

U.S. NAVY'S FIRST NUCLEAR CARRIER, ENTERPRISE, TO BE LAUNCHED JULY 15

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA — The U.S. Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise (CVAN-65), is scheduled to be launched July 15, 1960.

Now under construction at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, the revolutionary craft is expected to be completed and commissioned in the fleet in late 1961.

The Enterprise will be powered by eight Westinghouse A2W reactors and will have a top speed of over 30 knots. It will measure 1,088 feet in length, with a 133-foot beam, and will have a light displacement of 75,700 tons and loaded displacement of 85,000 tons. Total cost is estimated at \$435,000,000.

Armed with the Terrier missile, the Enterprise will carry a complement of 120 officers and 2,620 men, plus flight crews totalling 160 officers and 600 men.

CONSTRUCTION view of USS Enterprise at Newport News, Virginia. (60-1454)

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