

M Returning the visit of the ships of the Russian Navy to ~~BRITAIN~~
~~London~~ --- the Aircraft Carrier Triumph was the flagship of ~~the~~
six warships of the Royal, Navy on ~~the~~ ^a courtesy visit to
Leningrad. IN command was Admiral Sir Michael Denny, Commander-
in-Chief, Home Fleet ---and he was welcomed officially by Admiral
Baykov, the Russian Naval Commander at Leningrad. But the
outstanding feature of the occasion was not the official welcome
--- but the shore leave granted to the crews; ~~which~~ ^{it} turned out
to be an opportunity for ~~a~~ ^a real unofficial get-together with the
crowds, ^{it} The people of Leningrad gave them a wonderful reception.

Apart from a few organised tours, the British sailors went
where fancy led them --- and among the sights they saw were the
gardens of the summer palace of Peter the Great.

All through the six-day visit, the Navy's men were surrounded
by the citizens of Leningrad wherever they went --- all doing
their utmost, despite the language difficulty, to say --- "Welcome
to our City."

Part of the time the crews --- like these marines --- spent
in the shops ; knowing that, for the folks at home, it's quite
a novelty to get a present from Russia.

At night the squadron was ~~fixed~~ illuminated; and the guests
became hosts for an evening party.