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Maritime School To Seek Building

The California Maritime Academy will seek a \$919,394 appropriation from the new legislature for the purpose of constructing and equipping an engineering building, the board of governors announced yesterday.

Preliminary plans for the building have been received. Both the plans and need for the building will be reviewed by the state public works board, the legislative analyst and other agencies before the money is approved for inclusion in the Academy's capital outlay budget.

Capt. Henry Richter, USN, (Ret.), Academy superintendent, said the building would cost an estimated \$750,000, and its equipment another \$169,394.

It would have a machine shop, a diesel engine laboratory, elec-

trical and electronics laboratories, the superintendent said. He added that it would be of one-story construction generally, with the exception of the machine shop, which would be two-storied to permit installation of an overhead crane.

Captain Richter said it probably will be two or three months before the fate of the appropriation request for the engineering building is learned.

The engineering building pro-

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posal comprises the lion's share of the Academy's 1959-60 capital outlay budget, which totals \$985,794.

Other items in the budget include a drainage system, estimated to cost \$47,000; resurfacing of existing roads and construction of new ones, \$14,400; construction of a signal station, \$1,000, and a sentry house, \$4,000.

The superintendent said midshipmen have finished moving into the new dormitory at the Academy, and that work on razing the old wooden quarters built in World War II has begun.

Captain Richter also disclosed the Academy training ship Golden Bear has received two 40-foot motor launches from Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Both boats are in excellent condition, he said, except that their seams need filling as they have been beached many months.

He also noted in his report to the board of governors that 218 midshipmen are currently enrolled at the Academy.