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A challenge issued to the crew of Britain's first Polaris submarine, H.M.S. Resolution, now fitting out at Vickers Ltd Barrow shipyard, has produced an entry of 80 men for a walking contest over the 44 miles between Keswick and Barrow. The contest will be held on Saturday and is timed to start from a point near Castlerigg Stone Circle at 6 a.m. The "finishing post" will be the bar of the Bay Horse, Hawcoat, about two miles from Barrow's town centre.

The 80 entrants include 54 from the Marine Installation Department at the Shipyard, most of them craftsmen working on the submarine; 15 representatives of the Shipyard's Commercial Department and about 20 members of the crew of Resolution. They will walk via the West side of ~~Thirlmere~~ Thirlmere, Dunmail Raise, Grasmere, Elterwater, Coniston and moorland roads to Dalton and Barrow and a system of points has been devised to cover the eight sections into which the route has been divided. Any competitor still "afoot" at 8 p.m. will be picked up by car and brought to the finishing post.

Success will earn the individual winner and the best team a plaque depicting the silhouette of a Polaris submarine, and if the event is the success it looks like being there is the possibility of an organised annual event between Barrow Shipyard teams and any team of submariners which happens to be in Barrow.

The contest follows one organised by the crew men of Resolution themselves. They organised a similar marathon walk but no entrant finished the course because of atrocious weather. Commander M.C. Henry, Commanding Officer of Resolution, has accepted the challenge to "defend the honour of his ship's company" but the actual contest has been devised more as a means of allowing crew men and builders to meet socially. "We do not regard it as a race and entrants are not necessarily expected to complete the course. Points will be awarded for the distance covered and there seems to be no lack of enthusiasm for the idea", a spokesman for the organising committee said yesterday (Wednesday)
