

'BIG E' QUEEN OF FLATTOPS HOME

U. S. S. Enterprise, Scarred With Battles of Pacific, Is Paid Hushed Tribute.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The "Big E" came home from the wars today.

The U. S. S. Enterprise, embattled queen of American aircraft carriers, ghosted through the fog into New York harbor shortly after dawn with nine other warships from the Pacific fleet.

A sailor stood in the mists at the battery and said: "Well, there is a boy, there's the old 'Big E'."

The "Big E" nudged slowly through the strange, fresh waters of the Hudson river. A navy blimp sailed down close to her. The carrier's tiny lamps flickered messages to the speeding patrol craft around her, as if to say: "Take it easy, mates. This is my show. This is what I came home for."

The tiny PT boats flickered back: "Go ahead, Big E. Take over."

Because the ship never lived, big or little, that could steal much thunder from the famous "old lady."

Led by Monterey

The 10,000-ton aircraft carrier, Monterey, led the way. The Enterprise rode in second place, with eight other ships trailing along behind her.

The Monterey flew a giant American flag and a string of eight small balloons flapped from her masthead.

Sailors gathered along the battery waved when they saw the Monterey pass. They shouted at the men standing on her flight deck. They laughed and talked about her among themselves.

They Stare at "E"

But they only stared quietly at the "Big E." For the big carrier was coming home with a record too obvious for flattery, and she sailed with too many ghosts aboard to cause reckless cheering. The seamen squinted through the haze and perhaps they remembered the shipmates left at Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, lost in the blood battle for the Santa Cruz islands.

The "Big E" came back to New York with no shouting or bragging. She flew no flag, and only her radar screen stood out in sharp relief behind her superstructure.

There was no cheering from the men who lined her decks. The 20,000-ton carrier had chased the war for more than 275,000 miles and perhaps her crewmen were too tired to get excited.

Remember Heroes

The "Old Lady" passed within a few hundred yards of the statue of liberty. Many of the Enterprise's crew moved over to the port rail, their caps in hand, but still there was no cheering.

Perhaps they remembered others who couldn't come today. Shipmates like Lt. Cmdr. Edward H. (Butch) O'Hara, congressional medal of honor winner, who had disappeared in his plane one night above the carrier in the far reaches of the Pacific.

The old Enterprise could afford to come into harbor quietly, letting a tug push her around. She had a record that could shout for itself.

Bagged 911 Planes

Her planes and guns shot down 911 Japanese planes, her fliers sank 71 ships. They damaged or probably sank another 192.

The navy calls her the "fightingest carrier in the fleet" and she wears 18 of a possible 22 Pacific theater battle stars. The Enterprise was the first carrier to win a Presidential citation, which was just the same as having a medal pinned on her bridge.

She was the only carrier to send planes into the fight at Pearl Harbor and to stick it out until the desperate days around Okinawa. She covered the carrier Hornet when Jimmy Doolittle led his B-25's over Tokyo.

She was in there fighting when the Hornet later died beside her on Oct. 26, 1942, in the murderous fighting off Santa Cruz.

So Admiral Frederick C. Sherman brought the famous "work-horse"

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Hotel Washington. Robert Kennington auxiliary, luncheon, 1 p.m., Hotel Washington. Indiana Statewide Rural Electric Cooperative members, Annual Plasmatic-Therapy Post-graduate reunion, convention, Seviner hotel. National Vocational Guidance association, meeting, 6:30 p.m.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Academy of Science, convention, Hotel Lincoln. Indiana Real Estate board, luncheon, 12:15 p.m., Hotel Washington. Plasmatic-Therapy Post-graduate reunion, Pilot club, dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hotel Washington.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert E. Lee, Jr., Harrison; Helen Michael Clevenger, 4831 Washington Blvd. Robert William Buschmann, 1244 Central; Jane Holt Shire, 3574 Watson Rd. Roberta Anna Hargrave, 1001 Madison, Vincennes; Irene Dodson, 881 Pleasant Run Blvd. George Lloyd Armstrong, 1459 N. Gladys, Indianapolis. Louis William Krieg, Jr., 4196 Guilford, Annabelle Virginia Latendresse, 5181 N. 50th. Kenneth William Sprout, R. R. 10, box 507; Gloria Ann Buckley, 2514 Guilford. Robert Vernon Fouts, 1514 W. Pratt; Donald W. Weller, 61 N. Arnolda, Marion. Smith, —, Mecca. Arthur Beauchamp, 1808 W. Raymond, Woodstock. Raymond Henry Durham, 1333 E. Kelly. Dorothy Margaret Patterson, 1448 E. LaGrande. Ernestine Neuman, Connersville; Grace Walter Myles, 1223 N. E. 16th; Ida Lee Nichols, 147 W. 22d. John Robert Ondrada, 2050 N. Delaware; Editha Thomas, WAC, Ft. Belvoir. Joe E. Hayes, 44, W. 28d; Emily Bell Grinstead, 2702 N. Illinois, Apt. 309. Harold North Cunningham, U. S. navy. Joseph C. Lynch, 2428 W. 16th; Betty Jean Yates, 552 N. Miley, Indianapolis. Helen Louise Miley, 251 N. Jefferson. James C. Davis, Camp Atterbury, Olive N. Franka, WAC, Ft. Harrison.

BIRTHS

Twins
At Home—Willie, Artie Jeter, 919 Locust (girls).
Girls
At City—James, Brian Taylor.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

URGES PUBLISHING OF TERMS FOR ITALY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Failure of the Big Five foreign ministers to complete a peace treaty for Italy has revived demands for publication of the secret, two-year-old Italian armistice terms.

Those terms were so harsh that most of them were never put into effect. As a result, all of the allies have dodged responsibility and found excuses for not making them public.

There is talk here and in London about the possibility of canceling the armistice terms and preparing some new temporary arrangements. In diplomatic talk, a modus vivendi—for administration of Italy until

—The Veterans of Foreign Wars called on President Truman and congressional leaders today to junk the full employment bill and try incentive taxation instead.

Omari Ketchum, V. F. W. national legislative representative, said the bill might lead to destruction of free enterprise. He said private spending should be tried before the government attempts to guarantee jobs.

DISCHARGEE RESUMES LAW PRACTICE HERE

John E. Gardis, 6004 N. Crittenton ave., who has been in the army since October, 1943, received his discharge recently and has returned to Indianapolis, where he is resuming his law practice with the firm of Kroger and Gardis.

Before his discharge Mr. Gardis served as platoon sergeant at the military police replacement training center at Ft. Custer, Mich. He is a graduate of Indiana university.

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It will be Foster's first appearance

before the committee.

RED LEADER CALLED TO HOUSE HEARING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—

The house un-American activities committee called on Communist Leader William Z. Foster today to explain just what—or who—prompted him to lead the party revolt against Earl Browder.

"We want to know just why Foster decided that Browder was no longer an efficient leader of America's communism," a committee spokesman said. "We will ask him bluntly why he ousted Browder as leader last July."

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U. S. DROPS HOOSIER ELECTION PROBE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE; REPUBLICANS CLEARED

Indiana Republicans today stood

cleared of fraud charges leveled

against them in connection with

the 1944 general election.

The federal justice department

has abandoned the 1944 Hoosier

election probe for lack of evidence.

While the official report on the

final findings is not yet available, it was

learned some G. O. P. officials

called it "reprehensible."

Decision to scuttle the draw-out

inquiry was reached by the justice

department following an intensive

four-month probe by the FBI. Find-

ings of the federal agents reportedly

were studied here by District At-

torney B. Howard Vaughan and

Turner Smith of the justice depart-

ment's civil rights section. Indica-

tions from Washington were that

the two found the evidence not

strong enough to support indict-

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Democrats that thousands were dis-

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of the vote registration machinery.

They also charged a 1944 Hoosier

election probe for lack of evidence.

Indiana election commissioners, further dis-

franchised the electorate.

Then came a month-long probe

by a subcommittee of the campaign

expenditures committee, punctuated

with rumors of peep-hole spying

and assorted tomfoolery. Evidence

gathered by this committee was pre-

sent in a special hearing in the

federal building last December be-

fore Senators Tom Stewart (D. Minn.) and Joseph Ball (R. Minn.).

EMMETT TURNS CHARGE

Atty. Gen. Emmett turned the

"politics" charge back on the Dem-

ocrats and the session ended in a

spirit of general indecision. Senator

Ball commented that numerous

"errors"

had been made in the 1944

registration, especially in Marion

county where Democrats said 20,000

voters were deprived of the ballot.

But he recommended that the in-

vestigation be closed. Senator

Stewart requested that it be con-

tinued by the justice department.

In the course of the original

probe, Senator Capehart was com-

pletely cleared of charges he had

overspent the campaign expen-

ditures limit.

EX-MUNCIE GROCER DIES AT AGE OF 77

MUNCIE, Oct. 17 (U. P.)—Fu-

neral services were arranged today

for Vincent W. Jones, retired

Muncie grocer and former presi-

dent of the city board of education.

Jones, who was