



Vallejo and Mare Island officials were among those to greet Gov. Edmund G. Brown yesterday when he conducted a session of the governor's committee on shipbuilding and ship repair at the California Maritime Academy. Left to right, are Vallejo Mayor G. Wilfred Hewitt, State Sen. Luther E. Gibson, Capt.

Henry E. Richter, USN, (Ret.), academy superintendent; Governor Brown, Rear Adm. Leroy V. Honsinger, USN, Mare Island Naval Shipyard commander; Rear Adm. Harold C. Moore, USCG, commander, 12th Coast Guard District, and Assemblyman Samuel R. Geddes.—Times-Herald Photo.

Governor Demands Coast Sub Building

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Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown yesterday pledged his full support in bringing construction of nuclear submarines to private shipbuilding yards in California but at the same time declared this program would in no way interfere with the building program at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Governor Brown, in disclosing the contents of a letter he wrote to the Secretary of the Navy urging consideration of private shipyards in this state for construction of atomic submarines, lauded the tremendous success of Mare Island in producing nuclear undersea craft.

He said his program is to bring those submarine projects which are destined for private shipyards to the Pacific Coast, rather than have them all built on the Eastern seaboard as is the case now.

Governor Brown spoke at a meeting of the Governor's Committee on Ship Construction and Repair which met at the California Maritime Academy.

He said he decided to release the contents of the letter he wrote to the Navy secretary, because he has not received a reply to his missive.

In his letter, the governor wrote:

1—That the United States Navy has contracted for the building of 33 nuclear powered submarines since 1952;

2—That not a single one of these nuclear submarines has been built in Pacific Coast private ship-

yards. (23 were built or are contracted for building in Eastern shipyards, 10 in Navy yards, five at Portsmouth and five at Mare Island.)

3—That three more such submarines will be awarded in fiscal 1960, and that this number could be increased; and

4—Finally, that the office of the Governor of California is determined to take what steps that might be possible to accomplish some of this construction in private shipyards in California.

Governor Brown emphasized that in no way was he suggesting that any proposed nuclear submarine construction be reassigned from Mare Island to a private yard, but only that some of those projects which are awarded to private shipbuilding concerns throughout the U. S. should be allocated to West Coast shipyards.

"We feel on the face of it this appears to be a discrimination against Pacific Coast shipyards. No information has been presented to me as yet to change my conviction that the accomplishment of the building of nuclear submarines in private shipyards on the Pacific Coast should be a major effort in my office," he said.

"In support of that responsibility we on the West Coast have a great responsibility. We must provide the vigorous and skilled people needed for a first-rate shipbuilding industry. In addition, we must pro-

vide the industrial stability for that. Both management and labor have imperative responsibilities to reconcile their differences and sustain work here," he declared.

"Above all, each of us must recognize and respond to the national defense needs of a nation that requires both military strength and maritime support.

"In closing, I want to thank each

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