



Vice Adm. R. E. Wilson, USN (ret.), chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, (center), yesterday inspected the facilities of the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. Left to

right are Cdr. J. B. Cooke, USN, (ret.); Admiral Wilson and Capt. H. E. Richter, USN (ret.), superintendent.—Times-Herald Photo.

Federal Maritime Chairman Visits Vallejo Sea School

Vice Adm. R. E. Wilson, USN (ret.) chairman and administrator of the Federal Maritime Commission inspected the California Maritime Academy as a part of a three-week tour of West Coast installations.

Declaring that the academy was "one of the finest I have ever seen," Admiral Wilson indicated the school was pointed to with pride by members of the commission for the fine record of its graduates.

"This is my first visit to the academy," he said, "but I have received fine reports from shipping line owners and other officials about the excellent education given to the graduates both at the school and during their cruise on the training ship, 'Golden Bear'."

Although the admiral never had toured the school, he is no stranger to Vallejo and Mare Island, having been an officer on the submarine Narwhale which was based here several times before World War II.

"I just returned from a tour of the reserve fleet in Suisun Bay," Admiral Wilson said, "and al-

though I got only a brief look at Vallejo during the ride up, I am amazed at the growth of the city to the north and west."

The admiral is currently on a tour of facilities under direct or indirect control of the maritime commission. He arrived in San Francisco yesterday from Washington and will be there until Thursday, when he flies to Portland.

"I have always liked the Bay Ara, Admiral Wilson said, "and I am enjoying the chance to see many former friends and associates."

The admiral paused several times during his tour of the academy grounds to praise the "excellent location" of the school. "I feel that the academy compares quite favorably with the commission's academy at Kings Point, New York," he said.

"The proximity to deep water and the many shipping concerns located in the general area are distinct advantages for any maritime institution."

Admiral Wilson was accompanied on the tour by Capt. H. E. Richter, USN (ret.) superintendent of the academy and Lloyd Fleming, Pacific Coast director of the Maritime Commission.

(Ed Note)
Cdr J B Cooke, USN (ret)
is a member of the
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