

Halaby To Head FAA, Is Report In Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Post said Naieeb (Jeeb) E. Halaby, 45, Los Angeles electronics executive is President-elect John F. Kennedy's choice for administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency.

E. R. Quesada now heads the agency.

Halaby was a wartime Navy flier and later a test pilot for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. He served in both the State and Defense departments during the Truman administration.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED the sending of Donald Walter, a city accountant attached to the port authority, to Seattle and Portland for one working week to investigate the procedures for running those ports. He will set up the accounting for the port of Anchorage when he returns.

Lyle Anderson Gets Five-Year Port Body Term

The Anchorage City Council meeting in J. Z. Loussac Auditorium last night was turned into a lottery as names of Anchorage Port commissioners were drawn from a hat to determine who would serve short terms under a reorganization ordinance.

Under the new ordinance, tenures of commissioners was raised from one to five years. In order to stagger terms of office, the commissioners must serve one through five years.

The name slips, drawn from Councilman William Besser's stylish Tyrolean chapeau by Port Director Henry Roloff, indicated Lyle Anderson would serve five years; Commission Chairman Harold Strandberg, four; Jack Ferguson, three; Rod Johnston, two; and C. R. Foss, one. Terms of office begin January 1.

Second reading of the reorganization ordinance also was approved, as was a new ordinance setting port regulations.

PORT OFFICES MOVE

Offices of the Anchorage port director were moved to the terminal building on the city dock yesterday. The offices were in the Fourth Avenue Building.

New City Port Rates Reviewed

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Times Staff Writer

The port of Anchorage tariff—a schedule of rates and charges for use of the dock facilities—will show shippers “a dollar advantage over the use of other Alaskan ports,” Port Director Henry Roloff said today.

The proposed tariff is being reviewed by the holders of \$6.2 million in revenue bonds, Ira Haupt and Co. of New York. Funds resulting from the sale of these bonds and another \$2 million in city general obligation bonds built the new port facility.

THE BOND firm wants to determine whether the proposed rates will guarantee sufficient port revenue to pay off the bonds, Roloff explained.

Then, after approval by the City Port Commission and upon filing with the Federal Maritime Board, the tariff will be distributed to shippers and shipping lines. . . and the port will be open for business, Roloff said.

Examination of the tariff indicates it is directly competitive with the rates of its nearest competitor—the port of Seward—for most shipping items. The Seward port is owned and operated by the Alaska Railroad.

AS YET unknown are shipping rates which would be charged from other points to the Anchorage port since the facility is new. Now most carriers dock at Seward and the cargo is transported to Anchorage via the railroad.

Only difference between the

railroad rate—Seward to Anchorage—and the water carrier's charge for extending the ship run, from Seward to Anchorage, will be important to the financial success of the port.

Roloff said he is confident that use of the Anchorage port

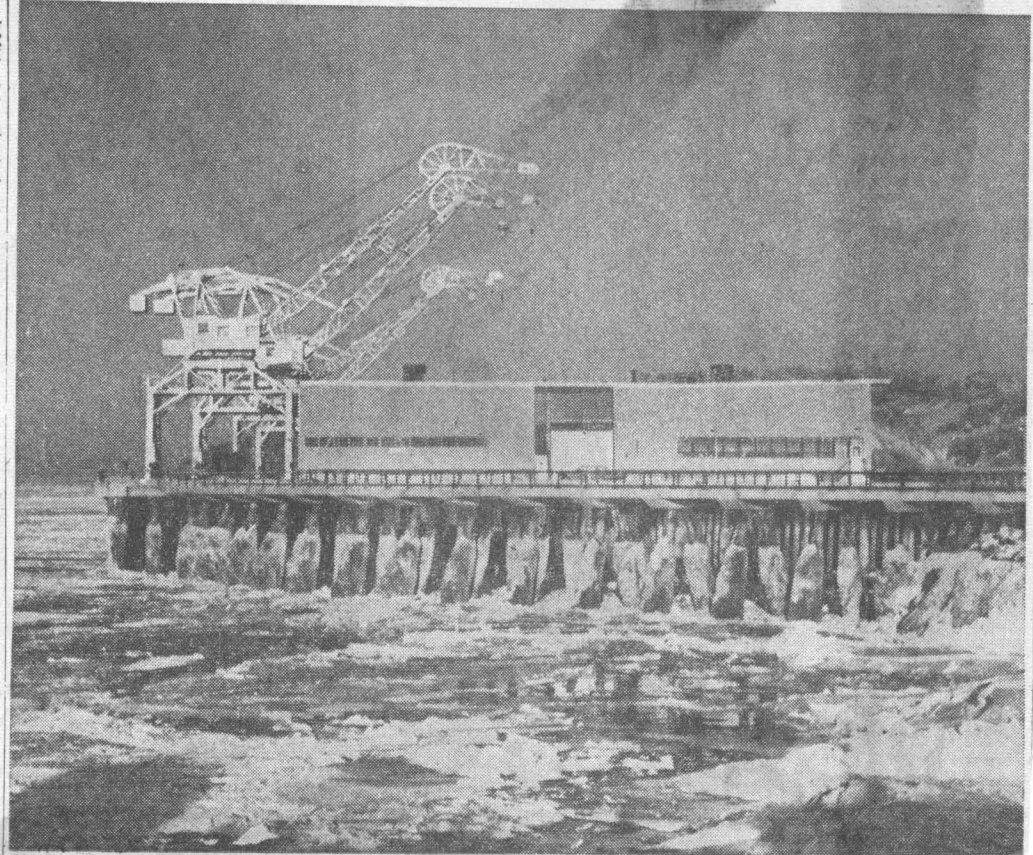
by shippers will prove to be cheaper when ship runs are established. . . or eventually will become cheaper.

“PREVIOUSLY, the ARR had no competition; now there will be,” Roloff maintains. “The railroad is dependent on the ports which it

serves and we foresee the first time in history of Alaska a situation which will help the ARR grow.”

“Anchorage as the largest consumer will always have the largest volume of ship-

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AWAITS FIRST CUSTOMER—Its pilings clothed in icy pantaloons, Anchorage's \$8.2 million port waits for the docking of its first ship, sometime this spring. Port Director Henry Roloff reports “a carrier soon will announce direct Puget Sound-Anchorage Service for this coming season.” He estimated 130,000 tons will pass over the dock this year. Outlined against the sky are the four gantry cranes used in moving cargo from ship to dock.

Port Offers Shell 5 Acres

Oil Firm May Lease
Tank Farm Acreage

The Anchorage Port Commission has offered to lease to Shell Oil Co. about five acres of newly filled area adjacent to the new port for construction of a petroleum tank farm, Port Director Henry Roloff said today.

The oil firm has indicated it wants to build a \$1 million farm for the storage of jet fuel, Roloff said. A total of ten acres are being sought.

The commission also is offering “the right of first refusal” to Shell for additional acreage in process of being transferred from the military reserved to the city, Roloff added.

THE COMMISSION is asking a minimum of 2 cents per square foot in cash with the difference in the lease price to go toward amortizing cost to the company of additional fill on the five acres to prepare it for construction, Roloff said. The square foot rental should be worth 4 cents the commission estimates.

Shell has taken the offer under consideration, Roloff said.

Roloff Selected To Port Group

Anchorage Port Director Henry Roloff has been appointed to a committee on standardization and specialized research in port management of the American Assn. of Port Authorities, the port office reported today.

Roloff's appointment gives Alaska representation on the committee studying methods for standardizing cargo containers, vans and unitized cargoes, it was said.

PORT FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS CRITICIZED

Work Does Not Meet Requirements Of
Insurance Rating Bureau, Roloff Says

The city has been unofficially told that a fire sprinkler system installed in the new port's 50,000 square foot warehouse does not meet requirements of the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau, according to Port Director Henry Roloff.

This means that the port's future fire insurance premiums would be upped an undetermined amount, or that the contractor, DeLong Corp. of New York, will have to tear out the system and install one which meets specifications, Roloff said.

“A REPRESENTATIVE of the rating bureau informed us unofficially that the sprinkler system was not in conformance because of welded pipe joints, insufficient earthquake bracing, an unapproved strainer and other equipment,” Roloff said.

Fire Rating Bureau specifications call for threaded joints unless the welding is done with special permission of the National Board of Fire Underwriters by a certified welder in a shop before installation, the Anchorage Fire Dept. said.

Such permission was not gained by the contractor, a fire department official said.

THE CONTRACT between the city and DeLong states that the system would be installed to National Board specifications, Roloff explained. He said the city's port supervising engineers, Tippetts - Abbott - McCarthy - Stratton, would be notified of the findings when official notice is received from the Underwriters.

TAMS, of New York, is supervising and inspecting construction of the port.

The Anchorage Port Commission also decided this week to acknowledge DeLong's request for arbitration of a \$98,000 claim for work done in excess of its contract, Roloff said. But it is being suggested to the contractor that arbitration be postponed until the port is complete, some time this construction season. While in usable condition, the port still requires paint-up, clean-up, and perhaps rebuilding of the sprinkling system.

Traffic Manager Is Named For Anchorage

ANCHORAGE — The Port of Anchorage has appointed Grove C. Lautzenhiser to traffic manager, according to Henry Roloff, port director.

Associated with the Luckenbach Steamship Co. during the past four years, Lautzenhiser previously had worked at the Alco Transportation Co. and Reliable Transportation Co. in Los Angeles.

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Port Builder Asks \$98,000 From City

Claims and counterclaims may put settlement of a construction contract and occupancy of the city port under arbitration for the second time, it was learned today.

Port Director Henry Roloff said the prime contractor, DeLong Corp. of New York, has requested arbitration of claims of \$98,787 for work done in excess of its \$5,063,607 contract. The Anchorage Port Commission is awaiting a recommendation on the arbitration proposal from the city's supervising engineers on port construction, Tippetts - Abbott - McCarthy - Stratton of New York, Roloff said.

THE PORT came under arbitration last April 30 over a delayed completion date of the facility.

The DeLong Corp. also has notified the city that it has “secured” the port facility for the winter — shutting off water, light and heat, Roloff said. Under terms of its contract the contractor has the responsibility of the port until paintup, cleanup and other minor work is completed this spring, Roloff maintained.

The city in turn yesterday notified DeLong that it intended to occupy the offices of the port Feb. 1, which Roloff said is allowable under terms of the contract. The contractor was told to restore utilities to the offices, he added.

ON DEC. 6, DeLong attempted to have the port declared completed to escape cost of maintaining it over the winter, Roloff said. But TAMS refused to declare it complete, although the port was judged usable.

“DeLong has implied that it was costing them \$10,000 a month to maintain the port,” Roloff said. The firm also indicated Jan. 1 that the costs would be charged to the city, he said.

Included in DeLong's claim are costs of dredging the port basin, \$93,296; crane rail stops, \$4,127; and grading and fill, \$1,364, Roloff said.

Arbitration Date Is Set

DeLong's Claims
Total \$508,000

Arbitration of a possible \$508,000 in contractor's claims against the Port of Anchorage will begin the week of April 3, Port Director Henry Roloff said today.

The general contractor who built the \$8.2 million facility, DeLong Corp. of New York, entered a claim of \$98,787 in January for excess work and now has submitted a list of additional work totaling about \$410,000, Roloff said.

A LETTER from DeLong states, “We plan to commence arbitration the week of April 3” and names Robert Prescott as an arbitrator, Roloff said. Prescott is construction division assistant chief of the U.S. District Engineers here.

Yesterday, the Anchorage Port Commission chose Eino Reinikka, chief engineer for the Alaskan Air Command, as another arbitrator. The two arbitrators will choose a third to hear the claims.

Prescott and Reinikka sat as arbitrators last year in a previous dispute between DeLong and the port over construction completion dates.

ROLOFF SAID the list of claims was submitted to the port consulting engineers, Tippetts - Abbott - McCarthy - Stratton of New York, for review.

Among claims are \$93,296 for dredging and various demands submitted to DeLong by subcontractors, Roloff said.

Put City On Shipping Map Is New Goal

The Anchorage Port Commission revealed a 15-point plan to put the port of Anchorage on the “shipping map” this year during a meeting with the City Council.

The \$8.2 million dock installation is in “usable condition” and ready for business, said Port Director Henry Roloff.

A PORT tariff — a schedule of port rates and charges for use of the facility — has been approved by the bondholders and has been filed with the Federal Maritime Board, Roloff said.

Invitations to bid on contract stevedoring service for the dock will be issued sometime this week or next, Roloff reported. North Star Terminal and Stevedore Co. and two Seattle stevedoring firms are reported interested, Roloff added.

AS OUTLINED by Roloff, the 15 points are:

1. Contact all Anchorage and central Alaska shippers to request they encourage common carriers to establish direct Seattle-Anchorage over-water tariffs.
2. Ask contract carriers (those which haul cargoes as needed) to schedule calls at the Anchorage port.
3. Coordinate with Alaskan truckers regular hauls to and from the port.
4. Establish liaison with the military commands to develop flow of military cargoes over the dock.
5. INITIATE a program to develop the export of natural resources.
6. Initiate a trade development program on the Pacific Coast and with Japan.
7. Promote the call of tourist cruise ships direct to the port.
8. Coordinate with the Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce a program to “sell” the port to the community.
9. INITIATE a sales program in Fairbanks.
10. Through local advertising, seek support from local shippers.
11. Solicit business from the oil industry in the development of the Kenai and other oil fields.
12. Develop a working arrangement with the Alaska Railroad to expedite movement of cargo from the port.
13. Distribute copies of the tariff, locally and state, nation and worldwide.
14. PUT INTO effect regulatory measures of the port of Anchorage, already approved by the council. Included are safety, docking, tides, lands, and anchorage regulations.
15. Develop liaison with federal regulatory agencies to assure equitable measures of control for the port. Roloff said if the federal 1916 Shipping Act was to apply to Anchorage, then it should apply to Seward, also. The port of Seward is operated by the ARR, another federal agency.

Roloff said copies of the port tariff will be available Monday. The rates will become effective April 10.

Move To Use Port Facility

Council To Confer
With Harbor Group

The Anchorage City Council will meet with the Port Commission March 20 to discuss activation of city's new \$8.2 million port facility as an operating business, councilmen decided last night.

The meeting is being arranged on the request of Councilman Ron Rettig, who said he is unable to answer residents' questions about the port.

City Manager Chet Hostetler reported the Port Director Henry Roloff was “substantially successful” in gaining approval of the proposed port tariff by the port bondholders and their consulting engineer, Tippetts - Abbott - McCarthy - Stratton.

Roloff has returned from a trip to New York to seek approval of the tariff — a schedule of rates and charges for use of the city port.

Following publication of the tariff, it will be filed with the Federal Maritime Board, Hostetler explained. Another step in activation is making arrangements with stevedoring contractor to handle cargo, he said.

The council also approved letting a contract to Alaska Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc., for installation of a heating system in the port shed, Alaska Plumbing was low bidder with \$105,550 among five concerns for the contract.

Roloff Heads Central PTA

Henry Roloff has been elected president of Central Junior High School Parent-Teacher Assn., succeeding Robert Ross. Roloff is director of the city port.

Other officers are Mrs. Nancy Parker, vice president; Mrs. Patricia Sherwood, secretary; Mrs. Billie Tribler, treasurer; Mrs. Leonard Clinton, historian, and Neal Thomas, parliamentarian.

Elected as council representatives were Ross, Dan Sullivan and Mrs. Jerry Allen. The officers will be installed at the next meeting April 10.

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“The establishment of the traffic division will mark an all-out effort to establish the Port of Anchorage as Alaska's major seaport in developing the export potential of natural resources (as well as the inbound movement of domestic cargoes,” the port director stated.

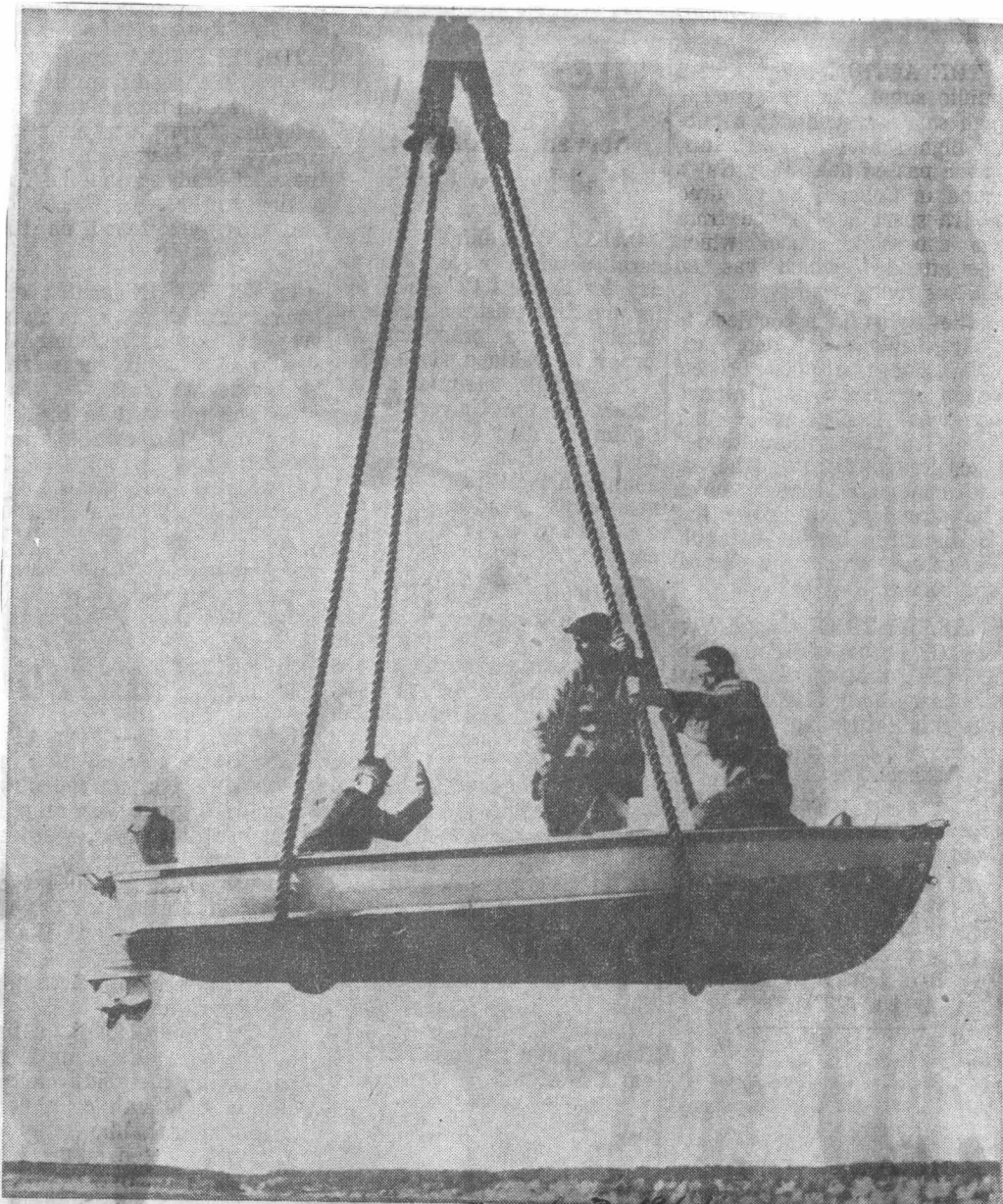
Military Ship To Call Here

The first military passenger ship to use Anchorage's \$8.2 million port will be the U.S.S. Mann scheduled to arrive July 11 with Alaska-bound troops, dependents and their baggage and automobiles, announced Col. Earl H. Hauschultz, U.S. Army, Alaska, transportation officer.

A request for berth space at the port was made last month by USARL officials and approved by Port Director Henry Roloff.

The passenger ship will leave July 12 carrying military personnel and dependents who have completed their tours of duty in Alaska, Hauschultz said.

The Mann's arrival will be the first call at Anchorage of a military passenger vessel since 1956 when the Army's “Operation Gyroscope” moved the entire 71st Infantry Division through the port to Ft. Lewis, Wash. The division was replaced by the Second Infantry Division.



MORE FUN THAN BOATING — Whee, and it's up! A high point of the Anchorage “navy” inlet dunking event Saturday was being lifted out of the water by a city dock crane. Shown above riding high is the boat owned by Fred Robbins, 1801 33rd Ave. It was swung over the dock and placed gently back on its trailer after the cruise ended.



SELECT PORT QUEEN—The first Miss Port of Anchorage, June Bowdish, is officially awarded her certificate by, center, port director Henry Roloff and Harold Strandberg, chairman of the port commission. The reigning Miss Fur Rendezvous and Miss Alaska, June will attend the 1961 San Diego Marine Exposition, Feb. 15-20. Miss Bowdish has been appointed “to act as emissary for the port of Anchorage during the year 1961.”

Stevedoring Contract Let

The Anchorage Port Commission has awarded a contract to the North Star Terminal and Stevedore Co. of Anchorage for supplying labor and equipment for cargo handling and carloading at the new port, according to Port Director Henry Roloff.

The firm was the sole bidder for the contract, Roloff said. Another firm, Seattle Stevedoring Co., declined to bid due to lack of handling equipment in Anchorage.

Under terms of the contract, North Star agrees to handle cargo and supply necessary equipment at rates published in the port's tariff — a schedule of charges, Roloff said. Since the handling and carloading rates vary for different commodities, no flat rate is contained in the contract, he added.

Port Is Compiling Tariff Schedule Aiding Shippers

A reference library of transportation rates is being built at the port of Anchorage to aid Alaskans “in working out their transportation problems,” announced Port Traffic Manager Grove Lautzenhiser.

The library will contain national and foreign transport tariffs, including ports, railroad, and truck line, Lautzenhiser said.

“The port is willing in any way possible to aid shippers in interpretation of the Anchorage port's tariffs, as well as other tariffs, so they may get the benefit of the lowest charges possible,” Lautzenhiser added.

The library is being housed in the port offices at the city dock.