

QUEEN LAUNCHES THE NEW "ARK ROYAL"

The Queen goes to Merseyside - there to give a Royal send-off to the world's most modern aircraft carrier - the ARK ROYAL. 60,000 are at Cammell Laird's shipyard at Birkenhead to welcome her.

Built by the skilful hands of the men from Merseyside, the new carrier proclaims anew the genius of British craftsmanship. The carrier H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS stands by and provides a grandstand view for this Royal occasion - the climax of three years work. The ship's hull is new - but the name her Majesty gives her is old and famous.

A 24,000 ton carrier, she is the fourth ARK ROYAL in 400 years of naval history. Her first namesake led the battle against the Armada. Her immediate predecessor was perhaps the most famous. "Sunk" over and over again by German propaganda, she took part in 32 war operations, before she was finally torpedoed. "Ark Royal" has a great tradition to live up to. She will do so, without a doubt.