

## "INDEPENDENCE DAY" IN NEW YORK!

Welcome aboard the USS Independence, newest attack aircraft carrier, with 4 acres of flight deck. You'll note the hinged mast is lowered, as the Independence commences builders trials from the New York Naval Shipyard. Tugboats help the carrier despite a tug strike. And now you see why the 130-foot mast had to be lowered. It's "low bridge" under two East River spans en route to the open sea. Under the famed Brooklyn Bridge. To calculate safe clearance for the return trip, wooden sticks of varying heights rise from the top of the superstructure. The sticks indicate 5 to 6 feet clearance at high tide.

Most powerful vessel ever built for the U.S. Navy, ten-hundred 46 feet long, the Independence is primed for the nuclear age. Saluted by another grand lady, she carries on the tradition of a great name in naval annals.