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DOWN TO THE SEA...

SPEECH

And so the tanker "British Princess" goes down to the sea. Made in the Laing yard at Sunderland, the vessel is one of the first of Britain's new merchant ships to go down the slipways.

SOUND

Another shipyard occasion sees Britain's mightiest warship leave John Brown's fitting-out basin at Clydebank. Christened in 1944 with a displacement of 42,000 tons "Vanguard" cost 11 million pounds. Through the make and bustle of attendant tags, the great sea monster gives a foretaste of a fighting strength such as the sea has never known.

When the King and Queen and the Princesses visit South Africa early next year, they will travel to the Cape aboard the Vanguard.

Pending the result of the atom bomb tests, a halt is made in further battleship construction. Nevertheless, Vanguard was a grand tonic for the men of the "Clyde".