounge, Verandah Deck Aft.
Commander Georges CROUSIS and his staff extend a cordial invitation to all passengers to join them for cocktails.

7:00 P.M.  DINNER IS SERVED
Dining Rooms, Forward and Aft.

9:00 P.M.  MUSIC FOR DANCING with Maurice BADIN
St. Tropez Lounge, Promenade Deck Aft.

10:00 P.M.  GALA DE BIENVENUE
St. Tropez Lounge, Promenade Deck Aft.

11:00 P.M.  NOCTAMBULES (NIGHT DREAMS) GATHER

Left Bank Club, Promenade Deck Aft.
Music by Jacques LEPETIT.

11:00 P.M.  LATE SHOW - THEATRE, Promenade Deck and Verandah Deck Aft.
Movie: "M.Y. SIE LOVES"

11:30 P.M.  MUSIC OF ROMANCE BEGINS IN "LA CAVEN"
Your late night music, Verandah Deck Starboard Aft. Entrance also on Promenade Deck.

12:00 A.M.  CRUISE DINNER SERVED
Verandah Deck Portside.

DRESS FORMAL

Photography, films and other photographic items are for sale on the Verandah Deck - by the Theatre.
WASHINGTON  February 15 (UPI) — President Kennedy is raising the specter of an economic recession in his campaign to persuade voters and Congress that income taxes must be cut this year. This tactic, which the President used in a nationally televised news conference yesterday, represented a marked change in the tone of Kennedy’s sales pitch for a tax cut. The President stressed repeatedly that tax reductions are needed to safeguard against economic recession.

WASHINGTON  February 15 (UPI) — The United States will move three submarines equipped with Polaris missiles into the Mediterranean from the North Atlantic in April. Deputy Defense Secretary Wolfowitz, returning from defense conferences in Europe, told the newsmen the switch in locale of the submarines will not leave any gaps in coverage of Soviet targets.

CAPE CANAVERAL  February 15 (UPI) — Tracking stations around the world are trying to find lost Syncom satellite. The 125-pound Syncom was hurled into space aboard a three-stage Delta rocket yesterday to test a new technique of radio and telephone communications via settling satellites. It climbed to an altitude of about 22,000 miles and disappeared about five hours after it was launched. Syncom hasn’t been heard from since.

VINCENTRES (Ind.)  February 15 (UPI) — Two young, shotgun-wielding bandits staged a curb service holdup yesterday. Police ordered them to go inside and bring all the cash — $300 — to their waiting car.

CAMBRIDGE (Mass.)  February 15 (UPI) — Actress Shirley MacLaine receives the annual “woman of the year award” Monday from Harvard University. Shirley MacLaine was chosen for the award because she has exhibited not only an extraordinary high degree of acting ability but also a sparkling personality and a genuine lively sense of humor.

WASHINGTON  February 15 (UPI) — The average factory work week dropped in January for the second consecutive month. The Labor Department, in reporting that the work week declined, said it would be corrected if the drop continued. The Department said that unemployment rate in January by 0.09 million, bringing total unemployment to 4.7 million, the same as in January, 1962.

WASHINGTON  February 15 (UPI) — The Kennedy children, Caroline, 5, and John Jr., 1, received about 75 Valentine’s from youngsters across the country. The press secretary said a few in the bundle were for Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy.