#### A Bookman's Notebook

By WILLIAM HOGAN

(Continued From Page 38) sticky at times, and while the story ends in a blaze of melodrama, the book as a whole is a hair-raiser that kept me glued to its pages.

☆ ☆ ☆ The cast of characters is dominated by the steelnerved Captain Finlander. The German NATO Commo dore is an ironic touch; so is a medical officer who sees a danger to the mental health of all concerned in this dead-ly g a m e; so is a kind of boorish radio-TV civilian corboorish radio-TV civilian cor-respondent aboard the Bed-ford, who is such a villanious fellow that I was sorry he was around. Under Mark Rascovich's handling, the reader becomes a member of the Bedford's company, no question about it, and the ir-ritating people aboard can become very irritating in-deed.

deed.

Often there are not two good Navy novels in a decade; yet here we have the second fine Navy novel of 1963. "The Sand Pebbles," Richard McKenna's Harper Petra Navel published in Richard McKenna's Harper Prize Novel, published in January, was a very different kind of book. That one involved the crew of an American gunboat on the Yangtze in the old days of the "treaty ports." Both books seem designed for the same masculine audience. Each is a first-rate story-telling performance. I recommend both for the armchair saltwater man.

The Bedford Incident. By Mark Rascovich. Atheneum; 337 pp.: 13.55.



MARKET CITED . . . Maury Shulkind (right), vice president and director of purchasing for The Boys Market chain, accepts a special award in behalf of his organization from Al Fehling, director of sales and marketing for the Western Division of Park Foods Co. for "services rendered toward the rehabilitation of the blind through guide dogs." The Boys Market chain has been cooperating with the pet food manufacturer in providing free guide dogs to the blind.

# Advisory Group Plans Meeting Roderick McDaniel, administrator of educational materials Philip Korman, principal, will trator of educational materials Present the musical program. The club is open to the pulic, and interested persons may call the president, Charles Cederlof, at FR 8-8351 for more information.



TIRED VOLUNTEERS . . . Mrs. Joseph Marchesano, from left, Mrs. L. Cocke and Mrs. Ronald Cruger cool feet after participating, with hundreds of Southwest volunteers, in the door-to-door American Cancer Society's annual April

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Support of the California Real Estate Assn.'s "Property Owners Bill of Rights" was

urged in the award winning speech given by George Mobley of Pacific Plaza Realty at the regular 8 a.m., Thurday meeting of the Torrance-Lo mita Realtors Toastmasters Club held at the Pancake

House at Del Amo Center.

Toastmaster of the day, Don-ald Mario, presented the best critic trophy to Daniel Ingram, Pacific Plaza Realty, and the impromptu speech award was won by Barbara Marks of Fron-tier Realty.

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"Coronation Mass" with orchestra and choir. A humorous "Coffee Cantata" will also be presented. . . .

Additional soloists include Norma Cook, Stephan Rhoades, Bill Harper, Amanda Scott, Robert Eades and Madison Tay lor.

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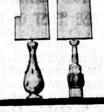
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