

MARITIME ACADEMY GETS HIGH PRAISE

State Sen. Luther E. Gibson, Assemblyman Samuel R. Geddes and officials of the California Maritime Academy were singled out yesterday by Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown for their role in helping the continued growth and success of California's own maritime school.

"I have great confidence in the judgment of Senator Gibson and Assemblyman Geddes in programs which they sponsor to aid the academy here," Governor Brown told midshipmen and members of the Governor's Committee on Ship Construction and Repair which met yesterday at the academy.

"As long as I am governor I will do all in my power to make this academy bigger and better as the years go on," he said.

SIGNIFICANT ROLE

"It is because of the development of California and the state's future role as the nation's leading maritime state,

that it is significant for the Governor's Committee to be meeting here today. You, the students at this academy, have a vital stake in the success of this committee and the projects it has undertaken, because you are taking the necessary technical courses to qualify for a profession in the maritime industry," he said.

"True, not all of you will immediately find positions on merchant vessels. But a number will. Some of you will go into other industries, some permanently and some for a time and then return to shipping or related maritime activities. This is the experience generally of the graduates," he added.

"But each and every one of you in this academy will acquire a professional status in the maritime industry, and directly or indirectly you will benefit by the work of this committee. One day I hope some of your number will even serve on this committee," he said.

CANCELS TRAVEL

Governor Brown then disclosed he had cancelled a plan to personally travel to other nations which wash against Pacific shores in order to promote trade with California. He said it would have been an experiment to see if a governor of a maritime state could use the office to increase trade with other countries and thereby increase the prosperity of California.

He said he was forced to abandon his plan for the trip because of the pressing concern with problems at home. He said the state, now second in the nation, has an unbounded future.

In the matter of schools of higher education of which the Maritime Academy is numbered, he said that in the next ten years the state will need twice the number of universities and colleges it has at present.



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