

U.S.S. ROOSEVELT DEDICATED SUNDAY

Mrs. FDR Mks First Public Appearance Since Hus- band's Death

New York—(AP)—The U. S. S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 45,000-ton aircraft carrier, was dedicated yesterday by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal to the aims of the late President—to win the war and maintain the peace.

Forrestal described the ship, sister to the U. S. S. Midway and second in the class of the world's largest, strongest, and fastest carriers "as a symbol of our determination to prosecute the war against Japan to complete victory."

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, dressed in mourning, attended the launching at New York Navy Yard and said in a brief talk:

"I pray God to bless this ship and its personnel and keep them safe, and bring them home victorious."

It was the first public appearance of Mrs. Roosevelt since the death of her husband on April 12.

Adm. Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U. S. fleet, inspected the vessel after it had been christened by Mrs. John H. Towers of Coronado, Calif., wife of Vice Adm. Towers, who is deputy commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

Capt. Apollo Soucek of Medford, Okla., commander of the carrier Hornet when Doolittle's raiders took off from its deck to make the first American raid on Tokyo, will command the Roosevelt.

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