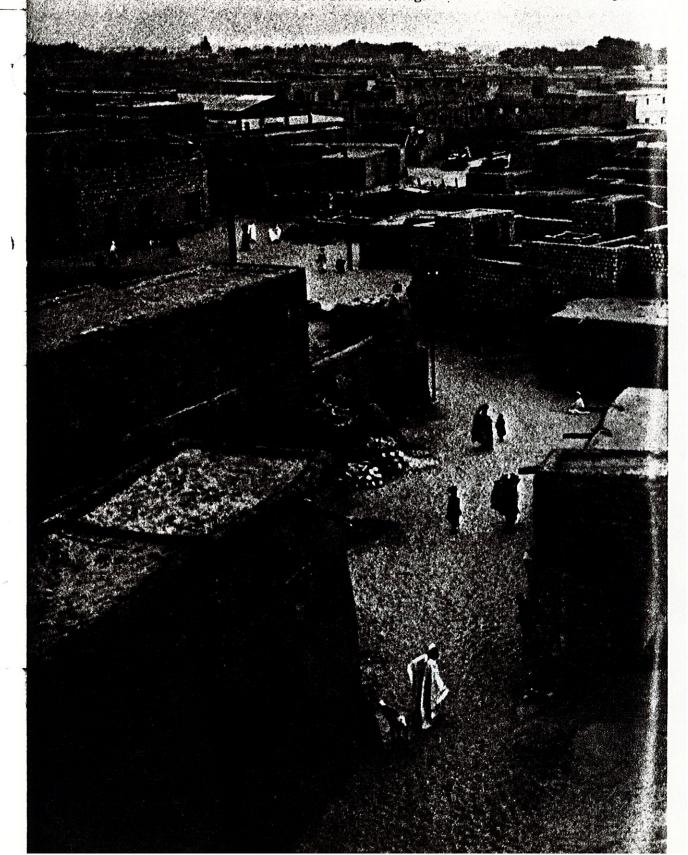


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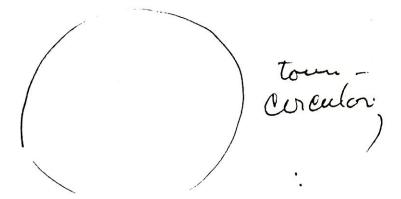
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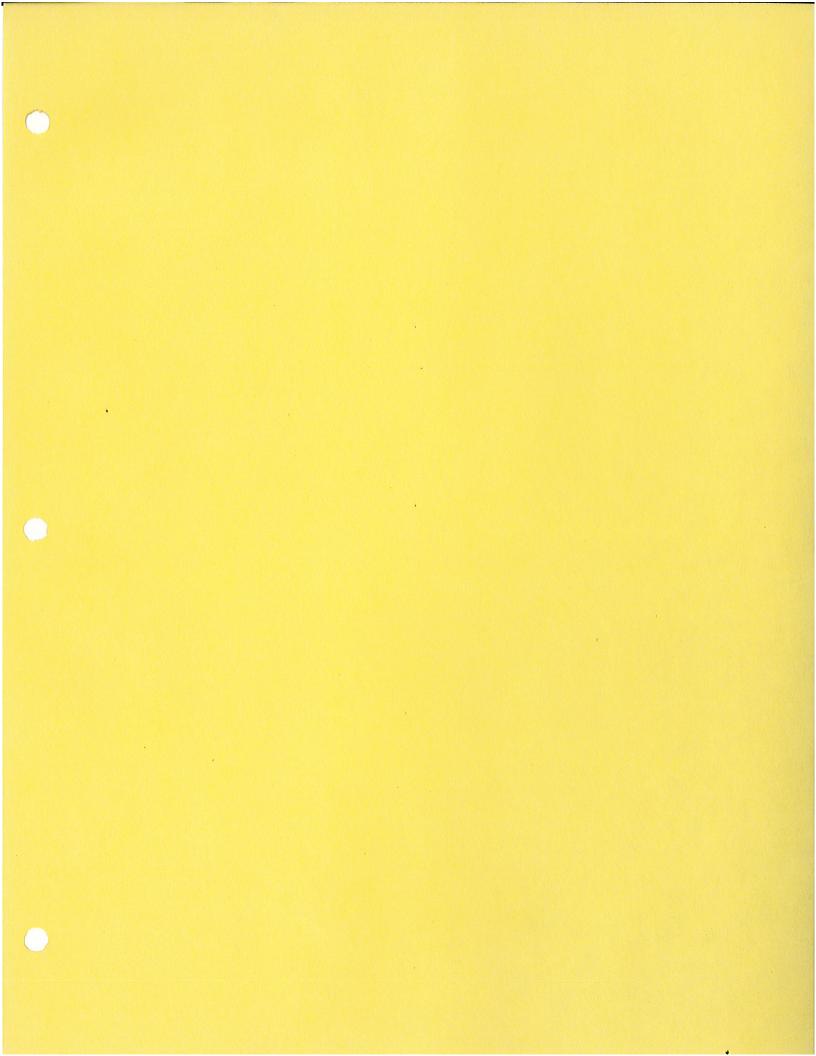
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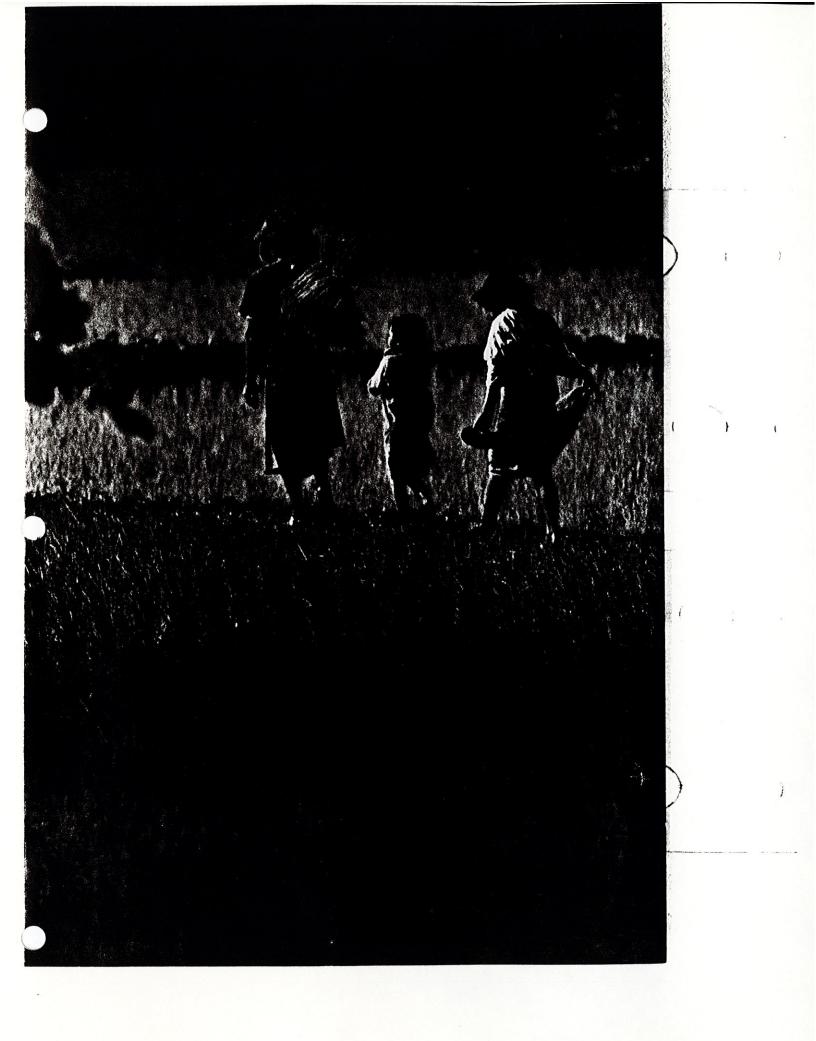
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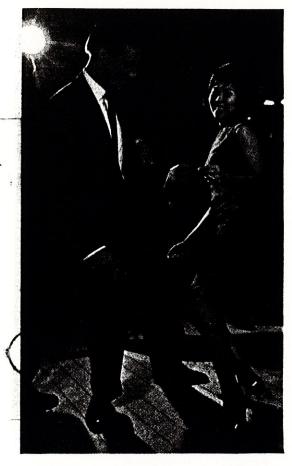
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European and Chinese partners delight in the twist, an American dance, at a private party in a Singapore home.

Singapore's Teeming Maze Lies at an Asian Crossroads

"If no untimely fate awaits it, [Singapore] promises to become the emporium and the pride of the East," wrote Sir Stamford Raffles after he leased the nearly uninhabited island in 1819.

The city's British founder proved prophetic. Situated at the tip of the Asian mainland, Singapore was hard for ships to avoid, and few did. Soon it drew a host of Malays, Chinese, Indians, Javanese, Ceylonese, Eurasians, and Europeans. City and free port grew rich on trade.

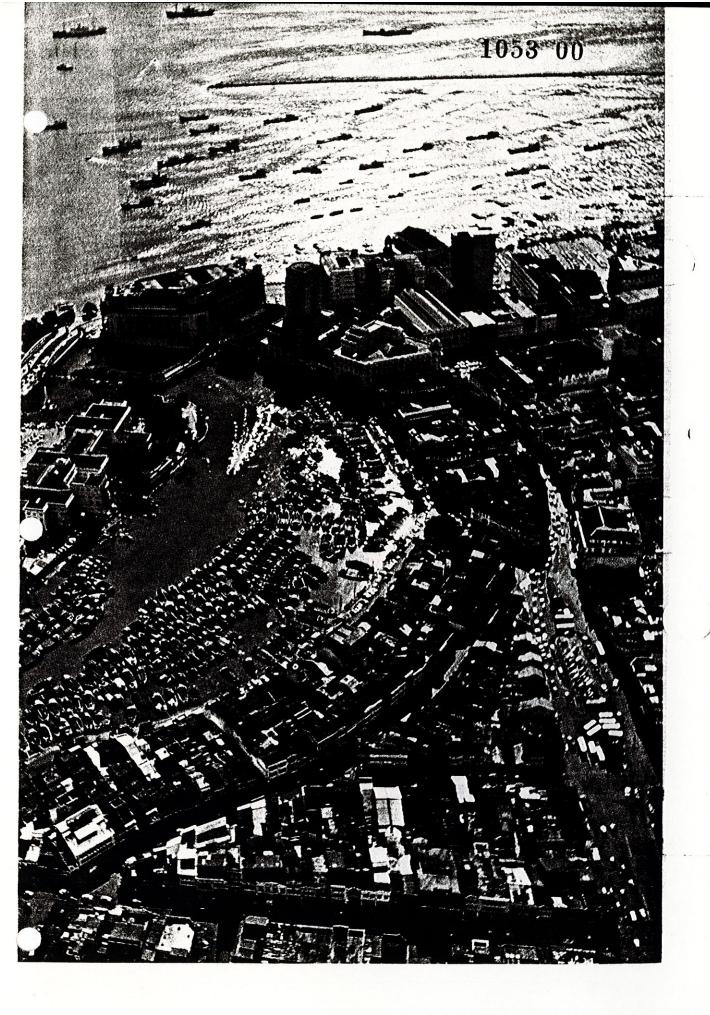
Here, like so many waterbugs, hundreds of sampans cluster in Singapore River as ocean-going freighters anchor in the harbor's inner and outer roads.

Banks, shipping firms, insurance offices, and department stores ring Raffles Place, a one-time swamp at upper center. Clock tower at left tops Victoria Memorial Hall and Theatre.





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Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and of Mount Tyree, named for Rear Adm. David M. Tyree, Commander of U. S. Navy Forces in Antarctica in 1959-62 (page 851). A major objective was to sample ancient rock strata and to look for fossils high in the central mountain area.

Eggs and Explorers Head for "the Ice"

In Christchurch, New Zealand, on December 6, 1966, we climbed aboard a Navymanned C-130 Hercules for the 8½-hour flight to "the Ice," as old hands call Antarctica.

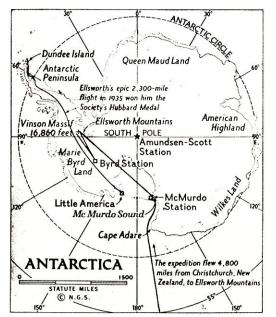
Our party was honored by the company of Rear Adm. Fred E. Bakutis, then Commander of Operation Deep Freeze. Supplies bound for the main U. S. base at McMurdo Sound included crates of fresh eggs stacked high over my head. I hoped the landing would not make me one ingredient in a giant omelet.

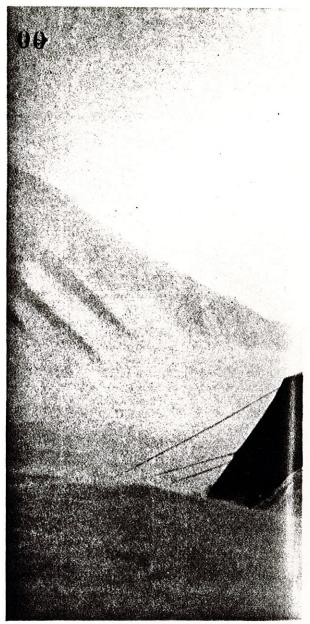
As we flew over Cape Adare, the admiral pointed out the window, and I stood to peer down at ships grinding southward through the pack ice—the annual supply fleet, led by the Coast Guard icebreaker *Glacier*.

Soon we were descending to McMurdo, and I returned to my seat under the egg crates. Not a shell cracked as we landed.

At McMurdo, Jerry Huffman, USARP representative, helped us round out our gear, adding two Nansen sleds and a Polaris motor toboggan, fondly dubbed "lawnmower with skis" (pages 851 and 860). We also picked up radios, generators, and antennas.

At 5 p.m. on December 7th, our skiequipped C-130 lumbered into the air with





Frigid blasts abate as Barry Corbet leaves his shelter at Vinson Camp I to inspect damage from a two-day storm. Winds as high as 80 miles an hour savagely buffeted the tents. A hastily grabbed shovel shored up a bending tent pole during the height of the blizzard.

Less fortunate, men at Base Camp (right) had to struggle out of shelters that collapsed during the storm. Equipment blew as far as two miles down the glacier. Even as they began picking up the pieces, Dick Wahlstrom, left, started digging a snow cave for emergency shelter in future blows.

Wind is the demon of Antarctica. Like the Sahara, the continent has scant precipitation, averaging less than six inches annually. But constant cold preserves the snow for years, and the explosive wind drives it like the sand of desert dunes.

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Sun, Sand, and Sea Spell Summer for Bathers on a Vineyard Beach

Discovered in 1602 by an English navigator, the Atlantic-washed island was missionary colony, sheep-raising center, and whaling settlement before winning fame as a vacation resort. Summer visitors swell the population to seven times its winter size and provide the island's main source of income. Vineyard residents, convinced providence has favored their home above all others, tend to look down on all things "off-island."

Boats, umbrellas, and beach chairs announce open season at Oak Bluffs.

Shaggy crew member and youthful skipper, in their surfboardlike Sailfish, sit out a calm off Edgartown. Superb training craft for young mariners, the unsinkable Sailfish readily capsizes but rights easily. Edgartown's fleet numbers about 30.





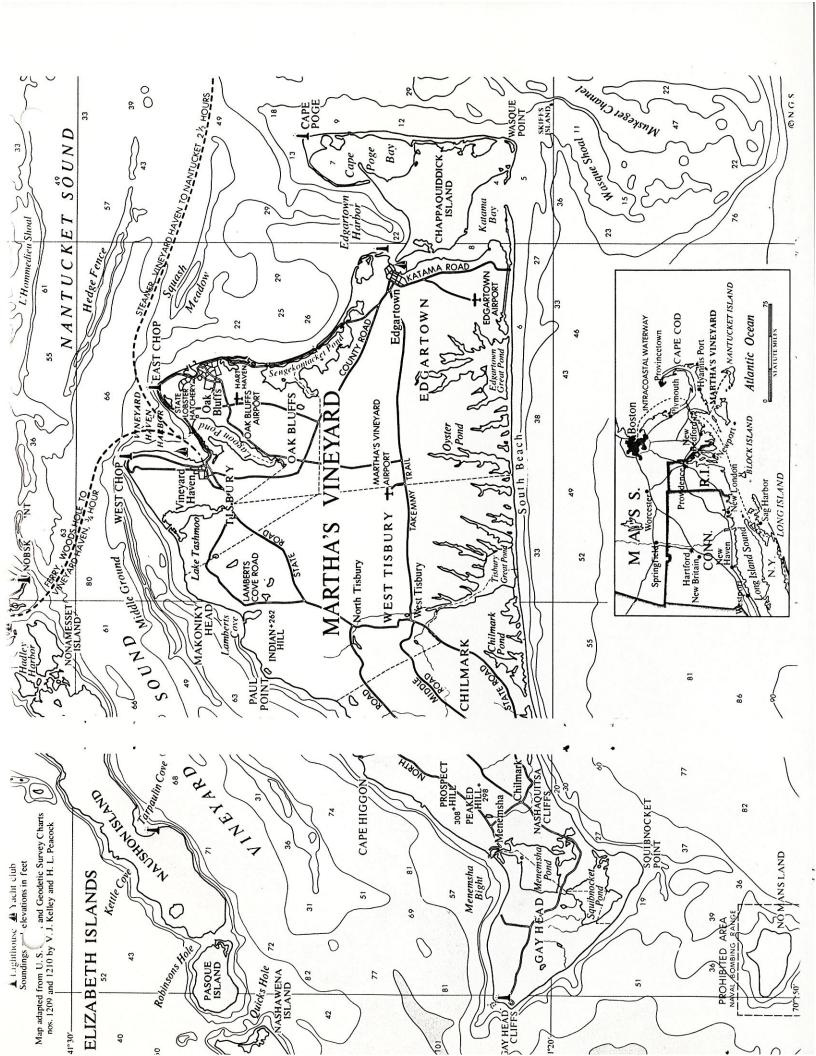
a doorway, a hunting dog flushes a covey of birds; there a whale spouts an endless geyser. A knight on a charger thunders into battle, a saint spreads his arms in peace. Fleurs-de-lis and sunbursts, like the paper lace in a bakery shop, fill every corner. The results are tinsel-and-frosting houses right out of the Grimms or Hans Christian Andersen (pages 784-5).

Oak Bluffs is famous for this pageantry in wood, a Victorian architectural craze that some think charming, others a nightmare, but in any case a sight that everyone comes to see at least once.

"We call it 'American Carpenter's Renaissance,' "Henry Beetle Hough, editor of the highly respected *Vineyard Gazette* and a student of the carvings, told me with a smile. "Others label it the Jigsaw Era.

"The sad thing is, it's a dying art. No one has the time and skill to repair this priceless work. It's a thing of the past."

The past, in fact, seldom bothers Oak Bluffs. Begun in 1835 as a Methodist camp meeting,



A FIFTH-GRADE PUPIL on Martha's Vineyard Island once wrote an essay on Julius Caesar.

Summing up his disapproval of the Roman dictator, the author began: "In the first place, Julius Caesar was an off-islander."

I don't know if the story is true. I have only been visiting Martha's Vineyard for 25 years, so you see I'm an off-islander myself.

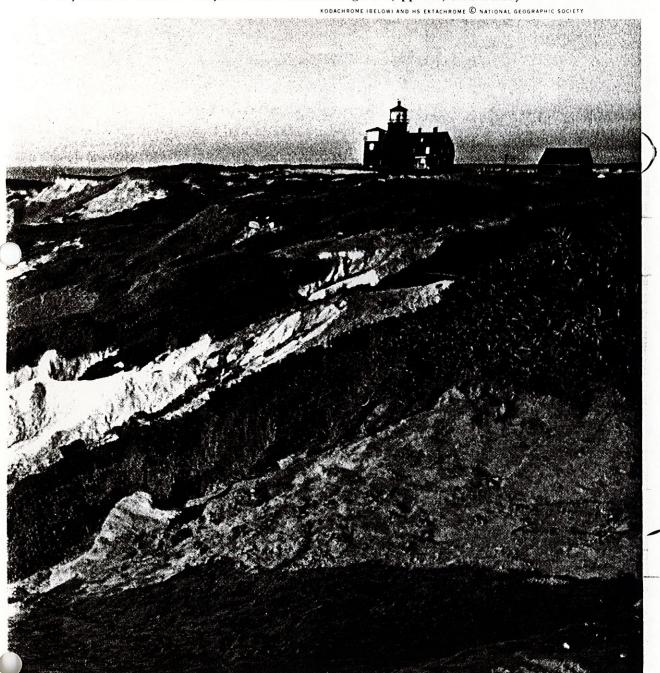
How, then, do you become an islander – or, to use the proper term, a Vineyarder? First of all, you must be born on 109 square miles of moor and dunes lying off the Massachu-

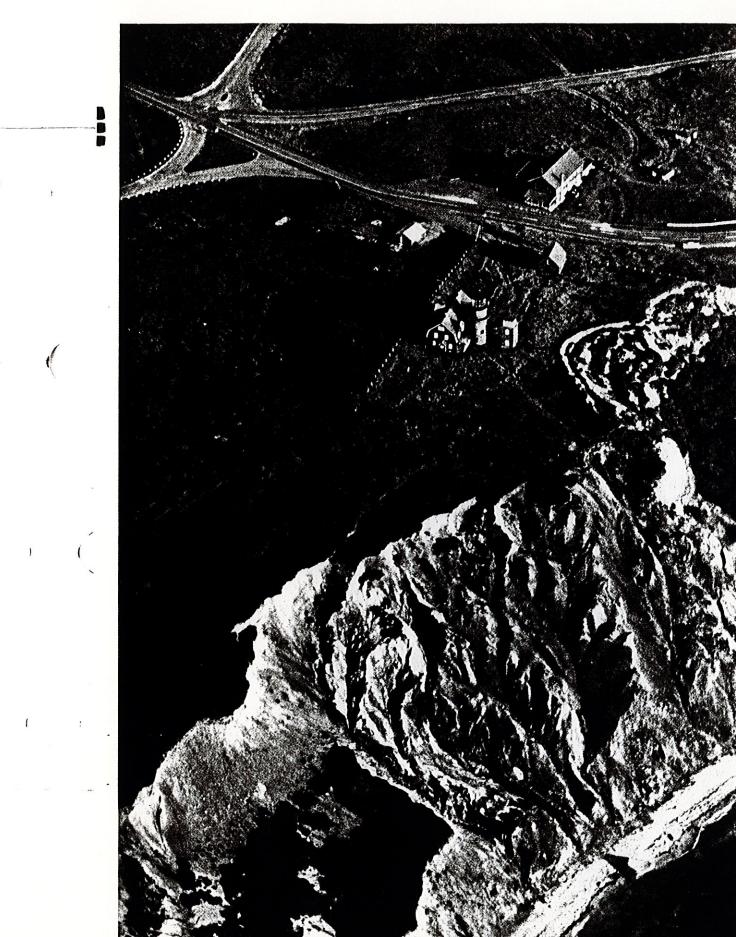
setts coast. Immigrating is not enough; you must be born there. It would help if you became a fisherman, a carpenter, or a boatbuilder; but a lighthouse keeper, a stonemason, or a wharfinger would do very well. So would a schoolteacher, an oceanographer, an editor, or a doctor with a talent for separating fishhooks from fingers.

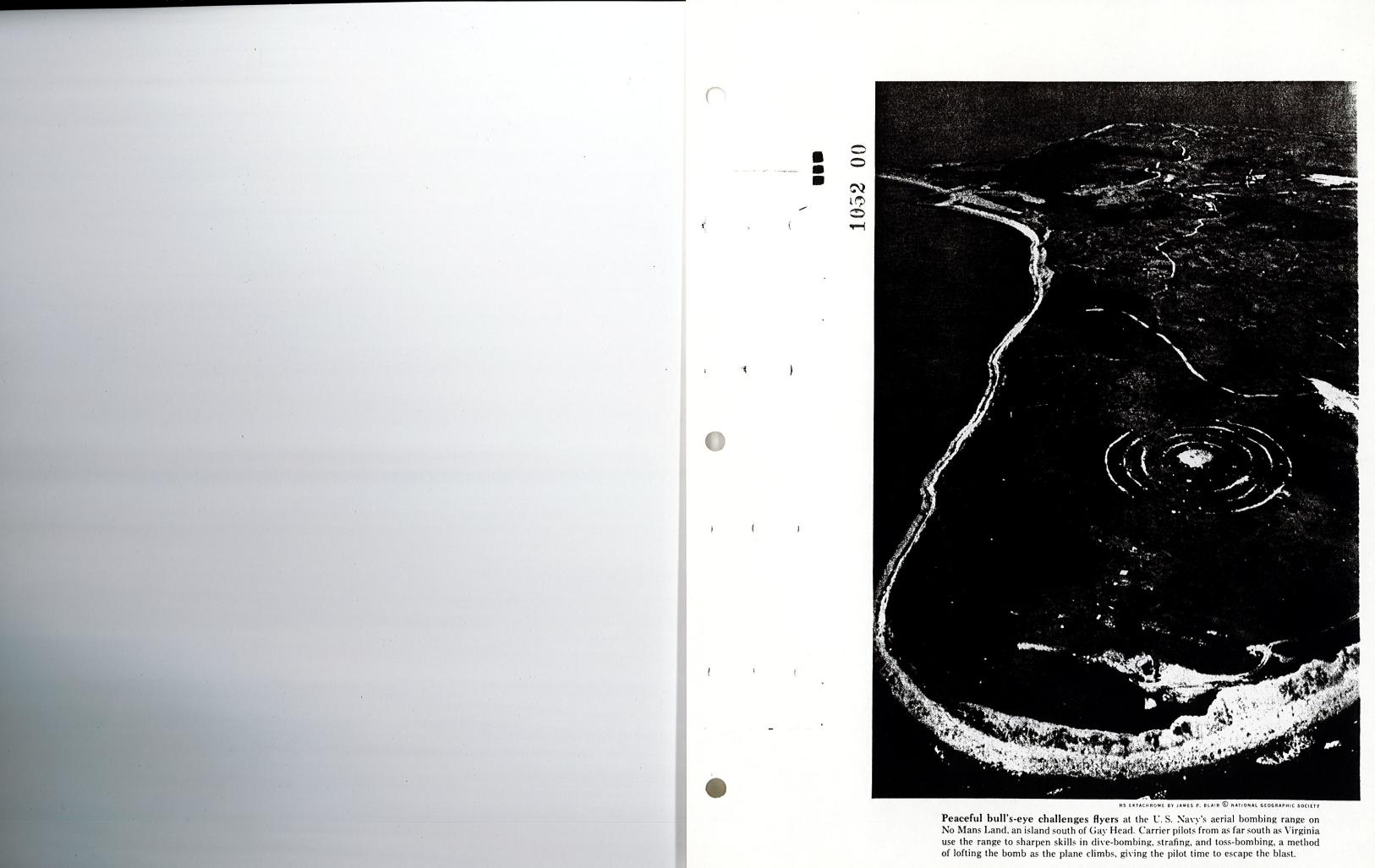
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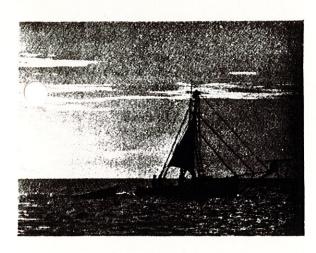
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of Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard Island. Swordfishing boat (opposite) calls it a day







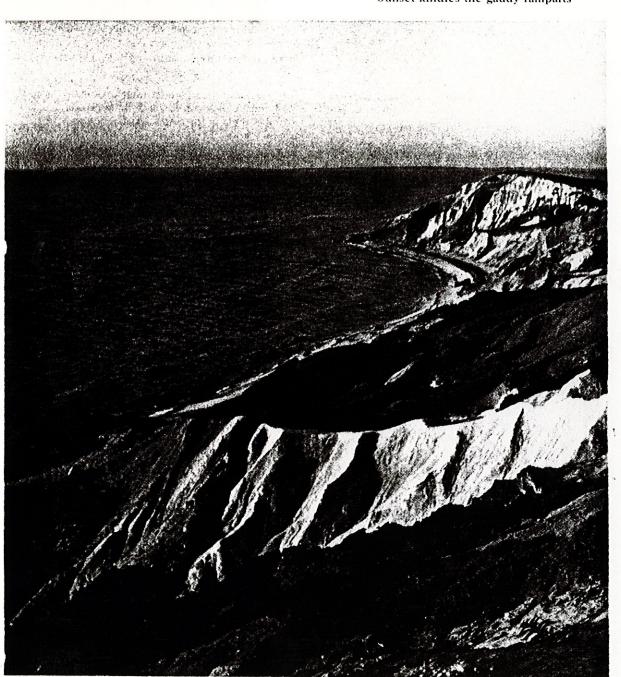


Martha's Vineyard

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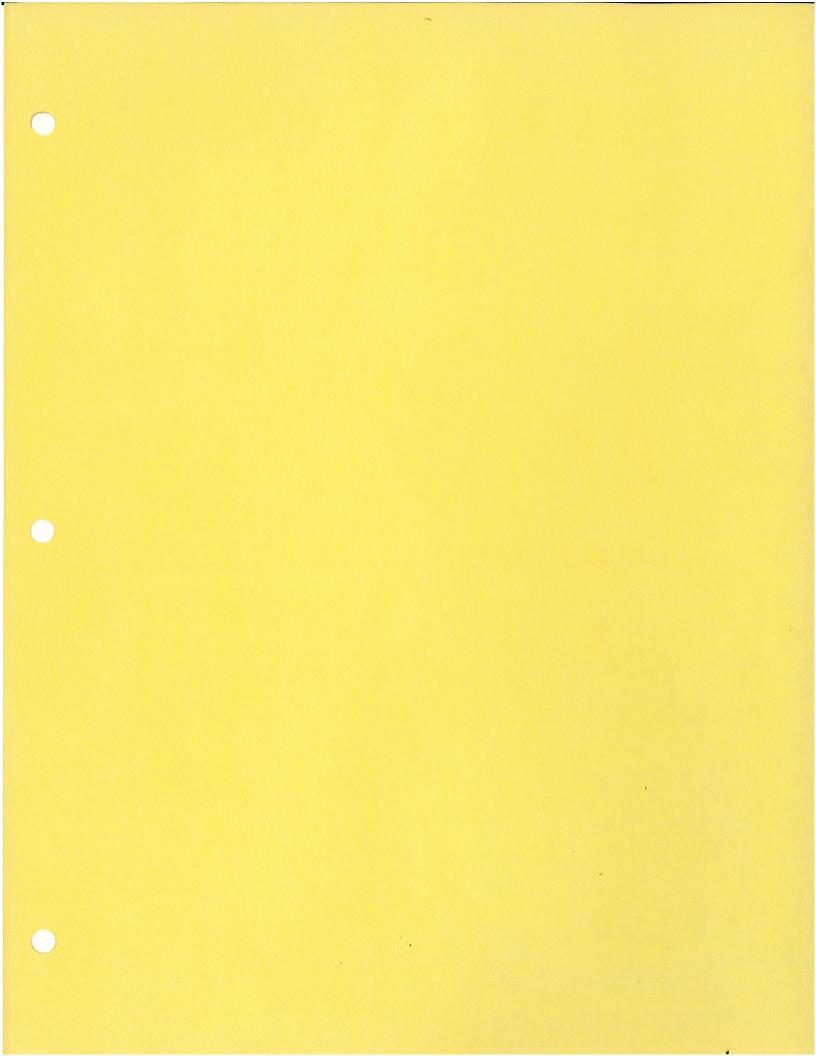


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Favorite Old Haunt of Famous Authors, the Cheshire Cheese Lives On

"There is nothing which has yet been contrived by man," said Dr. Samuel Johnson, the 18th-century lexicographer, "by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn." Perhaps he had in mind Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, a pub off Fleet Street. Johnson, who lived near by, may have dined there often, though biographer Boswell fails to record a visit. Charles Dickens was a frequent patron; the management preserves several checks he cashed. These diners await thick slices of roast beef. A portrait of Johnson hangs on the wall above his "favorite seat."

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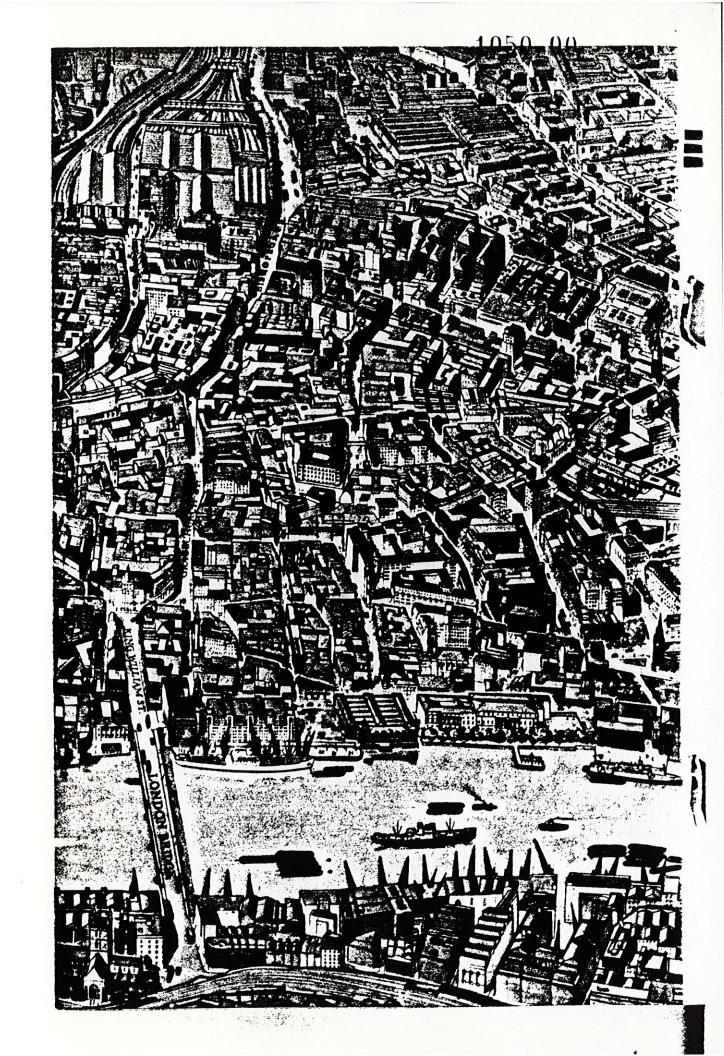
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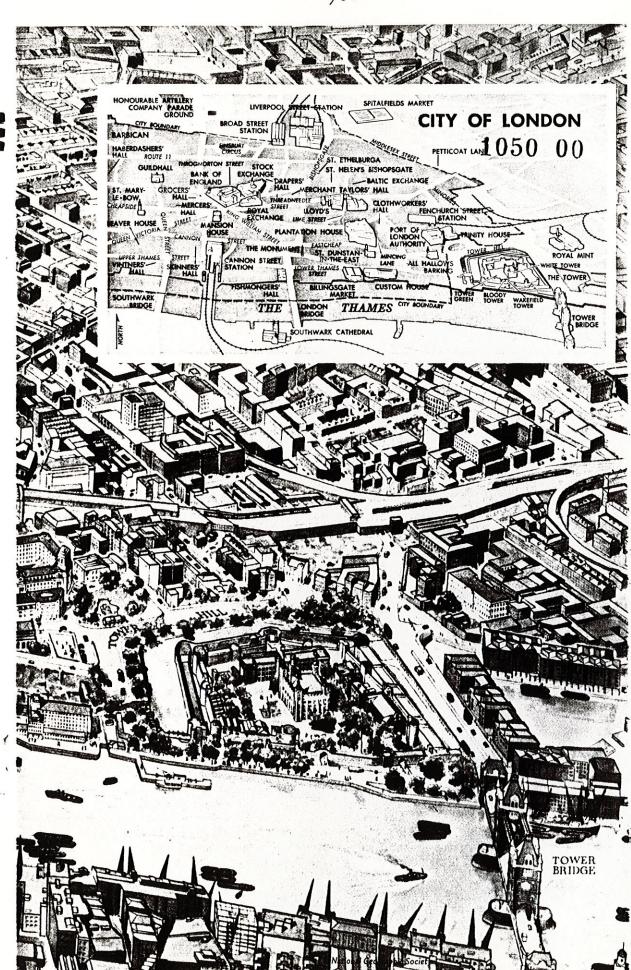
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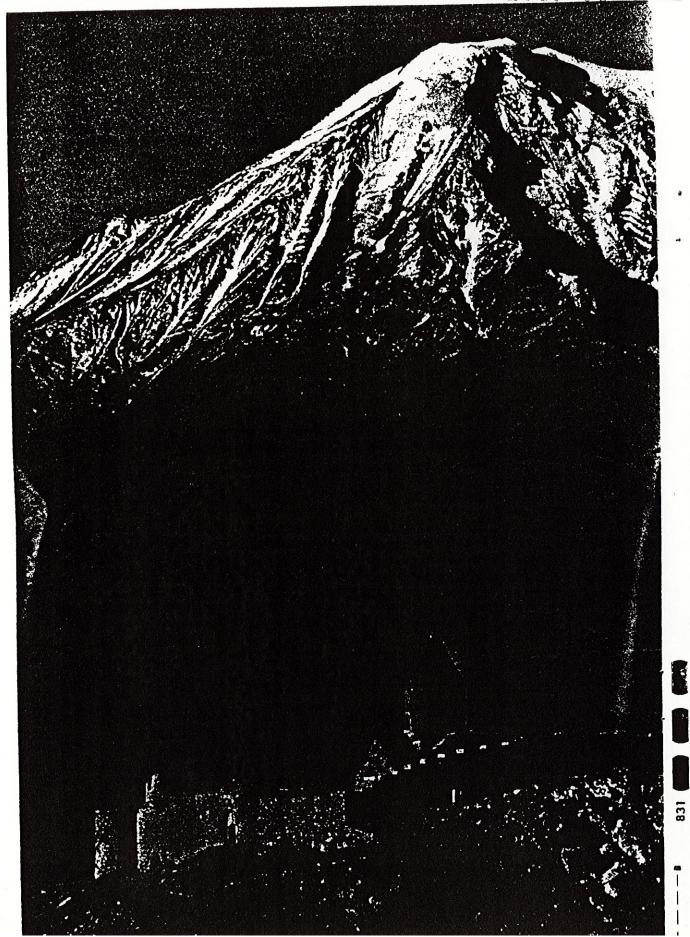
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