

## Secretary Stans Dedicates New Kodiak Marine Fisheries Center

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans was the principal speaker for the dedication of the NMFS Marine Fisheries Center at Kodiak, Alaska, July 7. In his dedication address, the Secretary said that the mission of the new Center is to provide service and increase knowledge for wise use of the marine fisheries resources of Alaska. "The new laboratory here," he said, "along with its present research vessels, will investigate the distribution and productivity of Alaska's marine fisheries resources. The Food Products Technology group will assist fishermen and processors in finding new and improved ways to handle and process their catch into high quality and wholesome products. The Marine Extension and Marketing Service will assist in carrying new technical information to fishermen and processors. The newly created W. F. Thompson Memorial Library will assist all these activities with basic information and research reports. Together these research and study groups will provide outstanding services and information on a continuing basis to the fishing industry in this part of the North Pacific."

The dedication ceremony also included remarks by NOAA Deputy Administrator Howard W. Pollock and NMFS Director Philip M. Roedel. Prominent among the guests were Lowell Wakefield, a member of Secretary Stans' Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Elmer Rasmussen,



Left to right: NMFS Director Roedel, Secretary Stans, NMFS Regional Director Rietze, NOAA Deputy Administrator Pollock, NWS Regional Director Bigler, Kodiak Center Director Hayes, and Secretarial Assistant McSpadden.

President of the National Bank of Alaska and Chairman of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission. NMFS Regional Director Harry L. Rietze was master of ceremonies and NWS Regional Director Stuart Bigler was a member of the official party.