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H.M.S. HERCULES

H.M.S. HERCULES, latest of the Royal Navy's light fleet carriers, was launched by Lady Cripps on September 22nd.

The light Fleet Carriers were designed to augment the larger fleet carriers in the Far East and such ships as H.M.S. COLOSSUS, H.M.S. VENERABLE, H.M.S. VENGEANCE and H.M.S. GLORY which are of the same class as H.M.S. HERCULES, have been fighting the Japs in Far Eastern waters.

They have a displacement of 14,000 tons and an extreme length of 695 feet; extreme breadth of 80 feet and a draught of 23 feet.

The ships are fitted out in the latest central messing. They are insulated against tropical heat and fitted with air conditioning and lagging arrangements for cold regions.

Up-to-date cold storage for food and laundry with machinery for washing, drying and ironing are installed.

Recreation amenities include library, soda fountain, bar and cinema.

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Cameraman's Report.

Cameraman: J. L. RAMSDEN. Sound man: PAT WYAND.

Date & Location: 22/9/45. WALKER NAVAL YARD, NEWCASTLE.

Assignment: LAUNCH H.M.S. HERCULES.

Footage: 1,000' Light conditions: F.G. Sound: Speech.

Scenes:

- (1) Last verse Hymn before Launch.
- (2) Lady Cripps launches Ship.
- (3) Launch.
- (4) Sir Stafford Cripps speaks to workers.

Note: It was not possible to obtain copy of Cripps speech, nor any indication of important points. I therefore had to shoot major part.

Remarks: Also covered by Scottish Films and W. Carrington (Vickers-Armstrong).

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GENERAL VIEWS BY SCOTTISH FILMS.

PERSONALITIES - W. CARRINGTON (VICKERS-ARMSTRONG).

The footage taken on such a subject is too long, but Movietone will not cut it down.

H. Warbrick

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS.

1. GV SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS.

It is a very great happiness and opportunity to me to be able on this occasion when I am present as the husband of Lady Cripps to say a few words to you. [I want first of all to congratulate you upon the fine record of the High Walker yard during this war. (false out)] You have shared throughout the war that great reputation for craftsmanship *which is*

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The Tyneside has ~~XXXX~~ grown over a very long period of time. [This yard has produced many fine ships starting with H.M.S. Malaya a gift to the Royal Navy from the Federation of Malay States] the construction of which was started in 1910. Then followed not long after [that terrible period of Trade depression which hit the North East coast of England like a blizzard, and brought ~~with~~ all the tragedy and suffering that depressed and disgraced our country in the following years.] ~~XXXX~~

2. CU SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

[Now we've come out of the dark night of war and we are greeting the dawn of peace and the post war period.] You and I are wondering what the future will bring and one thing that we are both determined upon is that it shall not bring back again to the North East coast the suffering and the despondency that we experienced ~~XX~~ in the years between the two wars. [This Government is certainly determined to do all that lies within their power to avoid such a recurrence.

But we must remember that we have emerged from the war not into easy and prosperous times but in the times that call for all our patient efforts if we are to reconstruct our country and take our place once more as one of the great leading industrial nations of the world

3. QTV PAN CROWD LISTENING TO SIR STAFFORD.

....or produce that volume of goods of all kinds that we need to sustain our standard of living. [The dreams and the desires for better standards for finer social services for better education for our children will all disappear unless we can bring them to reality by our own hard work.

CU SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS.

The harder you apply yourselves to the job in hand the greater will be the certainty of that growing prosperity in our country. } The one thing that can and will of certainty defeat our chances is if any of us are to slack or to sit back because we are expecting someone else to hand us prosperity on a plate. It won't happen like that that's not the way of the world. We shall only get what we value if we work for it with all our might. You know how and why victory was won in this war because everyone of us gave unstintingly of our best, despite all personal discomfort. That is the only way in which we shall win the peace. [May this launching of the Hercules today be but a prelude to a long and unending series of launching from this yard carrying your skill and your fame to the four quarters of the globe, and may we each one by our own efforts help to make certain that the stress and suffering never again comes to Tyneside.] }

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GV *decided district* *Ref to...*

GV *man clerical shipyard*

SV *street* *movement*

LV *was won in this war because we were maintaining our best despite all personal discomfort. That is the only way in which we shall win the peace.*

Argyle *St. G. Dimmes*

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LV *showing shipyard - no movement - BT of 2 men in PE*

GV *man without job*

SV *street - crowd of men*

corner of street

SV *group of men at corner of street*

LV *man*

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