

IN Washington

Since the last issue of the Newsletter Congress passed House Bill HR 7779 which authorizes free transit of the Panama Canal for vessels operated by State Nautical Schools.

(ED. Note: Since the Canal passage has been returned to it status of several years ago plans are tentative being made for the T.S. Gloden Bear to return to Sea Training trips in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea with in the next two years.)

MARITIME AID BILL SIGNED

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WASHINGTON—(P)—President Eisenhower today signed a bill increasing Federal allowances to state maritime academies and assuring them continuity of U.S. aid.

There are four such academies, in Maine, Massachusetts, New York and California. They train officers for the American merchant marine.

The new law removes uncertainties of continuing Federal support by authorizing the secretary of commerce to make contracts for payments to each academy for periods up to four years, while keeping actual appropriations on an annual basis.

This would give young men planning to enter the academies assurance of Federal support until completion of their courses.

The increase in Federal allowances could be as much as \$75,000 a year at each institution.

(ED Note: The following is the budget for the Maritime Academies as presented in the Presidents Budget. ^{OW} 1959-60. CONGRESS STILL MUST ACT ON THIS BUDGET before it is Available to the Academy.)

It is estimated that this budget approval will result in an increase of \$39,000.00 in the uniform, Books, and Subsistence fund and \$30,000.00 resulting from the federal grant being increased from \$25,000.00 to \$75,000.00 to CMA.

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