

## Constellation Dissenters

# Sanctuary Sailors in TI Brig

Eight sailors who took refuge in a San Diego church two months ago to avoid sailing to the war zone aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation are at Treasure Island to be discharged, the Navy disclosed yesterday.

A Navy spokesman said the eight were flown here last weekend from the carrier, now on her sixth tour of Vietnam waters. A ninth

crewman who took part in the protest remained aboard.

The sailors sought sanctuary in the church on October 1, when the Constellation put to sea for Southeast Asia amid protests by anti-war groups who called the carrier a symbol of escalation of the war.

They were arrested the next day and flown to the ship, where they have been

held in the carrier's brig.

Six of the eight are now being held in the Treasure Island brig, the spokesman said, while their discharges are processed. The other two have an "open gangway" to come and go as they please, he said.

It was not known what types of discharges are being recommended, he said, only that they are administrative

separations and that none of the eight has been court-martialed.