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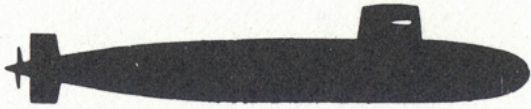
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

U. S. NAVY

NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE

WILLIAM H. BATES

SSN 680



Mrs. William H. Bates
Matron of Honor

The WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN-680) is one of twelve nuclear-powered attack submarines contracted to Ingalls Nuclear Shipbuilding division of Litton Industries by the United States Navy. Builder of submarines since 1957, Ingalls has already delivered nine nuclear submarines to the Navy fleet, and has three others, including the WILLIAM H. BATES, under construction.

WILLIAM H. BATES is a STURGEON CLASS submarine, designed to be one of the most effective weapons systems in the Navy's anti-submarine arsenal. It is 292 feet, 3 inches in length, has a beam of 31 feet, eight inches, a surface displacement of 3,800 tons, and a submerged displacement of 4,600 tons. Manned by a highly trained crew of twelve officers and 95 enlisted men, the WILLIAM H. BATES is built to travel fast and silent deep within the oceans. The submarine will have a primary mission as an anti-submarine weapon, but will also have the capabilities of a mine-layer, supporter of underwater demolition operations, and will be capable of participating in many types of reconnaissance and intercept missions.

WILLIAM H. BATES is named in honor of the late United States Representative William H. Bates of Massachusetts, who was devoted to the vital importance of the nation's seapower. Congressman Bates, as a member of the House Armed Service's Committee and the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, was a vigorous advocate and effective supporter of the development of nuclear power for Naval vessels.

Congressman Bates' daughter, Mrs. Andrew R. Grainger, is sponsor of the submarine named after her father. Mrs. Bates is her daughter's matron of honor.

PROGRAM

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Pensacola Naval Air Station Band

INVOCATION

Monsignor James Hannon, J.C.D.

Pastor, Our Lady of Victories Church

REMARKS

Mr. N. J. Marandino

Vice President, Litton Industries and
President, Ingalls Nuclear Shipbuilding

Mr. Fred W. O'Green

Executive Vice President, Litton Industries

Rear Admiral C. N. Payne, USN

Supervisor of Shipbuilding, U.S. Navy
Pascagoula

Rear Admiral Robert L. J. Long, USN

Deputy Commander, Fleet Maintenance and
Logistic Support, Naval Ship Systems Command

RECOGNITION

The Honorable Leslie C. Arends

United States Representative From the State of Illinois

The Honorable Charles Melvin Price

United States Representative From the State of Illinois

The Honorable Craig Hosmer

United States Representative From the State of California

The Honorable Orval Hansen

United States Representative From the State of Idaho

Vice Admiral H. G. Rickover, USN

Deputy Commander for Nuclear Propulsion, Naval Ship
Systems Command and Director, Division of Naval Reactors,
Atomic Energy Commission

ADDRESS

The Honorable Silvio O. Conte

United States Representative From the State of Massachusetts

CHRISTENING AND LAUNCHING



Mrs. Andrew R. Grainger
Sponsor



Litton

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NUCLEAR SHIPBUILDING**

“Until sound agreements are reached the peace we seek is but an illusion if we do not develop our military strength to see to it that we always have superior power.”

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. BATES

United States House of Representatives 1950-1969