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THE LEFT-HANDER

ALMOST all implements and tools are made for right-handed people. It's the same in sport. For instance a left-hander using a right-hander's putter at golf would be a joke.

When a left-hander sits down for a meal at a strange table, he's sure to find it laid out for right-handed people only.

But despite the disadvantages, the left-hander can take heart. Some experts think that left-handed people are more intelligent than their right-handed brothers and sisters.

It is claimed, too, that left-handers are usually faster in the use of their hands, and therefore more efficient at manual jobs.

Today about eight per cent of the world's population are left-handed. But left-handedness is increasing. According to a school doctor, more children than ever before are now writing with their left hands.

Common in Men

Left-handedness is far more common in men than women, which shows yet again that women are usually right!

Left-handers have always excelled at certain sports. In boxing, for example, there's often a "southpaw" champion. Cricket and tennis usually have left-handers at, or near, the top.

If left-handedness has handicapped some people it has not bothered Charlie Chaplin, Ray Milland, Fred MacMurray, Olivia de Havilland or Judy Garland. All these stars of the screen are left-handed.

And some left-handers have been geniuses. These include Leonardo da Vinci and Hans Holbein, two of history's greatest painters.

Freaks !

Although the proportion of left-handers is generally low, in one part of the world it is exceptionally high. Among the Antanalas, a tribe in Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, almost everyone is left-handed, and anyone who is right-handed is looked on as a freak.

What makes people left-handed? Some medical authorities believe that in left-handed people the right-hand side of the brain is larger. And it is the right-hand side which controls the actions of the left side of the body.

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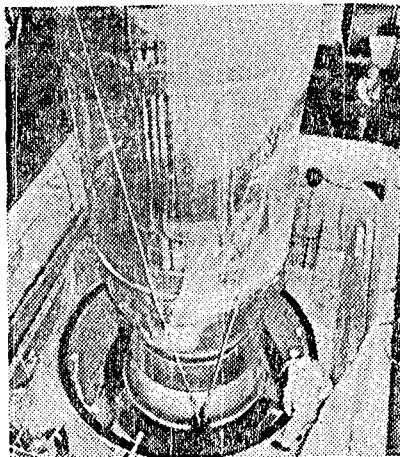


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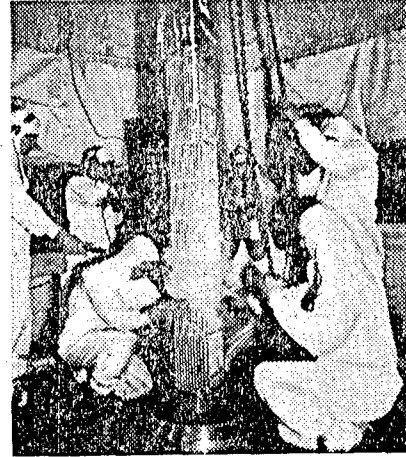
Today the world's first nuclear merchant ship, the 13,000-ton Savannah, is due to dock at Southampton. She is to stay five days, and on three of those days that time the public will have a chance of seeing her.

The American ship is 600 feet long and carries 100 tons of cargo besides 60 passengers.

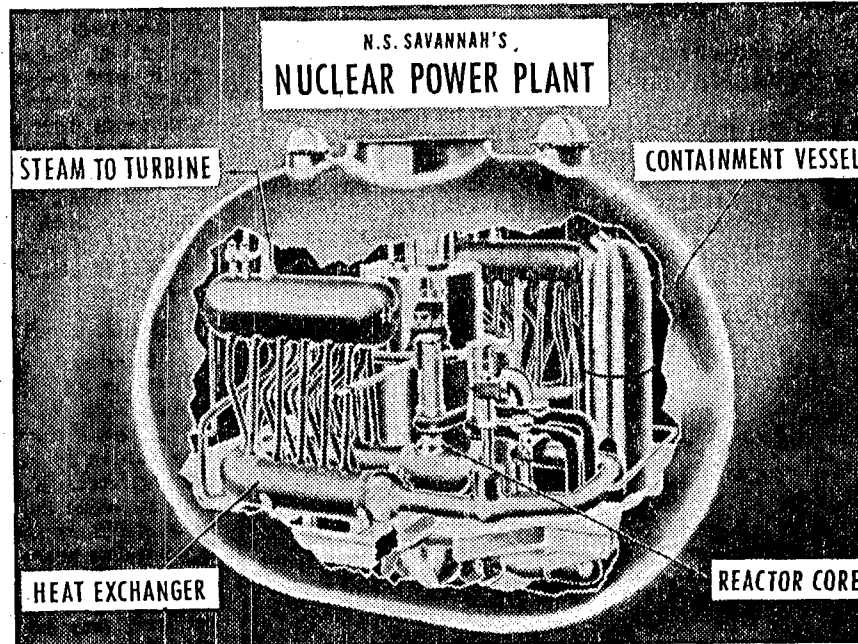
The power which drives her turbine is generated on board. It is produced by passing steam through a reactor, or "atomic steam generator." With one load of enriched uranium fuel she can run at normal cruising speed for three years.



Atomic reactor producing steam



Loading fuel into the reactor



Drawing of the reactor. It uses the splitting of uranium atoms to generate heat. This is used to turn water into steam and drive the turbines. The reactor is started by lifting control rods and stopped by lowering them

