

# Nuclear Training Classes Asked For Maritime School

Congressman John F. Baldwin has asked the Atomic Energy Commission to use facilities of the California Maritime Academy and the maritime academies of Maine, New York and Massachusetts in its proposed program for training merchant marine crews to operate nuclear power plants. Baldwin, whose Sixth

Congressional District includes Solano and Contra Costa Counties, made his recommendation in a letter to Richard P. Godwin, administrator of the Maritime Branch of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The congressman's letter follows:

The AEC's reply to Baldwin's recommendation, signed by A. Tammaro, assistant general manager for research and industrial development, states:

**"THE MARITIME** Administration and the Atomic Energy Commission, as you know, are engaged in the first nuclear powered merchant ship program, authorized by Public Law 848.

"Under a memorandum of understanding, a dual status MA-AEC group has been established to carry out the program responsibilities of both agencies, including the training of the first ship crews.

"A crew training program is being formulated for the first ship, and considering the unique training requirements, expansion of existing facilities for the training of future nuclear crews will depend largely on the experience gained in this initial effort.

**"IT IS OUR** present belief that the degree to which Federal and state maritime academies participate in the training of additional crews will depend to a large extent upon the number of nuclear merchant ships and the rate at which they are constructed.

"It is my understanding that in accordance with the authority embodied in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission has initiated a program designed to promote the training of Merchant Marine crews in nuclear power methods.

**"AS YOU** undoubtedly know, there are four state maritime academies established in the states of California, Maine, Massachusetts and New York. All these academies are performing a vital service in the training of Merchant Marine personnel. The training programs maintained in these state academies are designed to provide the most up-to-date program for young men who desire to make the Merchant Marine their career.

"I should like to recommend that the state academies be incorporated into your program of nuclear training. I believe that the state academies can incorporate this program into their present curriculum, and that by doing so, the future maritime officers they are training will be kept abreast of the newest developments in this field."