

News flashes

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Tanker launch

Barrow-in-Furness: The famous Northern shipyards hum with activity, as artisans put the final touches to the largest merchant ship built in Britain, since the Queen Elizabeth.

She's the forty-seven thousand ton oil tanker christened "Spyros Niarchos" by Lady Weeks - after the eight-month old son of Mr ^{Stavros} ~~Styros~~ Niarchos, the Greek controller of the greatest-ever tanker fleet.

When completed, the world's biggest tanker will have a carrying capacity of fourteen million gallons of crude oil.

H.M.S. Apollo in the Thames

London: Coming up the Thames for her second visit to London is the minelayer H.M.S. Apollo - flying the flag of Admiral Sir Michael Denny - C.-in-C Home Fleet.

It's one of the admiral's last duties, for he is shortly handing over his command to take up an important position in Washington.

Sir Michael has a collection of dolls in national dress. A modern ^{variation} ~~version~~
 ~~ON AN~~ -old Navy theme."A girl from every port!"

Compton leaves Hospital

~~Reassuring~~ Reassuring news for cricket fans as Denis Compton leaves ^{College} University Hospital after a final operation on that right knee that has threatened to cut short his playing career.

Now the knee-cap has been completely removed and Denis says good-bye to Nurse White - ^{she's Australian, by the way.} ~~and an Australian girl.~~

It's early yet for a final verdict: but with the Ashes at stake next summer - we're all hoping, Denis!

Oil Refinery Opened

Iraq: With the opening of the new oil refinery at Daura, near Baghdad, fulfilment by King Feisal the Second, the ~~realization~~ of a long-cherished project becomes ~~a~~ striking reality. ③

The young King ~~then~~ unveiled a handsome plaque to commemorate this auspicious event. ^{He also} ~~made~~ made a tour of the ~~refinery~~ ^{plant, in} which about eighty percent of the equipment was supplied by British industry.

^{largest} The ~~biggest~~ Government-owned oil refinery in the Middle East.