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Nixon makes Armed Forces Day speech, Norfolk, Va., "with the aircraft carrier Independence as a backdrop."

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- NYT says the Independence left Norfolk a few days ago to participate in Armed Forces Day observances in Florida today, but "the Navy ordered the carrier's return to serve as a backdrop for Mr. Nixon's appearance. The ship dropped anchor [in Norfolk 17 May] after steaming full power on the return trip. Under full power, a carrier uses thousands of gallons of fuel for a trip such as the Independence undertook."

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Nixon goes to Camp David after speech at Norfolk. No indication in story whether Mrs. Nixon, also at Norfolk, went to Camp David.

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