

## Supervisors Request Legislature To Spur Shipbuilding in State

The State Legislature was urged this week by the County Board of Supervisors to take action that would enable California shipbuilders to compete favorably with eastern seaboard states for some three billion dollars' worth of shipbuilding in the next 10 years.

Specifically the board approved a resolution by its chairman, Burton W. Chace, which requested the Legislature during the current special session to exempt the construction of major ships from local taxation. Presenting his resolution,

Chace pointed out that California was the only state in the Union levying personal property taxes on the shipbuilding industry. Chace received strong support from Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who stated that "our present tax laws makes it impossible for California shipyards to compete for the huge shipbuilding program, recently announced by the Federal Maritime Commission."

**New Payrolls**  
According to Chace, if Southern California shipyards are given the right to compete for these contracts it would mean a direct, new payroll in this area amounting to \$12,000,000 annually. "Coincidentally," Chace said, "this amounts to the increase in our relief load, due to unemployment."  
Chace further revealed to his colleagues that, at the present time in California, once a ship of 50,000 tons or more is constructed and in operation, it is exempt from personal property taxes.  
"Therefore," said Chace, "it is apparent that ships can be constructed in the East and brought here, registered in California and be exempt from local taxes, to me this seems highly incongruous and discriminatory."  
Chace's resolution, approved after a lengthy debate, will be presented at a special hearing on the issue in Sacramento tomorrow. The hearing has been called by Senator James McBride, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The sub-

## Church Ladies Plan Meeting

The Women's Guild of Seaside Community Church will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 230th and Ocean Ave.  
"The Light of the Cross" will be the theme of this Lenten Quiet Hour devotional with Mrs. Howard Miller leading the set matter has already been made a part of the governor's agenda for the special session.

Following a brief business meeting, hostesses Mrs. Dean Gulbransen and Mrs. Clyde Rosellen will serve refreshments.  
The Guild Executive Board announced two new chairmanship appointments recently made. Mrs. George Hollowell is now serving as Altar Guild chairman, and Mrs. Roy Burt as ecumenical chairman.



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