

Conference Lowers Rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trans-Pacific Freight Conference has decided to make Japan-Alaska shipping rates the same as those to other West Coast ports of the United States, Sen. E. L. Bartlett, D-Alaska, was informed yesterday.

Bartlett said the conference, made up of 23 foreign and domestic shipping firms in the Japan-Alaska States trade, filed the rate schedule with the Federal Maritime Commission today.

At one time, Alaska rates were figured at some 30 per cent above those to other West Coast ports.

Last month, the conference placed Anchorage rates on a par with other West Coast ports on certain items, but placed the rest of Alaska at rates 10 per cent above those to other Pacific ports.

Ship Arrival Is March 12

The Military Sea Transport Service icebreaker — cargo ship Mizar is scheduled to make its first Anchorage call March 12, it was announced today.

The Mizar will begin regular service, on a three week schedule, after that, MSTs officials said. The vessel will hold this schedule all year round. In addition to calling here it will also go to Adak, originating each trip from Seattle.

Capt. Roger Sweet, who commanded the former MSTs vessel calling here, the LST Harris County, will also be in charge of the Mizar. It will carry general military cargo to supply posts in Alaska. It will dock at the Port of Anchorage.

Mayor Thanks Coast Guard For Services

Mayor George Sharrock has written the Coast Guard at Juneau to recommend that the service commend the officers and men of the icebreakers, Storis and Sedge, for their work in Cook inlet.

In his letter Mayor Sharrock expressed the gratefulness of the community for the ice breaking service.

"In providing icebreaking service for ocean carriers serving our community and through it, Interior Alaska as well, the Coast Guard has helped establish a new era in ocean shipping here. Carrying out their tasks under the most difficult tidal and climatic conditions, the officers and men of the vessels Storis and Sedge have exemplified the high ideals, outstanding seamanship and devotion to duty that are traditional with your organization. Their efforts have aided this community immeasurably and the residents are very grateful," Sharrock said.

Waterfront Inspection Scheduled

A Coast Guard representative will arrive at Anchorage on March 3, to inspect designated waterfront facilities and to review explosive loading limitations as enforced by the Coast Guard.

THE REPRESENTATIVE will also be accepting applications for Coast Guard Port Security Cards. For this purpose, he will be located at the Port of Anchorage office and is scheduled to be there until March 11, except for the period of March 5 and 6.

Possession of a port security card may become mandatory for any person whose occupation requires him to handle explosives in or around waterfront facilities. With this in mind immediate steps should be taken to obtain a Port Security Card.

Additionally, longshoremen, fishermen and other waterfront facility employees should have a Port Security Card, although it is not required at this time. However, the card will be required for entrance to waterfront facilities during a national emergency or when certain facilities have been designated as restricted areas.

THESE PORT SECURITY Cards are not to be used for identification purposes at any place other than as identification at designated waterfront facilities. All persons having interest in matters pertaining to the Coast Guard Port Security program are invited to meet with the representative and discuss their problems.

Proof of citizenship, such as birth certificate or certified copy; baptismal certificate or parish record made within one year after birth; United States Passport; a commission in one of the Armed Forces of the United States; a Merchant Mariner's continuous discharge book, is required for those needing port security cards.

Port Director Sees Alaska Shipping Gain

By The Associated Press

Anchorage port Director Henry Roloff told the State Senate today that things are looking up as far as Alaskan transportation facilities are concerned.

"Alaska's position is getting more consideration in world trade and more consideration by the major ocean carriers," Roloff said in a brief talk to the Senate.

"For the first time, Alaska finds itself in the position of having some one compete for our business. That is good."

Roloff noted that a Canadian railway plans to start rail barge service between Prince Rupert and Seward and that an American combine has announced plans for similar seafair service to Alaska.

Roloff said he had talked with representatives of two American flag carriers in Seattle recently and both indicated they were anxious to extend their operations into Alaska.

The two carriers, Roloff said, would be interested in hauling freight between Alaskan and far east points. They are not permitted to engage in coastal trade between American ports.

"They indicated they would be interested in coming into Cook Inlet, if permanent aids to navigation can be installed and if sufficient cargoes are available."

Roloff said he had talked with Rear Adm. Christopher C. Knapp, Commander of the 17th Coast Guard District, and that Knapp said he was in favor of installation of permanent aids to navigation in the inlet, if the money were made available.

"The Anchorage port directors said he was of the firm belief that sufficient cargoes to warrant steps by coast carriers could be generated from the Anchorage port facility."

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CG Names Port As Icebreaking Agency

ANCHORAGE — The Commander, 17th Coast Guard District, Juneau, has named the Port of Anchorage as the coordinating agency for icebreaking schedules within the Cook Inlet Area.

According to Henry Roloff, Anchorage port director, all requests for icebreaking services will be directed from his office to the district commander. The Coast Guard has indicated that it will dispatch cutters for icebreaking duty from either Kodiak or Cordova on a ship availability basis.

A week ago the USCG cutter Storis, under the command of Capt. O. L. Dawson, spent a week on ice breaking patrol between the Port of Anchorage and the Lower Forelands of Cook Inlet. During this period the Alaska Freight Lines were able to maintain delivery schedules for six tugs and barges.

"This is a great step forward for the Port of Anchorage," Roloff said. "With the cooperative arrangement established with the coast guard, the port can now remain operational on a 12-month basis," he said.

The commander, 17th Coast Guard District, has also indicated to port officials that long range plans recommend a detachment of Coast Guard personnel to be stationed in the Anchorage area in order to meet the needs created by the increase of commercial shipping through the Port of Anchorage.



FIRST SHIP HERE THIS YEAR

The Military Sea Transport Ship Pvt. Frank J. Petrarca is shown here pushing aside ice in Knik Arm while docking at the Port of Anchorage. It is the first ship to berth here in 1962. Behind the Petrarca, and to the right is the Coast Guard icebreaker Storis, from Kodiak. The Storis escorted the cargo ship up the Inlet.

SHIP BRINGS MILITARY CARGO TO CITY DOCK

The U.S.N.S. Pvt. Frank J. Petrarca, arrived at the Port of Anchorage dock yesterday with a load of general military cargo from Seattle. It was the first ship to dock here this year.

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