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Around the world in ninety days

His interest in flying began in the Israel Air Force, where he performed his military service. He keeps in practice by flying whenever he can — if there is an airfield near the port he takes out a plane for half-an-hour "not to get rusty".

His involvement in art dates back to his youth, as a student of graphics and plastic art at the Bezalel Academy in Jerusalem.

When he realised that he was not going to be "the next Chagall or Picasso," and bearing in mind that "had Van Gogh been a ship's captain he would not have died from hunger", he joined the Navy, but took up collecting works of art.

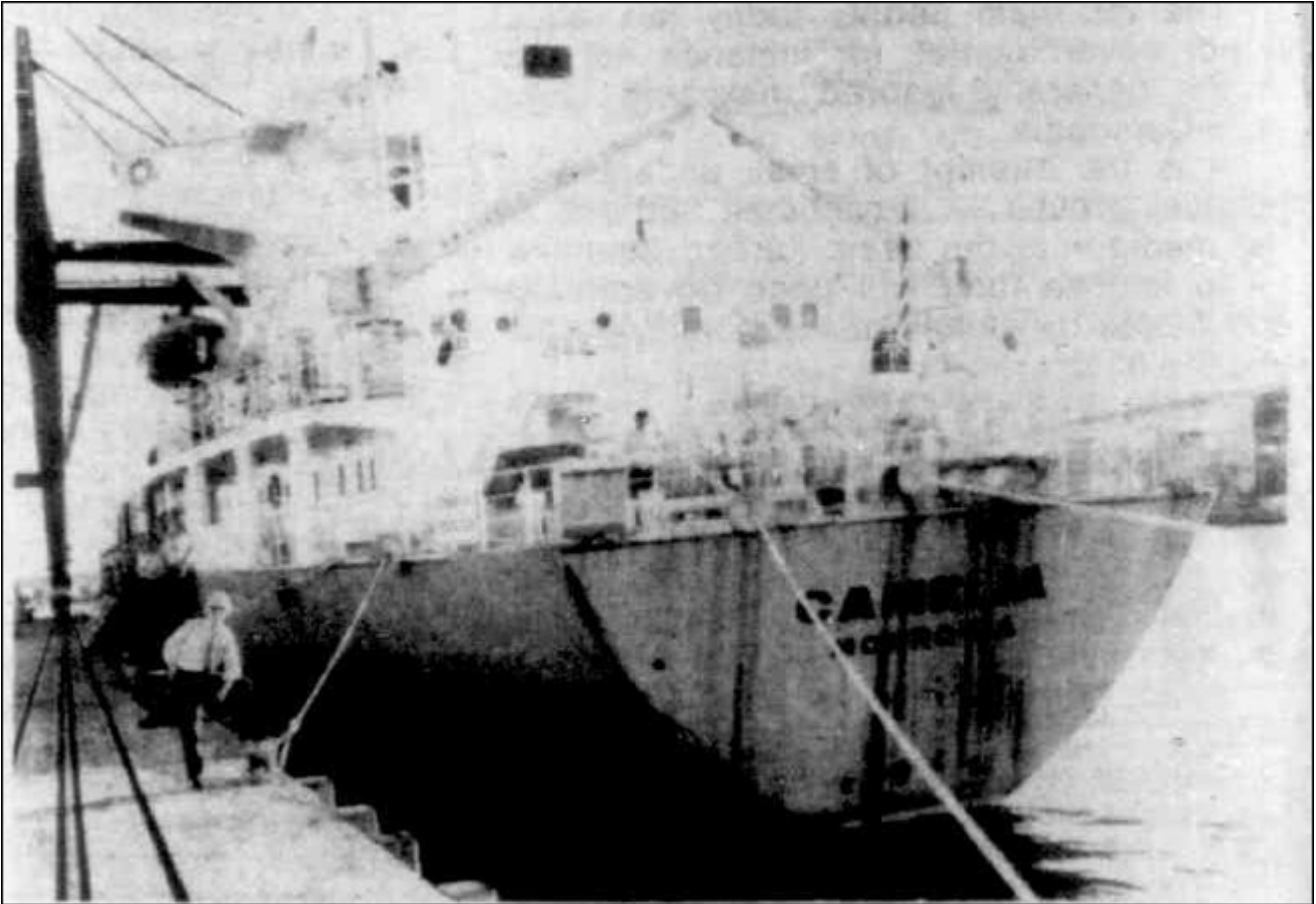
As soon as the ship docks, he finds out where art auctions are being held. He attended an auction in Melbourne and noted that "great art bargains are available here".

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An example of such "bargains" is proudly displayed on the wall of his stateroom — two boomerangs for his sons in Israel.

Captain Shimansky is completing a degree in political science and Jewish thought at Haifa University, simply for the pleasure of studying, and is a prolific amateur photographer — he has some marvellous shots of a UFO, spotted near the Solomon Islands on Nov. 16.

His career with the



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navy began with the lowest deck rank. Working his way up as third mate, then second mate, he obtained his master's papers in 1969, and received a commission on a tanker. He also skippered Zim's largest vessel — a 257,000-ton ship.

He is particularly familiar with the ports of the Far East and feels at home in the region.

Despite the protestations of the "normalcy" of his job, Captain Shimansky's life at sea has been fraught

with adventure. In 1969, after the burning of the

after the burning of the Israeli ship Tamar, he spent 24 hours in a lifeboat near Algiers. His wife thought he had been captured by the Algerians or was dead. He was eventually picked up by a British tanker and taken to London.

In 1973, he had to manoeuvre a tanker through a minefield on the route from Eilat to the Abu Rodeis oil fields. "I really got white hairs there," he recalled.

Being a captain is not the end of the line for Captain Shimansky. He hopes to "go into the

... Captain ...
hopes to "go into the
machinery of shipping
from the other side of the
barricade".