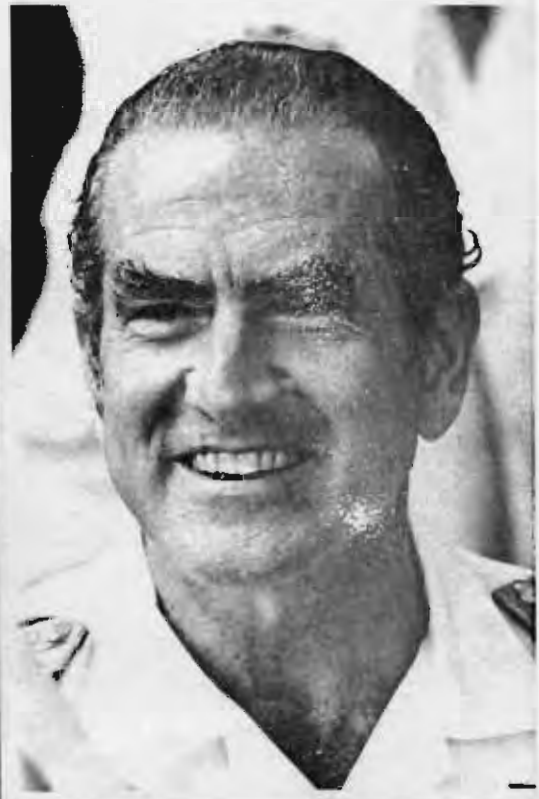


the
Zumwalts



in
Yokosuka



People Came First June Fourth

June 4, 1971, the Big Z Day at Yokosuka's U.S. Navy Base, dawned cloudy and wet. But the weather could not dampen the warm response evoked when Admiral and Mrs. Elmo R. Zumwalt visited the base.

In Japan to confer with Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force officials, the Admiral and his family took time out from their four day stay to meet the people who come first in his book, Navy men and their wives.

COFFEE

Mrs. Zumwalt received over 500 enthusiastic Navy wives at a coffee given in her honor at Club Alliance. The coffee, jointly hosted by the Chief Petty Officers Wives Club, the Navy Wives Club of America Branch # 258, and the Yokosuka Officers Wives Club, drew wives from all over the Kanto Plains area. The wives were unanimous in opinion

that the Admiral's Lady who has become "our Mrs. Z" was lovely.

The Zumwalts' two daughters Ann and Mouza also attended the coffee and candidly responded to questions on current fashions in the States as they mingled among the wives.

During the function, Mrs. Zumwalt was given a sumie painting drawn by Mr. Yoshichika Umezu, an employee at the base's Ship Repair Facility. Dressed in summer kimono, Mr. Umezu presented his Japanese brush and ink painting on behalf of all the wives and added a personal gift of his own, a writing penned so small that the unaided eye could not discern it.

CONFERENCES

At the same time across Hwy 16, Admiral Zumwalt met with officers and men at various conferences throughout the morning. Questioners who could not be given an immediate answer were



promised replies from Washington. The CNO ate lunch at the Enlisted Mess Hall and afterwards discussed minority problems with the base's Human Relations Council.

Speaking to more than 700 sailors and Marines in Thew Gym, the big "Z" stated some of his concepts which have made him, as one wife put it,

"the first CNO whose name I've ever known" and a man as familiar to today's Navy wives as to their husbands.

At the Gym, Admiral Zumwalt said, "Of all the needs we have, of all those things we need to be concerned about in the future, the greatest is people. If we do not retain within the Navy the high



"I find being a Navy wife a full-time job in itself, full of challenge and its own brand of reward."

quality enlisted and officer personnel that we need, there is simply no point in procuring ships, aircraft and weapons systems. We won't have the know-how to man them.

"And so, from the standpoint of just pure good business sense, it's important for us to concentrate on people. I also happen to believe

it's right and that for too long we have expected sacrifices from our military personnel greater than the sacrifices of our civilian citizens. We simply must, as we point toward achieving an all-volunteer force, continue to find ways in which we can improve the conditions of service life so that adventuresome and patriotic young men will decide they



"Making a good home for a man, taking a genuine interest in those things he is doing, and supporting him without complaint when he has a difficult job to do are among the most important things a wife can do to help her husband be successful."



can afford to make a career of the Navy."

INTERVIEW

As her schedule was extremely tight, there was no time for Mrs. Z to hold a "press conference," but she did reply to a written interview and much of the following is based on

both her direct answers and on information contained in a Parade cover story on the Zumwalts written by Lloyd Shearer.

MEETING IN SHANGHAI

Lt. "Bud" Zumwalt met Mouza Coutelais du Roche at her aunt's home in Shanghai October 1, 1945. As a



young man who knew what he wanted, the American Lieutenant set out to win Mouza though he could speak no Russian and she no English. They were married five weeks later and brought uniquely disparate backgrounds to their union.

EARLY LIVES

Mouza, the only child of a French

father and a Russian mother, was born in Manchuria where her parents had fled when the Communist revolution broke out in Leningrad. Some years later her mother fell victim to cancer and Mouza took her to Shanghai. Several months later her mother died and Mouza could not return to Manchuria because of the outbreak of World War II. She never saw her father again.



Bud Zumwalt began his star bound career in Tulare as a third generation Californian of Swiss ancestry. Both parents were doctors and he himself aspired to be a physician. Then he accepted an appointment to the Naval Academy and graduated 24th of 615 in the accelerated class of '43.

MARRIED LIFE

The Zumwalts have four children: Elmo III and James and daughters Ann and Mouza. Elmo has finished his time in the Navy, was married last fall and now attends law school in North Carolina. Son Jim is an officer assigned to the USS LEAHY. Ann, 17, starts college in the fall and plans to earn a degree enabling her to work with the blind. Mouzetta, a pert 12 year old, keeps busy with her studies and "really had a ball" accompanying her parents on this trip.

Sea deployments have separated the Zumwalts for an aggregate of almost ten years of the marriage, so Mrs. Z is no stranger to long, lonely separations and the inherent problems of raising children alone. Of these problems she said they "are not new ones, of course. They existed before I had young children and still exist today. One good thing that Navy wives have going for them, and which I had going for me, is the interest and mutual concern which the wives who stay behind have for each other. Navy people tend to stick together and take care of their own, and this is one of the most important factors in easing the separations which sea duty brings."

Of all her husband's achievements, Mrs. Zumwalt is particularly proud of "his efforts to improve the quality of life for Navy people and their families." In fact her husband credits her with many recommendations born of personal experience which resulted in now famous Z-grams.

That she enjoys meeting people was obvious to the wives who met her June 4th. Her rapport was instantaneous and made one wonder how she really felt about greeting so many strangers. She said, "Each coffee and meeting I have with Navy wives has taught me a great deal and I welcome the opportunity to meet new people with their different outlooks, experiences and viewpoints on life. It is exciting, interesting and almost without exception, a very enjoyable experience."

The Zumwalts' visit to Yokosuka ended all too soon but during their brief stay they added luster to their already vivid image of a sincere and dedicated couple who hold dear the best interests of not only the Navy and the nation but of the men and women who serve as well.

