

Local Youths On Training Ship Visit Home Port on World Cruise



Aboard the California nautical training ship California State are two former Honolulu youths, P. E. Jorenson who was born here and Larry Borst (right) whose father is stationed in the navy here.—Advertiser photo.

In command was Capt. Emile Topp, superintendent-commander of the school, who reported good weather all the way from San Francisco since December 31.

Capt. Topp said that the California State is the first American merchant marine training ship ever to touch the port of Honolulu.

Capt. Topp is a retired naval officer of the United States navy with the rank of lieutenant commander. He visited Honolulu several times with the United States fleet, and once as chief engineer of the transport Argonne.

The ship's chief engineer is Richard Dwyer, who was formerly chief engineer of the Matson liner Malolo.

The white vessel made a striking appearance as she entered the harbor and docked at Pier 5-A. Aboard, the cadets in their white uniforms, attracted considerable attention. The ship's officers, the cadets and members of the crew wore leis, having been greeted off port by Earl Thacker and a committee from the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

The work necessary for the ship's docking was done entirely by the cadets, under supervision of the officers. Cadets are required to perform all work in port and at sea incidental to the complete maintenance and operation of the ship and the shore base.

At the dock, the Royal Hawaiian band and a large number of Honolulu residents greeted the ship's arrival.

The California State is a modern merchant marine type of vessel, 261 feet long and 43 feet beam. Two oil burning Scotch boilers furnish steam for a single 1,500 H.P. engine. Built in 1919 for the California State, the vessel was placed in the custody of the state of California in 1930. Since that time the ship has been completely modernized and converted from a cargo vessel to her present service as a training ship.

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