

Commissioning ceremonies to be held at Embarcadero

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Commissioning ceremonies for the Research Vessel Argo, newest and largest of the eight ships of the oceanographic fleet operated by The University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, will be held at the Embarcadero, San Diego, on Saturday afternoon, August 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Principal speaker on the occasion will be Rear Admiral Rawson Bennett II, Chief of the U. S. Navy Office of Naval Research, Washington, D. C.

The public is invited to attend. After the short, formal commissioning ceremony, the vessel will be open for public inspection.

Argo departs on her first long expedition on August 23. The voyage, called Monsoon Expedition, will take her to the southwest Pacific and the Indian Ocean. She will return about March 1, 1961.

The vessel is a former Navy Auxiliary Rescue and Salvage vessel which has been leased to The University by the Bureau of Ships. Her conversion into an oceanographic research ship was made possible by the support of the Office of Naval Research.