

H.M.S. EAGLE 'AT HOME'

The 43,000 ton aircraft-carrier Eagle was at home in Plymouth to the families and relatives of the crew. On board was Vice-Admiral Evans, Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers, who lent two hands in conducting the guests. There was three hundred of them going to see with the ship in the latest Naval plan to stimulate interest in the Service and encourage recruiting. Though there was quite a gale blowing when the ship left harbour, this did not deter the children who were nearly a quarter of the visitors.

The idea of a families day at sea came originally from the crew of the carrier itself. There was top level agreement, and as usual, the Navy moved into efficient action with a flying programme of twenty-nine sorties by four different types of aircraft which included the Seahawk fighter.

It is hoped that this idea of allowing families of Naval personnel to go to sea will be extended to other ships of the Fleet. After all, it's the best place to find out what ships really do, and it will go a long way to help answering the question: "What did you do in the peace, Daddy?"