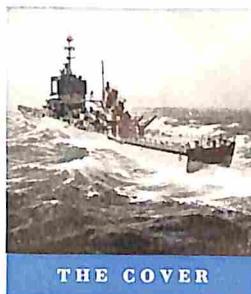


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The nuclear-powered cruiser *USS Long Beach* (CGN-9) is seen at full speed in this month's cover painting by C. G. Evers. For more about the ship and the painting, see pages 91-111 and page 130.

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