

# AIRLIFT GETS NAVY LIFT



**T**WO Navy MATS squadrons, VR-6 and VR-8, have joined the famous Berlin airlift and are now operating 25 R5Ds out of the Rhein Main Air Force Base near Frankfurt.

A Navy R5D (above) turns into take off position for the flight to Tempelhof Airport in Berlin while another, in the foreground, and an Air Force C-54 await their turn.

Between engine checks a group of ground crewmen thaw out around an open-air stove (right).

Crew members check out 'chutes and other equipment before the hop to Berlin (lower right).

Unloading is done so quickly that crews must remain in the vicinity of their planes. Mobile lunch wagons (lower left) bring out chow.

