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Title: W. W. Warlick, Superintendent, Talks About Maine Maritime Academy

Date: May 22, 1955

Recording number: Reel-to-reel Tape 6, part 4

Length of recording: 3:37

[transcript begins]

Announcer: The following material was tape recorded by Rear Admiral W. W. Warlick, Superintendent of the Maine Maritime Academy for use on the air at WLBZ on National Maritime Day, May 22, 1955.

WARLICK: There has begun to occur, and in recent years, a rebirth of interest in the sea, which has grown as imperceptibly as did the decline of its sea-mindedness a century before. The important fact is, the young men of Maine are going back to sea again. They are going to sea in positions of responsibility and influence. This new trend, felt first in the maritime industry of the nation, in the shipping offices and on board United States merchant ships, is now perceptible to the people of Maine, and is becoming increasingly so. [several seconds of silence] ... towards restoring the reputation of Maine's men as ship's officers and cap... [sound cuts out] ... Academy at Castine. This academy, established in 1941, [sound cuts out] .. and in steam, which replaced those of wood and sail, which slipped so stealthily from Maine's grasp three generations ago.

The competence of Maine's men has not changed; the techniques have changed. Therefore, the mission of the Maine Maritime Academy is to restore the secrets of these skills and techniques in their modern forms to the young men of Maine so that they may in turn reclaim Maine's prominence on the sea. In accomplishing this mission, the academy has been most successful and is becoming increasingly so. Graduates of the academy now sail on every ocean. They occupy positions on American ships as mates, engineers, and in all grades up to chief engineer and captain. These Maine men are in demand by shipping companies and by the Navy to such an extent that graduates have been 99 percent placed in positions aboard ships of the Merchant Marine and the Navy. That reminds me to add that as a part of the training at the academy, there is a Naval Reserve Officers Training course given by regular Naval officers assigned to the academy by the U. S. Navy Department. All graduates who qualify physically are generally commissioned as citizens in the United States Naval Reserve. Many graduates serve in the Navy. This naval training does not alter the fact that these young men are trained primarily to become Merchant Marine Officers. The purpose of the Naval training is to acquaint them with the skills of the Navy and procedures so that they will be prepared to handle their ships in cooperation with Naval ships. Many of these young men who have gone into the Navy for temporary duty have chosen to make it a permanent career.

[transcript ends]

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