

LAUNCHING CEREMONIES

USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571)

JANUARY 21, 1954

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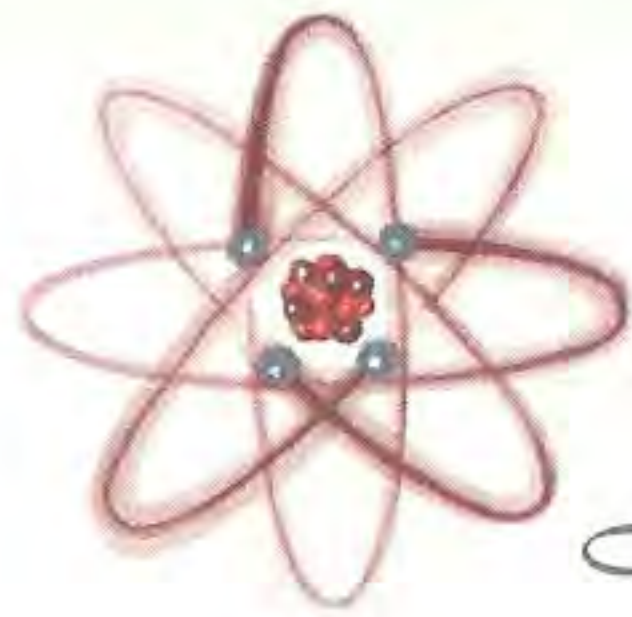
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GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION
GROTON, CONNECTICUT











In Man's Behalf

The historic launching here today is one of the most important milestones in man's effort to make the atom work in his behalf.

Nuclear propulsion, embodied in the "USS Nautilus", is no longer a mystic proposition of the distant future; it is here on today's horizon and when the "Nautilus" moves down the Thames under her own power for the first time, the hopes and dreams of thousands will move with her.

For the "Nautilus" is the product of many minds and hearts. The United States Navy, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation, the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and hundreds of sub-contractors and suppliers have put their faith in this ship.

She will be listed in the eternal annals of man as the first practical demonstration of his ability to curb the destructive force of the atom and to turn it in a positive direction.

The Nautilus Launching

WELCOME

JOHN JAY HOPKINS

Chairman of the Board and President,
General Dynamics Corporation

REMARKS

GWILYM A. PRICE

President, Westinghouse Electric Corporation

ADDRESS

ADMIRAL ROBERT B. CARNEY

Chief of Naval Operations

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LEWIS L. STRAUSS

Chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

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REAR ADMIRAL EDWARD B. HARP, JR.

Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy

CHRISTENING

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Sponsor

MRS. EUGENE P. WILKINSON

Matron of Honor

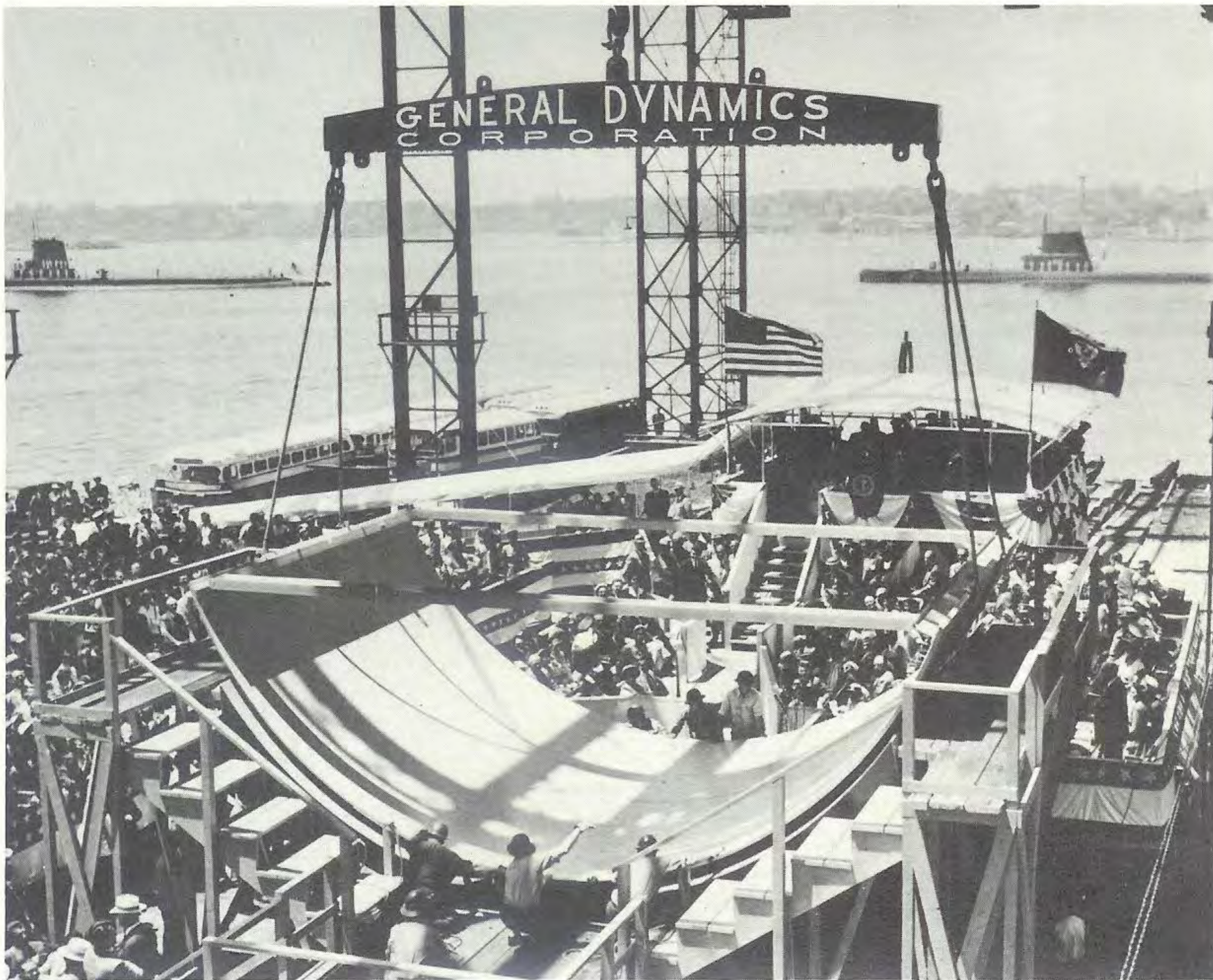
Benediction

“The Lord in whose power is our destiny, be merciful unto us, that while making weapons for war we may take larger strides toward peace. The Lord, in whose goodness is hope, be gracious unto us, that our intelligence be not the slave of hatred, but the servant of all. The Lord, in whose wisdom is our future, be our nation’s guide, that people and leaders may choose ways of justice. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.”

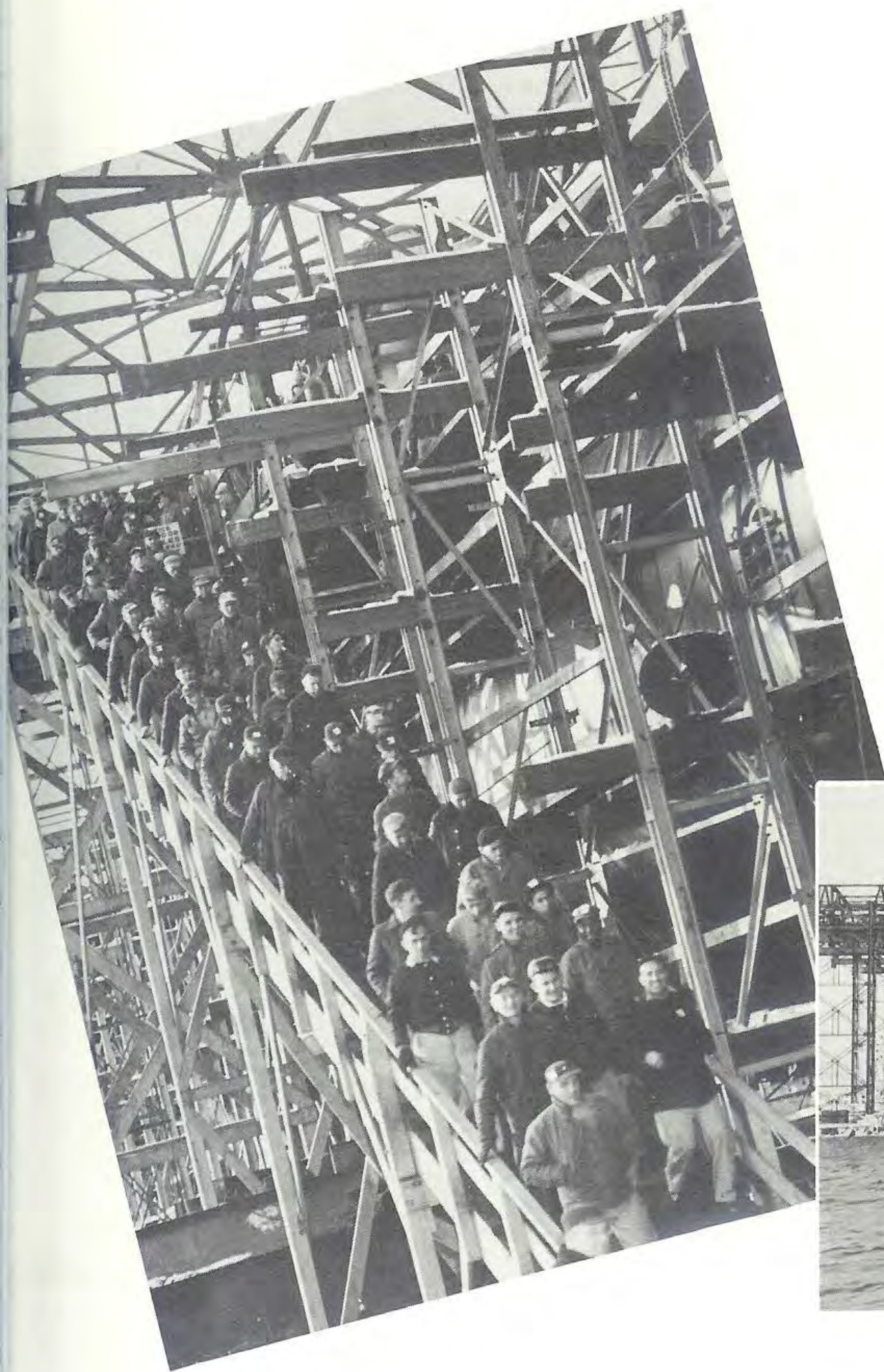
LT. RICHARD L. SNYDER, ChC, USN
U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut



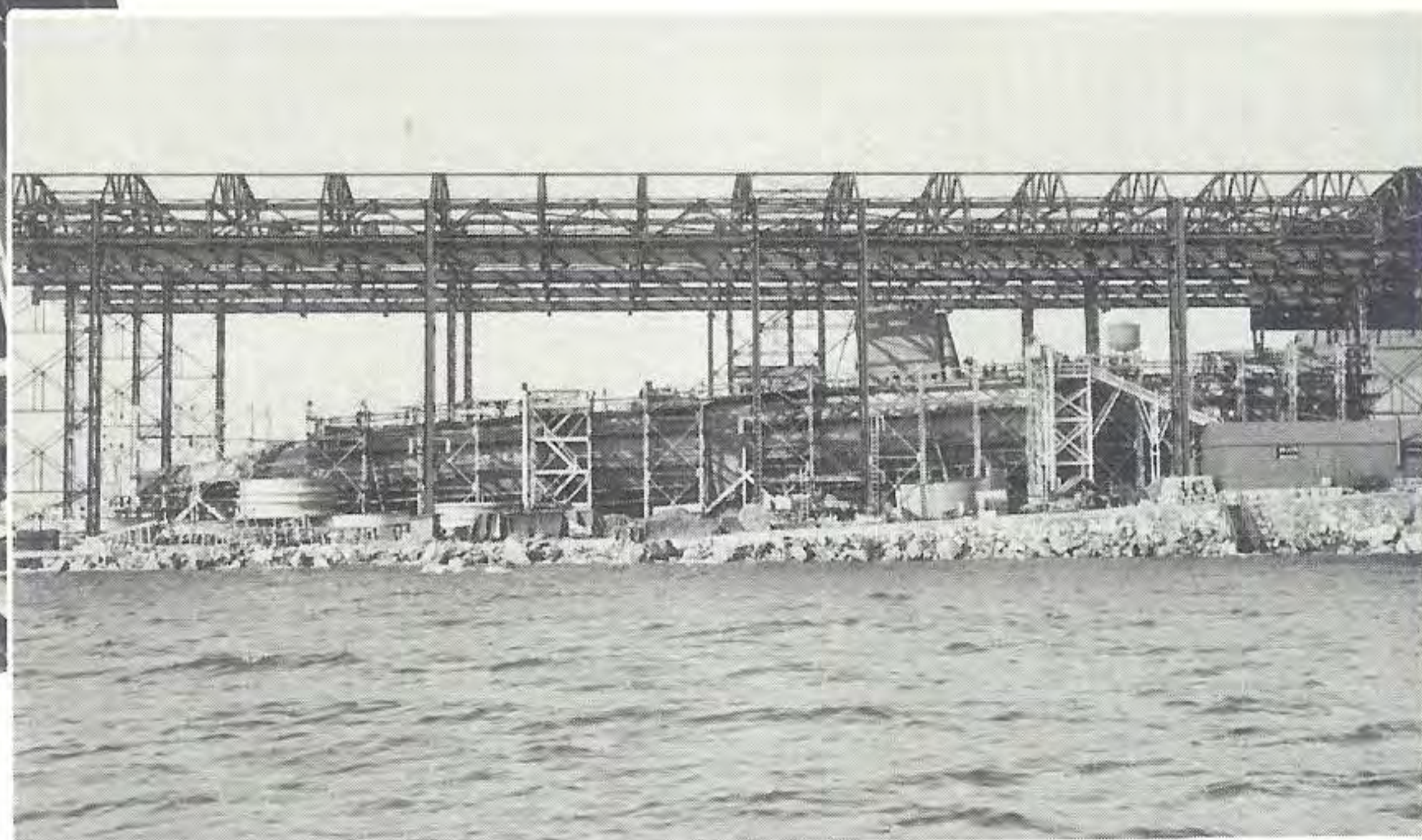
June 14, 1952—Her keel plate is laid.



Seven Months, Seven Days



In the short span of one year, seven months and seven days, the job was done.



January 21, 1954 — She floats in tide w

USS NAUTILUS

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

30 SEPTEMBER 1954

FITTING-OUT PIERS

ELECTRIC BOAT

DIVISION OF

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

GROTON, CONNECTICUT



Official Party

Admiral Donald B. Duncan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations

Admiral Jerauld Wright, USN, Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, USN, Commandant, Third Naval District

Rear Admiral George C. Crawford, USN, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

Captain Robert L. Moore, Jr., USN, Supervisor of Shipbuilding and Naval Inspector of Ordnance, Groton, Connecticut

Mr. John Jay Hopkins, Chairman of the Board and President, General Dynamics Corporation

Commander Llewellyn G. Burrus, (CHC), USN, Chaplain U. S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut

Schedule of Events

- Musical Selections
Coast Guard Academy Band
- Arrival of Official Party
- Invocation
Chaplain Burrus
- Introduction of the Commandant, Third Naval District
Prospective Commanding Officer
- Remarks and reading of authority to place ship in commission
Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter
- Hoisting of Ensign, Union Jack and Commission Pennant
- National Anthem
Coast Guard Academy Band
- Remarks, Reading of Orders, Assumption of Command and setting of watch
Commander Wilkinson
- Presentation of Commissioning Plaque
Mr. John Jay Hopkins
- Acceptance of Plaque
Commander Wilkinson
- Introduction of Admiral Wright
Commander Wilkinson
- Address
Admiral Wright
- Response to Admiral Wright
Commander Wilkinson
- Departure of Official Party with Honors
- Musical Selections
Coast Guard Academy Band

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LTJG Raymond E. Engle, USN
LT John H. Ebersole, (MC), USN
CHELEC Albert A. Wood, Jr., USN

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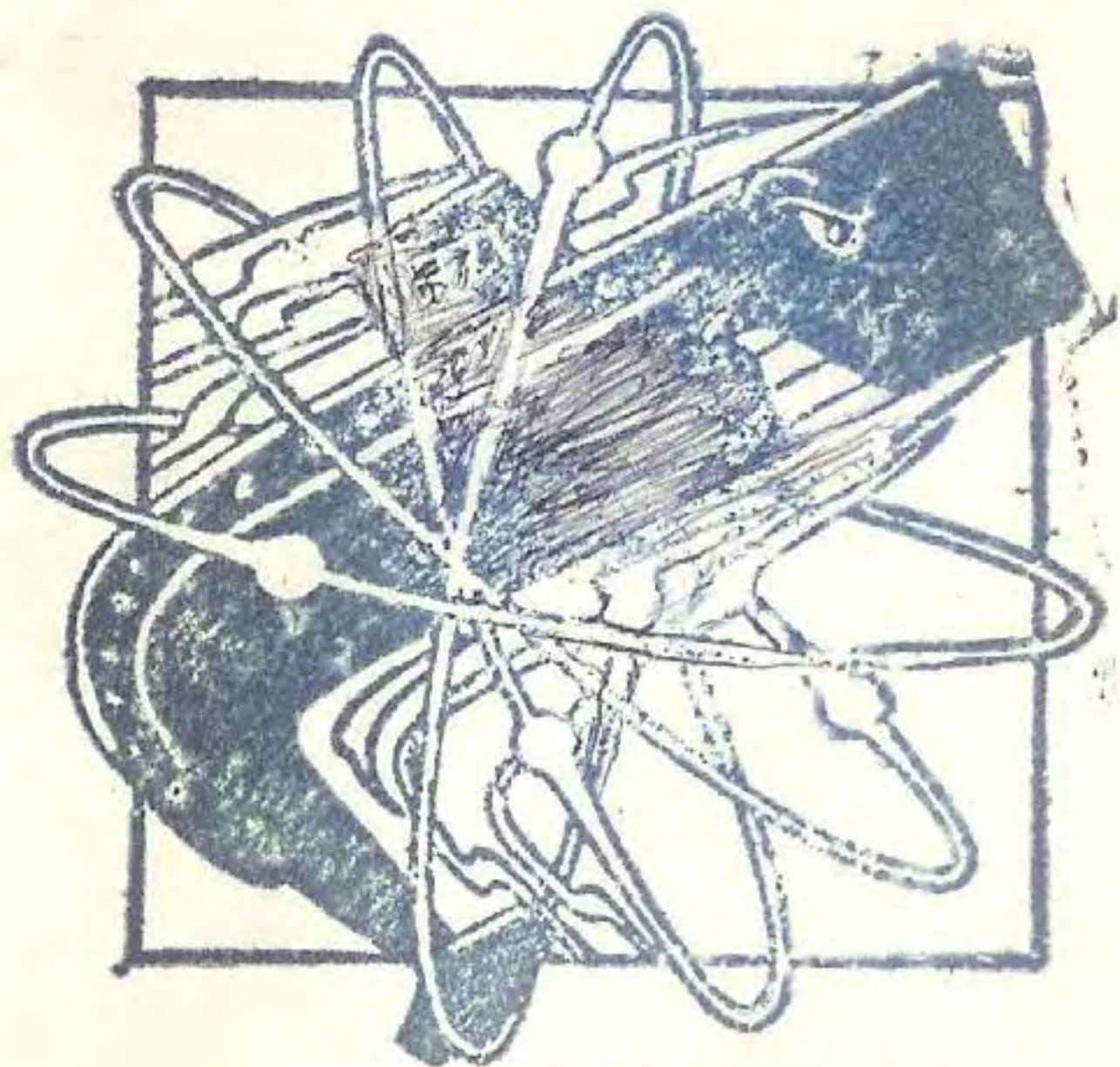
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KEEL LAYING

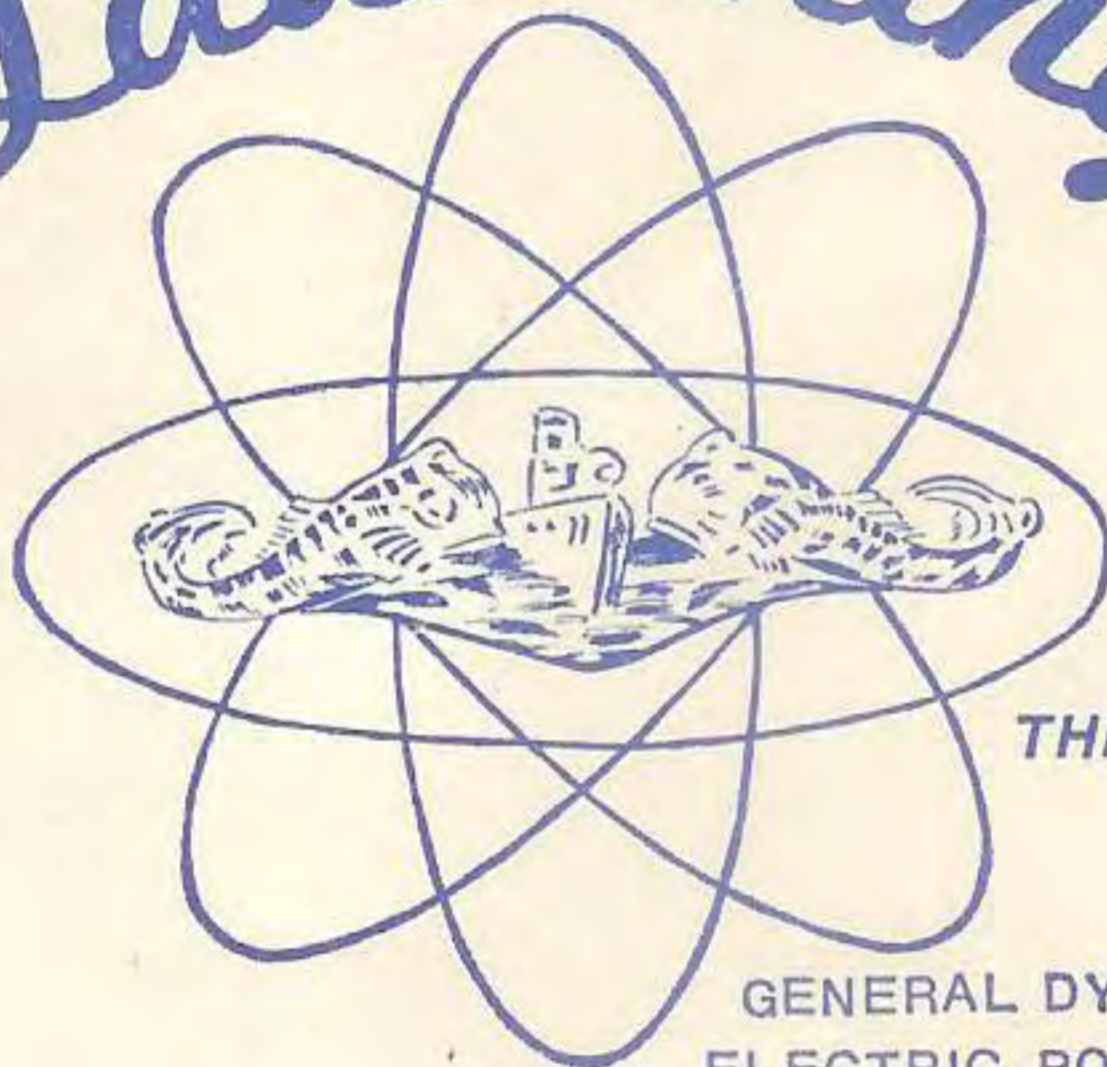


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