

ROYAL LAUNCH,

Oriana, 40,000 tons, biggest liner ever built in England, will eventually start a new era in Pacific Ocean travel. As she was to be named by Princess Alexandra, the occasion drew a big crowd to Vickers-Armstrong shipyard, the men who built the great vessel included. In Australia recently the young Princess was a great success. Barrow shipworkers, as she moved among them, soon knew why.

There were three bottles of wine waiting to be used at the christening, French, Australian and Californian. All went perfectly.

The bulbous bow will reduce pitching. At 40 knots the ship will carry more than 2,000 passengers. A fine addition to the Orient fleet.