

LAUNCHING CEREMONIES

USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571)

JANUARY 21, 1954

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MRS. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

BUILT BY THE  
ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION  
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

### ADDRESS

**LEWIS L. STRAUSS**

Chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission

### BENEDICTION

**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*



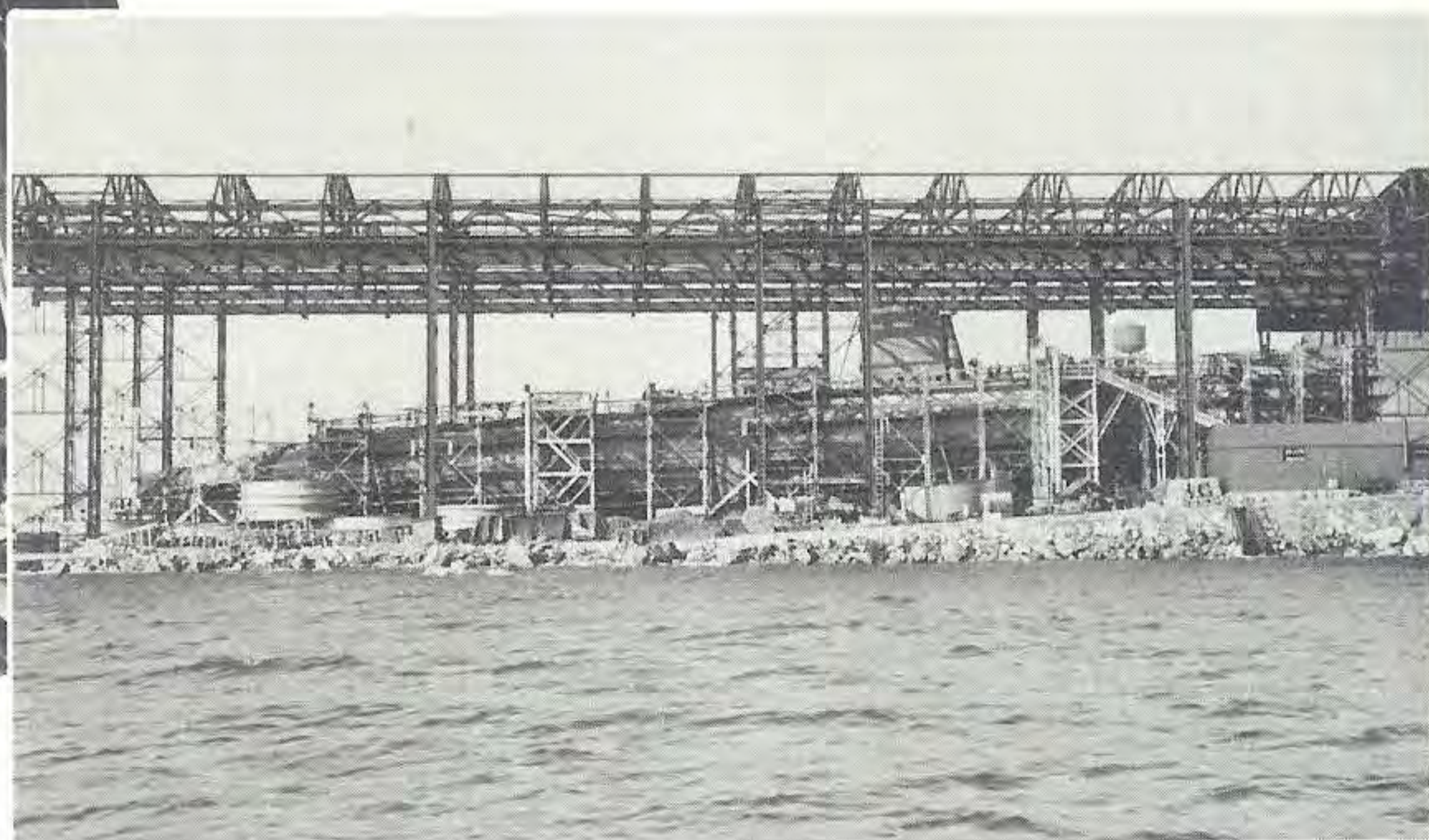
June 14, 1952—Her keel plate is laid.



# 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