

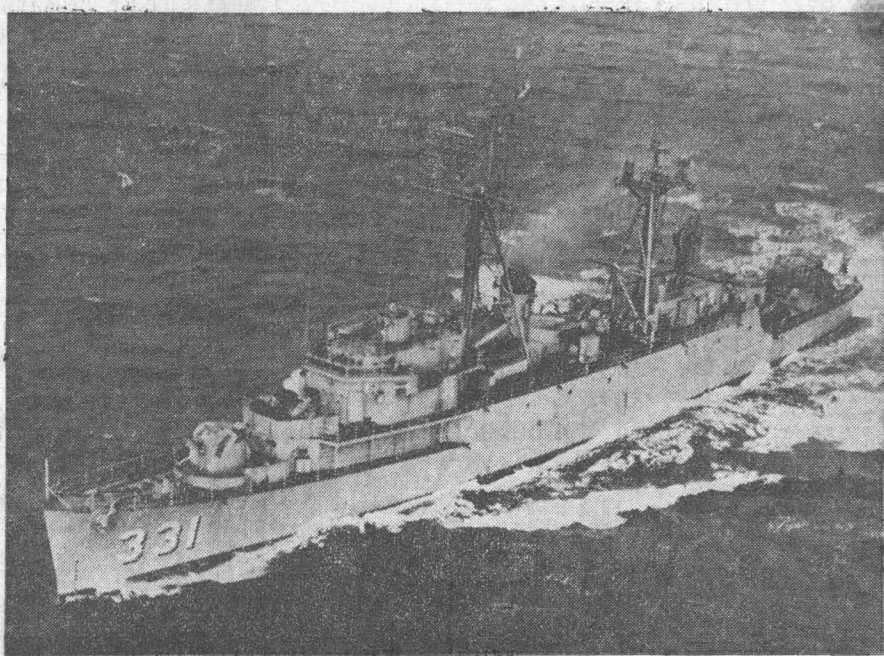
Picket Ship Will Visit City Port

The USS Koimer, a U.S. Navy radar escort picket ship, which doubles as a fishing vessel, will visit Anchorage from July 2-5, and the public will be given the opportunity to go aboard and inspect her.

"The 159 officers and men of the Koimer join me in enthusiastically looking forward to our visit," said Lt. Cmdr. D. L. Stephenson, the Koimer's commanding officer, in a letter to the Anchorage Times.

"Inasmuch as our primary mission as a radar escort picket ship confines us to the offshore waters of the Pacific, we welcome every opportunity to visit new and interesting ports," he wrote.

STEPHENSON said the Koimer has never visited an Alaskan port and pointed out that calls to Alaskan ports (Continued Page 2, Col. 6)



USS KOIMER IS COMING HERE

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by U.S. naval vessels have been few.

"On this basis we plan to do everything possible to allow as many of the citizens of Anchorage as possible to visit our ship. We are by no means the largest or most impressive of warships, but we believe we have a good ship and we are pleased with the opportunity to show her off," he wrote.

The Koimer is under the operational control of the North American Air Defense Command and maintains surveillance of all aircraft during patrols in assigned areas off the Pacific Coast.

Crew members, in addition to keeping out a watch for aircraft, are also fishermen. For the past three years they have trolled for tuna during daylight hours to assist the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in tuna research.

EACH TIME a fish is caught, it is weighed and examined to determine its eating habits. This and other information concerning salinity and oxygen content of the water in which the fish are caught is passed on to the bureau. The end purpose is to assist U.S. fishing fleets to locate incoming tuna schools.

In addition to the interesting diversion fishing affords, crew members enjoy another benefit — fresh tuna.

The Koimer was commissioned and served in World War II as a destroyer escort, later was a Coast Guard vessel for a time before being reassigned to the Navy.

"I personally am very pleased that we will have the opportunity to visit our new state," wrote Stephenson. "The members of the ship's company who have been to Alaska have told us of Alaska's beauty and that we will be arriving during the most favorable time of year to see it."

Anchorage Daily Times Thursday, May 23, 1963

CITY TO SEEK DEEDS TO TIDELAND ARE

The city will seek quit-claims from the Departments of Interior and Army on tidelands which the city owns.

Eight councilmen present at Tuesday's session approved a resolution asking the city take this course in attempting to solve the long drawn out tidelands hassle.

Port commission chairman Harold Strandberg told councilmen failure to resolve the tidelands issue was "holding up our progress...no question about it."

Urging action be taken on the important tidelands question, the chairman said the commission feels the proposed action is the only alternative to lengthy and expensive legal proceedings to prove the city's claim to these lands.

HE URGED an immediate meeting of Department of In-

terior, Department of Army, state and city representatives to settle "any apparent conflicting claims" to the tidelands.

Copies of the resolution which council approved will be sent to the President; Secretary of Interior Stuart Udall, Secretary of the Army Cyrus Vance, Alaska's Senators Ernest Gruening and E. L. Bartlett, Rep. Ralph J. Rivers and Gov. William A. Egan.

Anchorage Daily Times Thursday, May 23, 1963

JUNE 22, 1963

Works Commissioner Richard A. Downing said today the preponderance of comments received by his office on the Alaska ferry system in general has been highly favorable.

Taking note of criticisms by Rep. William C. Wiggins, R-Anchorage, Downing said there had been some "constructive criticism which we are trying to correct as soon as possible."

Wiggins had said Friday that a number of tourists were "unhappy and dissatisfied" with the Marine highway, noting among other things that the docks were "miles from the center of town" in the terminal cities.

Downing said that the ferry terminal docks in five of the eight cities served by the system were within the corporate limits of the communities involved—Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg and Skagway.

The Haines terminal is three miles from town. The Sitka terminal is about seven miles from town and the Juneau terminal is some 13

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Anchorage Daily Times 17 Wednesday, May 22, 1963

Lower Rates For Seatrain Predicted

Revised Handling To Allow Smaller Shipments Planned

Canadian National Railways sales representative Cliff Kay said here today that about July 1 there will be a price reduction of 20 cents per 100 pounds on carload lots shipped to Alaska from Prince Rupert, B.C., by the carrier's seatrain.

Kay also said Canadian National is working on a plan whereby less than carload lots would be barged to Alaska. The carrier now handles only carload lots.

A large carloading company would put together various Alaska orders in carload lots in the East and forward them to itself in Anchorage where it would distribute them, he said. The cars would remain sealed all the way.

These carload lots would be forwarded to Prince Rupert from the East at the same rate they could be shipped to Seattle, which is now the case, but on the West Coast large savings would come, Kay said.

LESS THAN carload lots now reaching Seattle must be broken down there and forwarded to Alaska by various carriers operating out of Seattle and the through-car benefit is thereby lost, he said.

Kay said "it shouldn't be very long" before Canadian National puts the plan into effect. He said he could not at this time name the national carloading firm which would make up and distribute the less than carload shipments here.

Canadian National, which now has three seatrains going to Alaska each month, is looking into the possibility of putting another into service on the Prince Rupert-Whittier water route, Kay said. A fourth seatrain would mean weekly service to Alaska, he said.

THE ALASKA Steamship Co.'s plan to put a railroad car ferry in the Alaska run if Congress permits it to register the Japanese-built vessel City of New Orleans for U.S. coastwise trade poses no threat to Canadian National's seatrain service, said Kay.

Canadian National's seatrain terminal at Prince Rupert is 600 miles closer to Alaska than Seattle and it would therefore be virtually impossible for a Seattle-based carrier to offer cheaper service than Canadian National, Kay said.

"I can't see any transportation company meeting our rates," he said. "Good service and lower rates are the objective of Canadian National and Alaska benefits from lower transportation rates."

22 Anchorage Daily Times Saturday, June 29, 1963

Alaska Line Tells Of Row

Skagway Dispute Version Is Given

JUNE 29 — Alaska Steamship Co., in a statement released in Juneau, said Skagway longshoremen want to take over work on board Alaska Steamship ships which for more than 60 years has "been recognized as being within the jurisdiction of the ship's sailors."

Alaska Steam said its negotiators had been told by Skagway longshoremen that they would refuse to work Alaska Steam vessels unless they were given contractual rights to all cargo work, both on the vessels and on the dock.

"Traditionally," the company statement said, "sailors on the ship have always worked cargo on board vessels in Alaska in at least one hatch and do at this time in every port in Alaska, including those ports where longshore unions have established locals."

"Company representatives reluctantly advised the union the only alternatives appeared to be to either suspend service to Skagway or to deliberately precipitate a jurisdictional dispute in every major port in Alaska."

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Ship Creek Site Okayed

Council Approves Boat Harbor Area

The Anchorage City Council has approved the proposed Ship Creek site for the city's small boat harbor.

Council's action was taken Tuesday following approval of this location by the Anchorage port commission and the city's Small Boat Harbor Committee and a favorable recommendation by the District Engineers.

Other council action included:

Granting a maintenance contract for the Port of Anchorage's Gantry cranes to City Electric.

Setting June 11 as the date for public hearings on a sewer improvement district in the East Addition and a water improvement district in the Goose Lake subdivision.

Approval of hiring a night pier foreman for the Port of Anchorage.

Granting a request that sidewalks be eliminated in Woronzof Terrace.

Approving a formula for assessing trailer parks in conjunction with the school district. This assessing method will be put into effect Jan. 1, 1964.

Anchorage Daily Times Tuesday, June 11, 1963

Port Hello Scheduled For Vessel

A reception at the Port of Anchorage dock was planned this afternoon when the first Alaska Freight Lines vessel to serve the port under contract dropped her lines there.

The vessel, an LST, was scheduled to arrive at the port dock at about 5:30 p.m.

City and port officials were to be on hand to welcome the vessel.

Alaska Freight Lines has a contract with the city to provide weekly scheduled carrier service into the port.

2 Anchorage Daily Times Monday, May 13, 1963

STORK WINS PRIZE IN KNIK ARM DAM PARADE

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lynn Sharrock walked away with the top prize in Saturday's parade of the Citizens Committee for Building the Dam Thing (Instead of Just Talking About it for the Next 20 Years.)

Approximately 500 persons took part in the Saturday afternoon parade. Symbolic loads of gravel were dumped

into the Knik Arm just to the north of the Port of Anchorage dock.

One hundred silver dollars went to Mr. and Mrs. Sharrock who escorted a stork carrying a gravel filled diaper in its beak.

Fifty silver dollars was awarded for the most unusual placard or sign urging the Knik Arm Causeway dam be constructed now.

THIS WENT to a group of Toastmistress Club members who escorted a trailer with a miniature Knik Arm Causeway dam. Signs reading "Inlet water, grains of sand, lead us to, Susitna Land..." copied a popular shaving cream advertisement.

West Alaska Ferry Visit Scheduled

JUNE 11 — The long-planned cruise of the state ferry Malaspina to westward Alaska will start June 12, Gov. William A. Egan said today.

The Malaspina, the first of three ships to be operated on the southeast Alaska marine highway system, will leave Skagway on June 12 and go directly to Anchorage.

The blue and white ship is scheduled to dock at Anchorage at 10 a.m. (AST), June 14, and will remain at the Cook Inlet city until 11 p.m. (AST), Saturday, June 15.

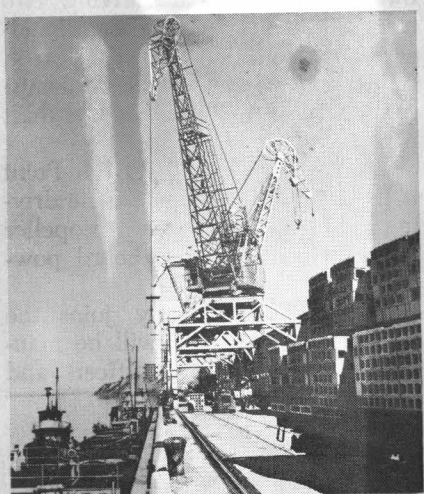
En route back to southeast Alaska, the Malaspina will make stops at Homer, Seward, Valdez and Cordova before re-entering service on the marine highway system again at Juneau June 19.

Arrival and departure times at ports on the southbound trip from Anchorage, in local time, are:

Homer, arrival 7 a.m. June 16, departure 9 a.m. June 16; Seward, arrival 6 p.m. June 16, departure 10 p.m. June 16; Valdez, arrival 6 a.m. June 17, departure 2 p.m. June 17; Cordova, arrival 6:15 p.m. June 17, departure 1 a.m. June 18.

MARINE DIGEST June 22, 1963

Concrete Blocks Loaded At Port Of Anchorage



ANCHORAGE — The tug Pawtucket and the barge YB-2 loading concrete block at the Port of Anchorage for delivery to fire-razed Cordova. Vessel in background is fishing vessel Gladys R. in port for repairs. This shipment of 45,000 concrete blocks, destined to be used in rebuilding Cordova, was loaded at the Port of Anchorage City Dock recently. This was the first large shipment of this local product and is termed by Bob Smith, Alaska manager of Concrete Conduit Co., "one of the few times an Alaskan producer has been able to supply another Alaskan community." Gulf Navigation and Towing of Seward is the carrier, delivering the blocks by tug and barge, A. E. "Bill" Harned recently appointed port director reported that cargo for the month of May amounted to 25,000 tons, more than 6,000 tons over that of the same month last year.

Marine Digest June 22, 1963

Alaska Line Ship In Call At Anchorage

ANCHORAGE — For the first time in nearly a decade, a ship of the Alaska Steamship Co. has made a call at Anchorage. The MS Coastal Nomad delivered 500 tons to newsprint for the Anchorage Times. Publisher Bob Atwood specified that the newsprint from Port Angeles be delivered direct to Anchorage.

The ship berthed at the Anchorage City dock which was built in 1961 as part of a multi-million port investment.

Alaska Steam generally routes cargo to Anchorage via the Alaska Railroad from Seward.