

State Shipbuilding Group To Meet At CMA Tomorrow

The Governor's Committee on Ship Construction and Repair, which has long charged that the West Coast facilities have been discriminated against in the matters of repair and new shipbuilding, will meet tomorrow at the California Maritime Academy.

It is expected some sort of announcement will be made at the afternoon meeting concerning the possibility of the awarding a contract to a private West Coast shipyard for the construction of an atomic submarine.

BROWN IS DUE

Jeremy Ets-Hokin, San Francisco businessman and chairman of the group, said today that Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown will be at the meeting where in addition to the discussions about submarine construction, talks will be held concerning the six per cent differential which the West Coast is seeking to better compete with Eastern shipyards.

The six per cent is desirable and necessary, he pointed out, because of the higher wage costs on the Pacific shores.

In the matter of the atomic construction Ets-Hokin said private

yards on the West Coast have not been given its due share of new construction of atomic boats.

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He hinted that an announcement of an award for an atomic sub for a West Coast private yard might be in the offing. He declined to comment further on the report, saying he would prefer to wait until tomorrow at the meeting.

Representatives of the major news gathering agencies as well as representatives from the newspapers in San Francisco, Oakland and Vallejo have been urged to attend.

The committee plans to inspect the Maritime Academy's training ship, the Golden Bear at 11:30 a. m., have lunch at noon at the Academy's facility and stage the business meeting beginning at 1 p. m.

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Ets-Hokin said any construction

of atomic submarines in private yards would "in no way adversely affect the construction program at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, but in fact would probably enhance it," he said.

Other members of the committee include Joe Roberts, secretary; Wilton Colberg, Morris Collins, James Craig, Thomas Crowley Jr., James Daniels, Milton Fillius Jr., Hugh Gallagher, Mario Grossetti, Robert Mayer, John Rados, Robert Rich, Vice-Adm. Bertram Rodgers (USN), (ret.), Thomas Rotell, George Sienko, William Smock, H. P. Stewart, Edward Zelinsky.