

R.N. PARTY FOR FILM LEADERS.

Aboard H.M.S. Victorious in Portsmouth Harbour, the Royal Navy throws rather a memorable party. The guests travel from London to Portsmouth by special train - and all of them are leaders of the film industry, or outstanding screen stars - Jack Hawkins and Stanley Baker, for example. And talking to Kenneth Moore, Mr. Jack Warner, the U.S. film chief - and there's Sir Philip Warter of Associated British Picture Corporation. They've all been invited by the Royal Naval Film Corporation, who are saying "Thank you" on behalf of the Fleet for the special arrangements the industry has made for the past twenty years to see that ships get the latest films wherever they may be serving.

With Sir Philip Warter, Mr. C.J. Latta, also of Associated British. Many of these film leaders, from both sides of the Atlantic, have personal memories of the birth of the R.N. Film Corporation in April 1939. Its founder was Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten - then a Captain, and still its President. Vice-Admiral C.L.G. Evans, Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers, welcomes Earl Mountbatten aboard, and then receives the Earl of Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Charles Lamb. The Board of Admiralty as Governors of the Corporation, are the hosts at this party - a milestone on that long and successful road from the Corporation's first premier twenty years ago on the old Ark Royal.

Not many people realise what the Corporation's "Special arrangements" with the industry are; but in fact, no royalties at all are charged for the films the Fleet sees; all the Corporation has to pay is the actual cost of printing the copies they use. Here's another guest - Mr. Mike Frankovitch, of Columbia Pictures.

And the well-known producer-director, Mr. Herbert Wilcox.

And there's Sir Alec Guinness.

On the right Mr. Spyros P. Skouras, 20th Century-Fox. Although most of the guests only had to come from London, it's a measure of the importance of the occasion that two or three of them - flew specially from Hollywood.

Up to the flight deck to hear some music from the Royal Marine band.

When Captain Mountbatten founded the R.N. Film Corporation, his first collaborator from the industry was Mr. Jack Warner (on the right) And today's General Manager of the Corporation is Captain E.F. Pacey. The film industry is proud to have been of service to the Fleet - and it appreciates the Fleet's hospitable way of saying "Thank you".