

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE A SUDDEN
SURGE DEPLOYMENT

The on this newspaper reads that the Sixth Fleet has been reinforced in a crisis as in the Yom Kippur War, and that's about the only message he gets. In actual fact when the Commander in Chief makes the decision to initiate a surge in deployment of this tupe, major evolutions must immediately get underway in the services affected. If a carrier task force is about ready to deploy, it means speeding up the delivery of equipment which was scheduled to arrive at the last moment. In any event, the ships' stocks of spare parts and other supplies are never fully outfitted due to budgetary limitations. When the crisis begins emergency expenditures are made for emergency withdrawal from other sources to bring the ships up to full outfitting wich must deploy. Men are recalled from emergency leave and from routine leave in order to fill up the allowance of the ship. Normal leaves are cancelled for the period of the crisis, training is either curtailed or eliminated, and heroic efforts made enroute to make up for the training which has been missed. The decision to deploy in this modern era with systems as complex as those of the capital intensive services is one that reaches right down into all aspects of the Navy in order to provide.