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Fisher, Robert Lloyd, 1925-

Robert Lloyd Fisher Papers, 1951-2009

Physical Description: 1 open reel audio tape recording (approximately 15 minutes), 1 folder

Description: Open reel audio tape and lyrics of "Downwind Calypso Song," written and performed by John F. Andrewes, ship's doctor on SIO Downwind Expedition. Includes correspondence from 1957-1961, and photographic prints and negatives from Downwind Expedition, mostly taken in Peru, Easter Island, and aboard Spencer F. Baird, 1958. Includes 17 December 1951 Los Angeles Examiner article on “Wonders in Sea Canyons Charted” which mentions Fisher and others diving in underwater canyons; article includes illustration of Scripps Canyon by Donald B. Sayer of SIO. Includes two photographs of a 1976 Soviet research vessel on which Fisher travelled, including an equator crossing the line ceremony.
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<th>&quot;Downwind Calypso Song&quot; by John Andrewes, 1957. Recording made by Robert L. Fisher. caljsioa_aud0051264 = 7” reel-to-reel audio recording [Stored in Archives Media Reel-to-Reel Box 6]. caljsioa_aud0051264.mp3 = MP3 file, time 00:10:55. DESCRIPTION: Records a song, “Downwind Calypso Song,” written and performed by John Andrewes, ship’s doctor on SIO Downwind Expedition in 1957-1958. Recording starts out with muffled voices, actual introduction starts at 01:05 into the recording.</th>
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DON WIND CALYPSO SONG

By Jon Andrews - Ship's Surgeon

1. On the twenty first October nineteen fifty seven
   The horizon proceeded slowly out of haven.
   When the Spencer P. B. aird followed later in the day,
   The Downwind Expedition was under way.

Chorus: Oh we were far away, day after day,
   From California where we long to stay,
   and if you want the news, then you cannot refuse
   To let us talk of the Downwind Oceanographical Cruise.

2. Now we each thought we'd like to be a movie star
   So we borrowed an Italian with a camera.
   But Maxwell's picture wasn't fit to release
   As he was making dirty gestures and was covered in grease.

3. We have a seaman called Montgomery
   Who started a textile store in Tahiti
   And since we departed out of San Diego,
   He hasn't stopped discoursing for a minute or so.

4. Tahiti is an island paradise,
   The ladies all surrounded Bunky Rice,
   and when he's been home for half a year or more,
   He will have many more children than he had before.

Chorus:

5. We were having a party on the Spencer Baird
   When the voice of George from down below was heard.
   We thought maybe he had too many gins
   When he told us he was going to fetch the bar from Quinn's.

6. Early on in the trip we saw that it was true
   That Maxwell Silverman had nothing to do
   So the engineers tried to do all they were able
   To put kinks and birdcages and arse-holes in the cable.

7. While the Baird was steaming near to Rapa Isle,
   The horizon was to eastward all the while,
   Till a message came (hurridly) over the air
   That they were stranded on a coral reef that wasn't there.

Chorus: [frantically]

8. From there we started on a Southward sprint
   As they thought it would be nice to have our name in print,
   But in the roaring forties winds did blow
   And we had to go directly to Valparaiso.

9. Now down in the south it was not very warm
   and we ran into a most incredible storm
   So life was becoming just an absolute hell
   Till we got a friendly message from Roger Revelle.
10. Then Christmas time was spent in Santiago,
   And Pepin won some money in the Casino.
For Christmas in midsummer can be very fine,
   When you've pretty senoritas and Chilean wine.

Chorus:

11. Now Pepin, Jones and Doctor Russell Raitt
   They used to run Seismic stations very late;
   But, thank God, they had to stop working after dark
   When their hydrophones were eaten by a squid or a shark.

12. Meanwhile Norris tried to sample the ocean floor
   But the sediment all ran out of his gravity core;
   Until one morning he was happy to discover
   That someone had a stock of little valves of rubber.

13. From Valparaiso, Chile, the PPR did sail,
   And on January the thirteenth they found a whale.
   It saw their PPR head and took a bite,
   So they had to stay in Callao extra night.

Chorus:

14. So next day we sailed into Callao, Peru
   They asked a lot of questions about all the crew.
   Mister Dragunovitch he was so very popular
   That they took him off to prison when he landed there.

15. After Callao, Peru, the crew began to spend
   a lot of time sitting on their after end
   That 'twas amebic dysentery there were grounds,
   So at night they put refrigerator out of bounds.

16. Then in treating dysentery and other ills
   The Doctor discovered he was out of pills
   and so he decided he would make no bones
   About borrowing from Porky or from Allan Jones.

Chorus:

17. Sala y Gomez is a desert island
   With no native women or a bar on hand,
   and Fischer and Norris had to quickly embark
   While Victor Vogel was having a little chat with a shark.

18. The Horizon thought it would be rather cute
   To bring back a statue for the Institute
   At Easter Island they found one there
   But when George couldn't lift it they gave up the idea.

19. Now Junior went ashore on Easter Isle of course
   And he thought it would be nice to ride a horse;
   But the ladies there were really overjoyed
   When they found that he could be much better employed.
Chorus:

20. When we crossed the equator we were initiated
With a piece of paper this was certificated;
But Porky Parker's paper could not be found,
So he'll have to be initiated next time round.

21. Oh when the Horizon and the Spencer Baird
Left the port of San Diego no one cared,
But when they started sailing home once more
There was a hell of a race between the Baird and the Hor.

22. On the twenty fourth of Febry nineteen fifty eight
The Horizon discovered they were apt to be late
So someone in the office sent a message on the air
To tell Captain Phinney that it wouldn't be fair.

Chorus:

23. Then Trepani said he thought it would be grand
To see the ships arriving hand in hand.
So the people from the press and from the T.V. station
would let the public think it was a two-ship operation.

Final Chorus:
We are home again despite the stress and the strain.
In California where we will remain;
And now you've heard the news, you should really should refuse
To permit another South Sea island Holiday cruise.