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SUBIC BAY, R.P. AUG. 26 -- The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo P. Zumwalt, Jr., completed a two-day visit at the Subic Bay Naval Base this afternoon following personal meetings with enlisted men and officers from the base and Seventh Fleet ships in port.

The "New Navy" Admiral held four "rap sessions" today; two with enlisted men and two with officers at the Subic Bay Naval Station and adjoining Cubi Point Naval Air Station.

On the first day of his visit, Admiral Zumwalt called on Commodore Hilario M. Ruiz, Flag-Officer-in-Command, Philippine Navy, and his staff aboard the Philippine Navy Ship Mount Samat (TP-21).

During the enlisted and officer meetings, CNO talked on several subjects affecting the "Modern Navy," such as reduced funds and equipment and the reduction of manpower. He expressed his particular concern over long deployments of ships which cause personnel to be away from their family for extended periods. He also discussed current naval operations in Southeast Asia.

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The Admiral pointed out that the Navy was concerned about its personnel and said that 62 percent of the defense budget had been allocated this fiscal year for personnel costs,

On the subject of drug abuse, the Admiral pointed out that the Navy has the lowest rate of drug offenders compared to any of the other services. Facts indicate that many navymen with drug problems who have asked for help have been cured and returned to duty.

Another topic of discussion during the sessions was that of equal opportunity among minorities. "I think you will all agree that we still have a ways to go, but we are working hard in this direction and much improvement has been shown throughout the Navy," stated the CNO.

In closing his sessions with both the officers and enlisted personnel, Admiral Zumwalt said: "It is quite apparent in my visits to fleet units and here that the major problem we face today is the communications gap between the older and newer generations of our Navy family. It should be the goal of all our senior officers and enlisted personnel to try harder to communicate with and understand our younger navymen and get involved in their activities. And our junior officers and enlisted men need to listen more closely to their seniors and gain from their knowledge and experience. Together, we can continue to build the best Navy the world has ever seen.

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The Admiral concluded, "I pledge to you all here today that during the next year I will continue to do my best to enhance our Navy and I ask you all to do the same."

Seventh Fleet ships visited by Admiral Zumwalt at Subic Bay included the USS DEWEY (DLG-14), USS BAUSELL (DD-788), USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146) and USS SARATOGA (CVA-60).

While visiting the USS DEWEY, Admiral Zumwalt, who was the first commanding officer of that guided missile frigate, painted the Battle Efficiency "E" on the bridge and challenged the crew to keep her the outstanding and lucky ship she has always been."