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## USS ANCHORAGE LAUNCHED

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The USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36), the first of a new class of dock landing ships, was launched Sunday, May 5, 1968, at Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Representative Howard W. Pollock (R-Alaska) was the principal speaker at the ceremonies and Mrs. Alexander S. Hayward, Jr., wife of Vice Admiral Hayward, Chief of Naval Air Training, was the ship's sponsor.

ANCHORAGE, the first ship of the fleet to be named in honor of Anchorage, Alaska, was built by Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, of Pascagoula.

The new dock landing ship is designed to operate as an integral part of a balanced, modern amphibious assault force. Equipped to transport preloaded heavy landing craft to the objective area and discharge them from the flooded well deck, ANCHORAGE is also capable of performing dry docking and repair services to small ships up to the size of harbor tugs and landing craft.

ANCHORAGE has a helicopter landing pad and is armed with four 3-inch 50 caliber rapid fire twin mounts. She has an overall length of 553 feet, a beam of 84 feet and a full load displacement of 13,700 tons. Her designed speed is 20 knots.

The ship has accommodations for 51 officers and 742 enlisted personnel.

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FOOTAGE

VIDEO

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|---|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 3 | (a) | The ANCHORAGE                         |
| 8 | (b) | Dignitaries coming aboard ship        |
| 1 | (c) | Crowd                                 |
| 7 | (d) | Dignitaries on platform               |
| 2 | (e) | Representative Pollock giving address |

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2	(f) Crowd
2	(g) Mrs. Hayward breaks champagne bottle on ship
2	(h) Band playing
5	(i) Ship going down slip

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