

■ The massive King William glides into the water—a moment of pride for builders and owners. A small King Line party, led by B&C directors G. F. Bedford and Capt. R. Hari, flew out from London to see Mrs. G. B. Jones launch the vessel. For Astilleros Espanoles, it was a routine part of a busy programme. In this picture other bulk carriers can be seen at the building and fitting-out stages; the firm has two more vessels on order for B&C. For another launch view, see front cover. Pictures by courtesy of Astilleros Espanoles SA.

TOUR OPERATING: New resorts for Castle 1974

SWANLEY, Kent—Castle Holidays issued their 1974 summer sun brochure in October. Departures are from six airports—Birmingham, Bristol, Gatwick, Luton, Manchester and Newcastle—giving a good cover over the whole of Britain for departure from an airport easy to reach.

New resorts in the programme include the Andalusian province of Almeria in Spain, with its fine beaches, ancient history and lovely scenery; Salou and Cambrils on the Costa Dorada, near Montserrat (where they make chartreuse) and the little known area of Costa Azahar, south of Tarragona. There are new resorts on Minorca, while the Algarve, too, is very strongly represented.

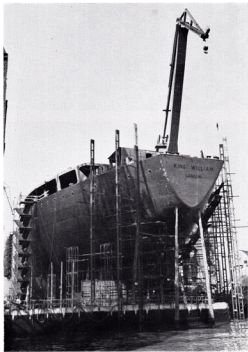
Castle have always given good reductions for children, and these are once again a feature of the programme. For departures up to June 27 (including both Easter and the spring holiday) and again from September 11 each child accompanied by a full fare-paying passenger with whom he shares a room, is only charged half price. For the high season from June 28 to September 10 there is a reduction of 20 per cent for each child accompanied by two adult passengers and sharing their room.

Often when people have a journey to the airport, rather than set out early in the morning and face the risk of delays or breakdown on the road, they prefer to spend the night before at a nearby hotel. Castle have made special arrangements with hotels at Luton, Gatwick and London. At the Strathmore Hotel in Luton and the Chequers Hotel in Horley the cost of an overnight stay is only £3.50 and at the

Royal Scot Hotel in London it is £4.

Another innovation in this programme is the arrangement with Kennings Car Hire for self-drive cars to and from the airport. Travellers have the convenience of driving to and from the airport without any of the

problems of parking, and where there are four people in a car the specially negotiated rate can be less than the cost of travelling by rail. Castle have also reached agreement with overseas companies for car hire abroad, and for early season departures



■ At right: the new bulk carrier King William nears the launching date, and a busy yard crane creates a striking impression of some new kind of stern-mounted handling gear. Picture taken September 4 by Astilleros Espanoles SA, in co-operation with B&C technical R&D unit, London.