



Flight plans, aircraft and at-sea routine were set aside when **FORRESTAL** declared "People Day." The unofficial holiday served to break up stretches of high-tempo operations, leaving each man an open schedule for relaxation, recreation—or both.

People Day gave many of the men a chance to melt into what seemed acres of sun-starved flesh lounging and tanning on the flight deck; while more energetic shipmates entertained themselves and onlookers in organized athletic events. Portable stereos competed with the live efforts of local talent.

Whatever the inclination, all found time to wander aft, where the cooks worked miracles with halved 50-gallon drums and charcoal. The afternoon-long barbeque of thousands of steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs, with all the trimmings, would lead up to Casino Night or Bingo Night and, ultimately, the next day's work-routine. But the crew returned to work alert and refreshed—if not a shade sunburned.