

FORMER DIRECTOR OF U.S. MINT HONORED



LAUNCHING—Mrs. George Baker Jr. is about to christen the Liberty ship S.S. Raymond T. Baker at Calship yards. Mrs. Baker is a sister-in-law of the man for whom the

ship is named, a former director of the United States Mint. Others left to right are: Mrs. Carl Flesher, George Baker Jr., Mrs. Charles E. Moore and Charles E. Moore.

Liberty Ship Honoring Former U.S. Mint Director Launched

The Liberty Ship Raymond T. Baker, honoring the former director of the United States Mint, was launched at 2:30 a.m. yesterday at California Shipbuilding Corp. yards.

The first "wee hours" launching in several months, the ceremony, witnessed by hundreds of spectators, was conducted, with Mrs. George Baker Jr. of Piedmont, sister-in-law of the man for whom the ship was named, christening the vessel, 318th built by Calship.

Mrs. Charles E. Moore of Los Gatos, wife of the president and general manager of Joshua Hendy Iron Works, served as matron of honor, while L. A. Copeland, editor of Calship Log, was master of ceremonies.

Baker, who died in 1935, was a miner, banker and statesman.

He was director of the mint from 1917-22 and was a member of the Gold Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in 1918.

United Nations Group Will Dine

Commemorating victories of Allied forces throughout the world, the United Nations Committee of Southern California will hold its first annual banquet

and ball at the Beverly Hills Athletic Club Jan. 28, Lech T. Niemo, Polish Consul and president of the organization, announced yesterday.