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U.S. MAY CONSTRUCT 120 NEW WARSHIPS

Navy Programme Completed Calls for \$700,000,000 Worth of Ships

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, January 3.—Talk of arms limitation merged today with the announcement that a United States navy programme for \$700,000,000 worth of new warships has been completed.

Chairman Vinson of the House naval committee said he would introduce tomorrow a bill for 120 new vessels costing \$616,250,000. All of these but two aircraft carriers, he emphasized, will replace over-age and obsolescent ships.

Meanwhile, officials considered subjects likely to come before the United States delegates in their preliminary talk Tuesday on the February Geneva conference.

Vinson's ten-year programme, drawn with the assistance and approval of the navy general board, also calls for the completion of 16 ships now under construction at a cost of \$91,500,000.

These include seven 8-inch guns, 10,000-ton cruisers. A controversial type much discussed at past disarmament meetings and due to figure in the new negotiations. Foreign nations have contended for smaller type cruisers.

At the same time, it was emphasized the navy has somewhat modified its plans for the 8-inch gun ships now on the ways. Anti-rolling tanks are being added, additional armor is being placed, and the anti-aircraft guns are being changed and given more protection.

Chairman Vinson will bring the construction programme before his committee Tuesday. The Senate naval committee will begin hearings Wednesday on the bill by Senator Hale, Republican, Maine, to authorize a fleet as big as treaties allow. His proposal, however, differs from Vinson's in that Hale would not direct that any specific vessels be built within any particular time.

The House Democrat's programme

Type	No.	T'l cost.	Tons.
Aircraft carriers	2	\$51,198,000	40,000
Aircraft carrier	1	20,210,000	15,200
Six-inch cruisers	8	122,120,000	80,000
Flying deck cruisers	1	15,071,000	10,000
Destroyers ..	13	57,083,000	24,050
Destroyers ...	72	272,520,000	108,000
Submarines ..	23	78,108,000	25,990
Totals	120	\$616,250,000	303,240

Doolittle Lands at Havana

Havana, Cuba, January 3. — Major James Doolittle, on a goodwill flight with three passengers from St. Louis, landed here at 3:47 p.m. today.

Three Rivers Hotel Burned

Three Rivers, January 3.—Damage of approximately \$100,000 was done by fire to Dufresne's Hotel, in the heart of the commercial district here tonight.

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