

# MRS. ROOSEVELT CHRISTENS SHIP

Explains Views on Defense After Aircraft Carrier Is Launched.

By the Associated Press.  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 4.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, an outspoken opponent of war, but an advocate of armament for defense, today sponsored the launching of the Navy's newest fighting machine, the aircraft carrier Yorktown.

The broad-decked vessel, designed to mother a brood of a hundred or more planes and carry more than 2,000 men, was the first ship launched in the Roosevelt Navy-building program authorized in 1933.

Mrs. Roosevelt said, after the launching, that she considered her sponsorship of a war vessel by no means incompatible with her frequent speeches against war.

**Favors Treaty Navy.**  
"One country by itself cannot limit armaments," she said, "I hope some day the nations will agree to arms limitations, but until then we must build our Navy to treaty strength in order not to be defenseless."

The First Lady, accompanied by her grandchildren, "Sistie" and "Buzzie" Dall—both appropriately dressed in navy blue; Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., and Miss Lorena Hickock of the White House staff mounted the launching platform at 9:30 a.m.

A scant 30 minutes later, she dashed a bottle of champagne against the glistening white prow and the bunting-draped ship glided from her cradle into the James River.

**Six Months for Outfitting.**  
\* To the accompaniment of shrieking whistles, the martial strains of the 2d Co. Artillery Band and the shouts of the thousands who jammed the sprawling yards of the shipbuilding company, the newly christened ship splashed into the water. Six months will be required to outfit the ship.

Following the ceremony, the launching party toured the Mariners' Museum and then were guests of the shipbuilding company at a buffet luncheon at the James River Country Club.

Should the Yorktown, when outfitting and placed in service, be called into action, her plans would swarm into the air from catapulting machines capable of developing the 120,000 horsepower necessary to propel aircraft from the ship as she moves at her rated speed of 34 knots. Returning, they would alight on a deck nearly two acres in extent. The ship is 810 feet long and 92 feet wide. Her weight is about 17,000 tons.

A number of high Navy officials, members of Congress and other dignitaries attended the launching ceremonies. Groups of students from Georgia Tech and the University of Pennsylvania also were among the spectators. Mrs. Roosevelt, who flew here yesterday, returned by plane to Washington this afternoon.

## Citizens

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ers, is a revival of a scheme originally offered about 11 years ago.

Carruthers also proposed restoration of the 1937 contribution to the figure approved by the Budget Bureau, but his resolution was amended to fix the figure at \$8,357,000 as requested in the original estimates.

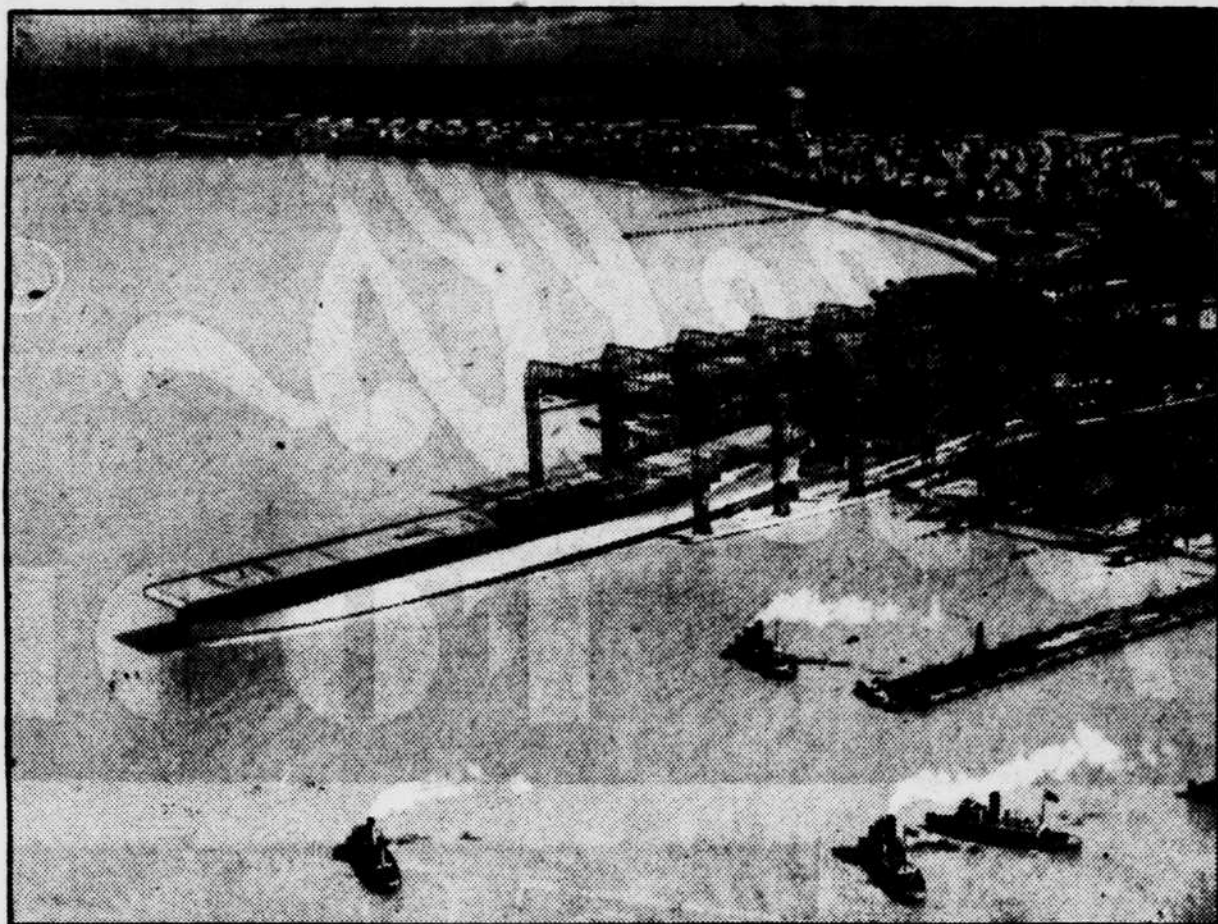
The federation went on record as opposing any increase in District taxes for any purpose; the proposed chain store license bill; the Jenckes bill to compel display of the American flag from the "highest point" on all Government buildings; the uniform narcotics law, and the proposed new act to control the sale of certain sedatives.

The latter two were referred back to committee for further study.

**Revenues to Be Studied.**  
A special committee headed by Mrs. George Corbin was instructed to study the possibilities of increasing the federation's revenues and to establish a permanent headquarters office or building for the organization.

Thomas E. Lodge, president; Jesse C. Suter and James G. Yaden, past presidents, and other officers declared the work of the federation suffers from a lack of clerical help and inadequate

# Floating Flying Field Launched



Air view of the new aircraft carrier Yorktown as the ship glided down the ways at Newport News yesterday after being christened by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. —A. P. Photo.

facilities for handling files and correspondence.

The Police Department, upon recommendation of Fred S. Walker, was asked to restore the old second precinct on Fifth street, now used by the Woman's Bureau, because the present eighth precinct, embracing the former, is too large for a single police unit to handle.

**100,000 in Area.**  
Walker pointed out that the area contains more than 100,000 persons. At present it extends from K street to Euclid street, and Michigan avenue and from Fifteenth street to North Capitol.

The federation also approved a proposal to amend the present tax sale law to compel a court order before passing title to the purchaser of tax deeds. It would also compel notice to all interested parties before a deed purchaser could clear his title to property claimed for delinquent taxes.

Under the present law, a deed may be obtained after payment of delin-

quent taxes for two successive years, and the purchaser is permitted to fix whatever price he desires before surrendering his claim to the original property owner.

The District Commissioners were commended for their proclamation of Clean-up week, beginning April 13.

President Lodge appointed the following committee to appear before the Senate District Appropriations Subcommittee tomorrow:

Harry N. Stull, Mr. Caruthers, A. H. Gregory, Thomas J. Llewellyn, Arthur Adelman, George E. Sullivan, Mr. Walker, John A. Remon and Dr. Charles B. Campbell.

David Babp, secretary, presented a resolution from the Burroughs Citizens' Association to call a "constitutional convention" for the District to study the present form of the District government and to work out a new organic act that will definitely care for the city's fiscal relations with the Federal Government.

The suggestion was taken under

advisement by Lodge, who said he would refer it to a committee for study later.

**Ski 1,300 Miles in 31 Days.**  
Ten young Russian women have covered the 1,300 miles from Moscow to Tyumen, in Siberia, on skis in 31 days despite that they had to cross the Ural Mountains.

# CHAMBER STARTS JOBLESS INQUIRY

Meeting Here April 27-30 May Soften Attitude Toward New Deal.

By the Associated Press.  
Against a background of conflict with the Roosevelt administration, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States yesterday pointed a searching inquiry into how business can reduce unemployment.

It gave this question major position in the program for the chamber's annual meeting here April 27-30.

There were some indications a more friendly attitude toward the administration would be taken, evidenced

by a recent chamber declaration promising "fullest co-operation" to solve the unemployment problem.

Harper Sibley, president of the chamber, who is due to be re-elected in accordance with the custom of giving at least two terms, will make the keynote speech on "The Principles of American Enterprise."

Secretary of Commerce Roper will offer administration suggestions, and a speaker thus far undesignated will say what business could do. Roper said recently he would discuss what

President Roosevelt meant in urging business to absorb more of the jobs.

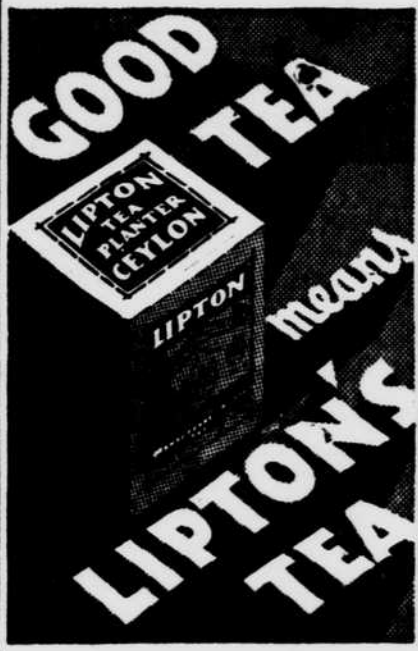
A further exploration of the question was arranged for a round table conference under the chairmanship of John W. O'Leary, former chief of the chamber and now president of the Machinery and Allied Products Institute of Chicago. Four speakers will appear there.

The second general session will hear R. C. Mathews, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, on "Canadian Relations," and speeches

on Federal finances by Fred H. Clausen, president of the Van Brunt Manufacturing Co., Horicon, Wis., and Roy C. Osgood, vice president First National Bank, Chicago.

Other major talks will be on agriculture, foreign trade, Pacific maritime labor conditions, business responsibilities and social security.

A special round table will discuss labor conditions, including an inquiry into the social security act and the "limitations of legislative efforts to improve terms of employment."



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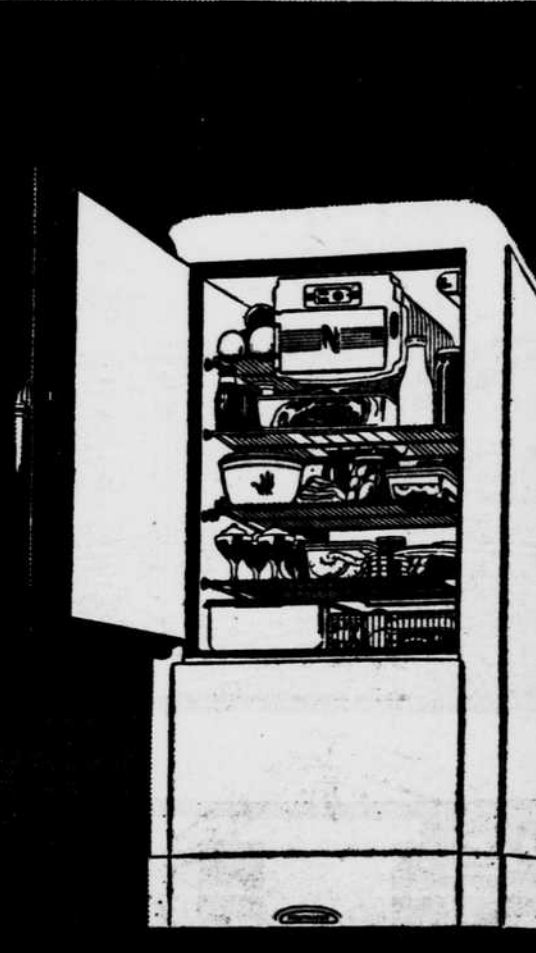
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