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DIA BUTSI - Stone eyes which have gazed down upon millions of worshippers and visitors through the ages.



Pilots Display Skill For Pres. Magsaysay

On 9 March at 0800 President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines stepped aboard aircraft carrier Shangri La, anchored in Manila Bay, and was received by the Commander of Carrier Division Five, Rear Admiral Storrs.

As the huge flat top steamed out of the bay, Air Groups from Bennington and Kearsarge made two low flyovers, led by Commander C.A. Blouin of Carrier Air Task Group 201. The AD's, refer-

red to as "Skyriders", then formed a giant "E. M." high over the Shangri La in honor of the Philippine President.

The afternoon's fireworks commenced by simulated attacks on the Task Force. Air Groups from all three carriers converged simultaneously, marking the ship carrying the Chief Executive as their main target. Jets and prop jobs circled the

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Chapter Closes On Far East

Another chapter in Bennington's big history book is coming to a close, a chapter that tells of a top-notch crew and the ports they visited during their Far East Cruise. Let's skim through this chapter and pick out some of the interesting ports that were visited.

HAWAII

On the morning of November 5 we entered Pearl Harbor to find a group of beautiful hula girls on hand to bid us Aloha. This was one of the few times that the men were reluctant to secure from Quarters. As soon as liberty commenced, most of us headed for the white sands of Waikiki Beach to sunbathe or surf ride while others were content with taking pictures of Diamond Head, The Blow Hole, and the girls in the grass skirts. Tropical flowers bloomed everywhere and fifty cents could buy a lae full of orchids. Unfortunately everything wasn't that cheap and after four days of liberty our pockets were empty and most of us were ready to leave.

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GIVE!

