



*Left—After twelve days at sea with work and drills, liberty call is sweet music to a seaman's ears. The arrival of the Fleet in Panama boosted the local population some 40,000. Fortunately for all concerned, they could not all go ashore at once. But the parties were large and the streets of Balboa, Ancon and Panama City were crowded with white uniformed men. Pier 17 was a busy place with men coming and going to the various units anchored off shore. Tugs did good service in relieving the heavy duty of ship's boats. But it was a long ride under tropical sun.*

*Right—The National Lottery is quite an institution throughout Central America. Seated alongside the main thoroughfares of the City of Panama may be seen old women who hold boards. On these boards hang long strips of paper with numbers. You pay fifty cents and take a ticket. Once a week the winners are drawn. This picture shows the lottery drawing. Sometimes the holders of the winning numbers are made independent. More often your number is unheard of and you are simply out the price of the ticket.*

