

## PRINCESS MARGARET LAUNCHES LINER

### ~~From the shipyards of Britain~~

In the shipyards of Britain and Northern Ireland more tonnage is being produced, to replace vessels sunk in the war, than in any other country. Latest ship to be launched is Harland and Wolff's Edinburgh Castle, a twenty-eight thousand, five-hundred-ton liner for the South African service. She is <sup>a</sup> sistership of the Pretoria Castle, also launched at Belfast last August. The two liners replace the Warwick and Windsor Castle, both sunk in the war. Twenty thousand people were at Masgrave Yard to cheer Princess Margaret when she arrived for the launching. Seventeen-year-old Tommy Smythe, <sup>it</sup> an apprentice joiner, ~~who was then apparently present~~

very much smartened up for the occasion, presented Her Royal Highness with a bouquet of roses specially flown from South Africa.

*The* Many ~~smaller~~ ships now being built to restore the world's depleted Merchant fleets are incidentally a tribute to the steel industry of Great Britain. Three quarter of a million tons of steel is the share allotted to shipbuilding of the nation's record steel output of nearly thirteen million tons. Mining, railways, power stations, gasworks, and atom power plants are shipbuilding's major competitors *4 t* ~~in the steel market~~. *available steel supply* In Belfast it was a Royal occasion as the Princess launched the Edinburgh Castle.

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~~Now~~ the Princess, Belfast and the whole shipping industry the launch of the Edinburgh Castle will be long remembered.