

Academy Dormitory Nearing Completion

Work on the new \$572,000 three-story dormitory for midshipmen at the California Maritime Academy is rapidly nearing the finishing stages, Capt. Henry E. Richter, USN, (Ret.) academy superintendent reported yesterday.

He added that work also is being rushed to completion on the new administration building directly below the new residence hall.

Capt. Richter was hopeful the residence hall will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the Fall trimester.

The dormitory is designed to house upwards of 200 midshipmen, and is located half way up a hill behind the academy gymnasium, with a sweeping view of Carquinez Straits.

IT WILL replace the temporary wooden barracks, which, according to Captain Richter, "have served their purpose but which are now inadequate and insufficient to meet the academy's needs for its increasing enrollment."

Contractors, taking advantage of the Summer weather, have completed 99 per cent of the building's outside permanent utilities; 86 per cent of the electrical work; 90 per cent of the roof deck, and 98 per cent of all masonry work.

First, second and third floor heating facilities also are on schedule, and all interior wiring is 75 per cent complete.

In addition to housing the midshipmen, the dormitory will provide reception areas for guests, lounge and recreation areas, a library and a small canteen.

ROOMS are designed to more or less simulate shipboard con-

ditions, and the cadets will have built-in bunks instead of beds. Two cadets will occupy each room.

The new dormitory will answer many needs at the academy, Captain Richter said, eliminating any possible overcrowded conditions as enrollment grows.

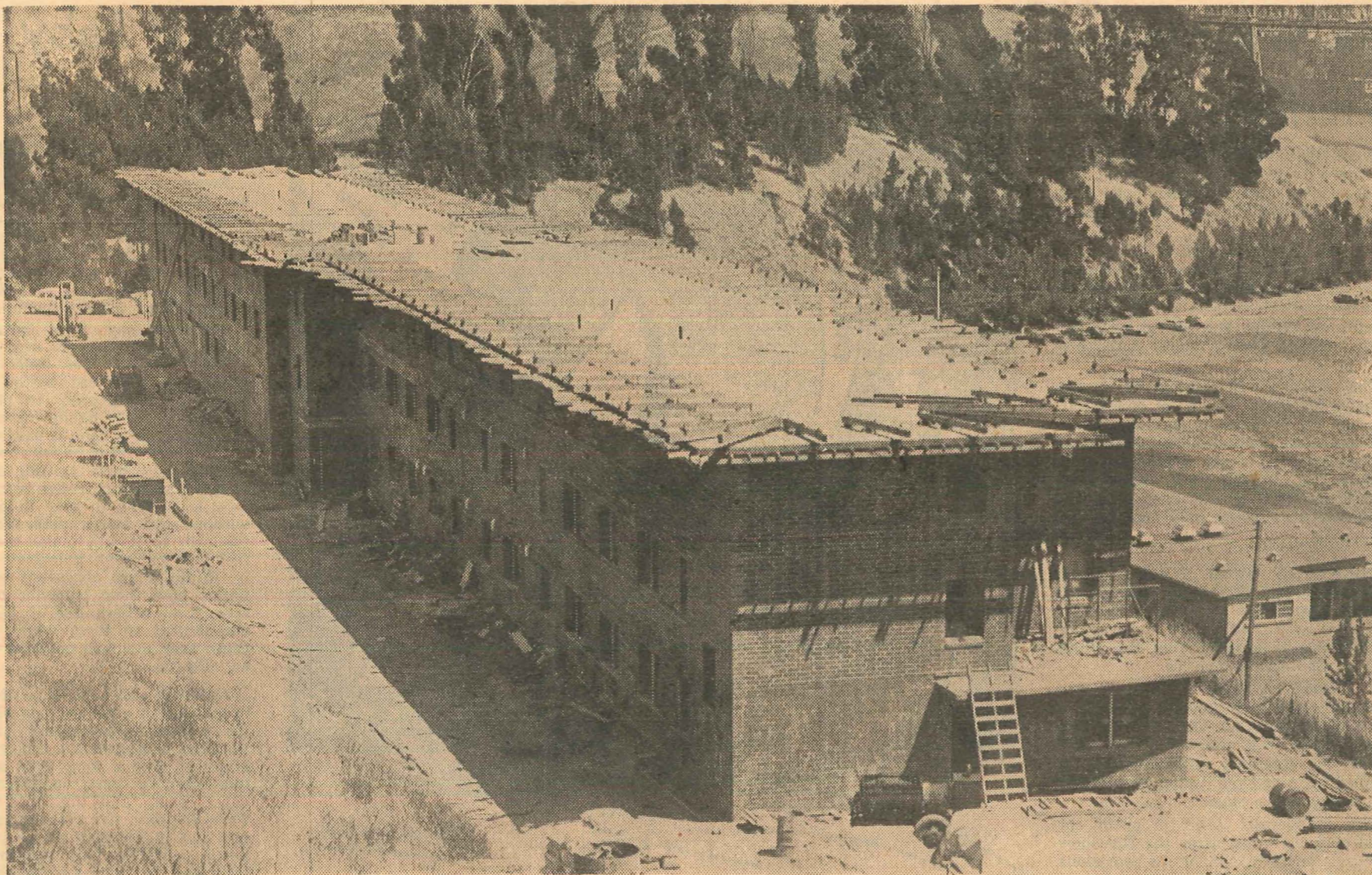
General work on the dormitory is being handled by the Rapp, Christensen and Foster Company of Santa Rosa. The Solano Electrical Company, of Fairfield, is handling the electrical work.

Melino Plumbing Company of Richmond is handling heating and plumbing, and various subcontractors are handling minor phases of the building.

WORK WAS started last Fall after the Legislature allocated \$575,000 for the new building.

When the dormitory and the new administration building are completed, the entire area will be attractively landscaped, and

the old barracks removed. Roads are being resurfaced and the waterfront and pier refurbished.



NEW DORM Work is being rushed to completion on the new \$572,000 dormitory for midshipmen at the California Maritime Academy, and hopes are that the cadets will be able to occupy it at the start of the Fall trimester. The three-story structure,

overlooking Carquinez Strait, is built to accommodate at least 200 midshipmen. Note Carquinez Bridge in upper right. In addition it will house recreation and lounge areas, a canteen, library, offices and areas for entertaining guests of the

midshipmen. Work was started on the building last Fall. Just below the residence hall, a new CMA administration building also is nearing completion. Both are reached by a new access road. —Times-Herald Photo.