

DUBLIN NEWS

Into Dublin Harbour, firing a salute of 21 guns, steams the United States aircraft-carrier "Saipan." She's named after one of the islands in the Carolinas that proved a tough nut for the Americans to crack. Flotilla commander Captain Hoerner meets the Mayor of Dublin and with the Mayor of Dublin throwing the city wide open to the visitors, the visitors return the compliment. The proceedings you might say were mutual and unanimous.

The aircraft lifts on "Saipan" are one of the big thrills on board.

Would you like to see my helicopter? makes a nice change from etohings and it gets the girls just as interested.

Now Captain Hoerner returns with General Egan, Irish chief of staff and proceedings become just a little more formal. "Saipan" (at just under 15-thousand tons) is classed as a small aircraft carrier. But with modern design, she probably carries more planes than larger ones used to in the old days. Of course, there's a whole lot of more technical detail, but today's visitors are just interested in visiting friends across the sea.

At Islandbridge Memorial Park, one of the most spectacular fires seen in the city caused damage officially estimated at more than £15,000. Soldiers from Clancy and Collins barracks were called in to try to save thousands of telegraph poles, but more than five thousand were destroyed.

A strong breeze hampered the work of the fire fighters and in a short time the flames were leaping the three-yard gaps between the piles.

The fire was discovered in a stack of creosote-soaked poles and only good work by the fire brigades prevented a worse disaster.