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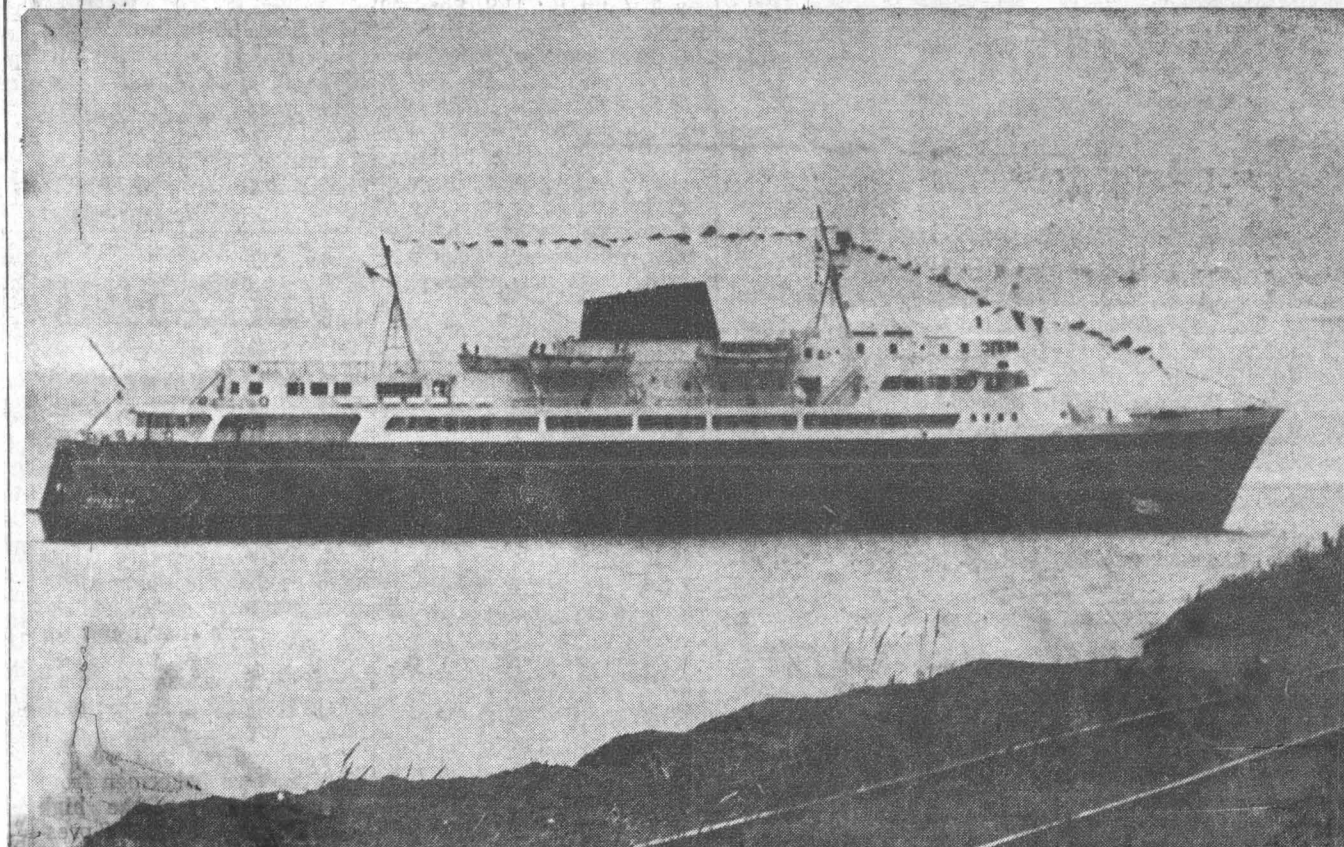
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ANCHORAGE GREET'S MALASPINA

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MALASPINA GLITTERS AT PORT OF ANCHORAGE



MALASPINA CRUISES UP INLET TOWARD PORT OF ANCHORAGE

Arrival Time Delayed By A Late Start

Marine Highway Flagship Docks At The City Port

Anchorage turned out today to welcome the flagship of the state's ferry system, the motor vessel Malaspina, on its first call to the Westward.

The ferry, designed for passenger and vehicle traffic through the scenic island-studded passageway of southeastern Alaska, arrived for a two-day stay to give residents of this area a look at the vessel that may change the tourist pattern of the state.

The weather provided an "at home" atmosphere for a ship that plies the rainy and forest-lined coastal ways of the Panhandle.

Skies were overcast and light rain fell steadily as the ferry swept around Fire Island, past Point MacKenzie and headed smoothly up Knik Arm to the Port of Anchorage dock.

The MALASPINA tied up at the port shortly after 11:30 a.m.

The vessel broke through the overcast near Fire Island at 11:03 a.m. giving persons waiting at the Port of Anchorage their first view of the ship in the inlet. At the dock to present official greetings was Acting Mayor William Bessner.

The Malaspina sailed up the inlet on the tide at about 21 knots. Despite a four hour delay in departing Skagway Wednesday, the vessel was able to make up about an hour and a half en route. The Malaspina crossed the Gulf of Alaska on calm waters.

Delay at Skagway was due to a trip back to Juneau to drop off passengers before heading northward.

The vessel had a good trip across the Gulf of Alaska according to the crews aboard the 352-foot ferry.

"Everybody seems real happy," said A. E. Harned, director of the Port of Anchorage, after radio contact with the vessel.

B. E. Lewellen, director of the Alaska ferry system, and Commissioner of Public Works Richard Downing were both at the port prior to the ferry's arrival. Lewellen flew into Anchorage this morning from Juneau, although it was reported yesterday he was on the vessel. Downing arrived here last night from Fairbanks.

To greet the vessel, the Port of Anchorage this morning was flying the colors of the United States, Alaska, and the Port of Anchorage, all "freshly cleaned and pressed" for the occasion, according to Harned. An open house was to begin with the start of Malaspina's visit.

THE MALASPINA, first ship in the three-vessel fleet to be put into service, left Skagway at about 8 p.m. (Anchorage time) Wednesday on its trip to southeastern Alaska. (Continued Page 2, Col. 5)

Ferry Given City Welcome

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ka. The Skagway-Anchorage run is 733 nautical miles.

A total of 400 area residents will be taken on a two-hour cruise in Cook Inlet Saturday. Another 250 area residents will check out the sailing qualities of the ferry on an overnight trip Saturday to Homer, the next stop on the exhibition tour of the Malaspina.

From Homer, the vessel is to go to Seward with its arrival there scheduled for 10 p.m. Sunday. Next stop will be Valdez, at 6 a.m. Monday with the tour to be completed with a stop at Cordova where arrival will be 6:45 p.m. Monday.

Alaska Steam Arrival Set

Line's First Visit To Anchorage Port

Alaska Steamship Co.'s motorship Coastal Nomad, carrying 500 tons of newsprint, will put into the Port of Anchorage late Monday, according to the firm's Anchorage agent, Tom S. Ousdale.

The vessel will remain in port until Tuesday morning. It will be the first Alaska Steamship to serve the city's port facility.

The ship is under the command of Capt. M. D. Stewart. The newsprint will go to the Anchorage Daily Times. The Coastal Nomad will pick up a miscellaneous cargo in Anchorage.

THE VESSEL is due in Seldovia tonight. After leaving Anchorage, the Coastal Nomad will return to Seldovia to pick up a shipment of furs and fish.

Ousdale said the vessel touched at Tamass Harbor, Hawk Inlet, Port San Juna and Homer on her trip north. On the return trip, the Coastal Nomad will stop at Port Williams, Ugank Bay and Kodiak.

Alaska Steam said it would accept cargo to Kodiak on the return trip.

Although Alaska Steam vessels came into Anchorage frequently up to the mid-50s, this will be the first time the company has made use of the Port of Anchorage facility.

Ferry Casts Off 'A Big Boat,' Tonight After Its Winning Visit

Ferry Flagship Wins Open House Approval

Some 3,000 area residents inspected the flagship of the Alaska ferry system before the motor vessel Malaspina started out late this morning for a two-hour cruise on Cook Inlet.

Some 2,200 visitors went aboard the 352-foot vessel Friday, with the biggest crowds coming between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Another 400 persons visited the ship by 10:30 a.m. today despite the continuing rain showers.

Following the inlet cruise, the ship scheduled another open house to last until 9:30 p.m. when the vessel is readied for the trip to its next stop, Homer.

The Homer sailing was set for 11 p.m. as the Malaspina heads back to its scheduled run on the marine highway system.

Of today's two-hour cruise on the inlet with 400 invited persons, Capt. A. E. Harned, Anchorage port director, said Coast Guard regulations prohibit the carrying of more than that number on the vessel for safety reasons.

He said it was felt that more persons would be able to inspect the vessel if it were kept in port during the greater part of its two-day visit here.

THERE WERE only about 100 persons—half of them children—on the Port of Anchorage dock at 11:35 a.m. Friday when the Malaspina came alongside. A chill wind was blowing and heavy rain slanted across the dock. A number of persons took shelter in the warehouse and observed the approach of the

vessel from the doorways.

The loading of Alaska Freight Lines cargo vans aboard a barge tied up at the dock continued without interruption when the Malaspina hove to.

The poor weather and lack of parking facilities apparently kept down the size of the crowd.

SOMEONE suggested the vessel had brought the squally weather with it from Southeastern Alaska.

"It was nice when I left Juneau this morning," countered B. E. Lewellen, director of marine transportation for the state. He had flown to Anchorage to be on hand for the Malaspina's arrival.

Capt. Alfred Hanson, new skipper of the Malaspina, said "everything worked just perfectly" on the ferry's trip north.

ALTHOUGH waters were calm in the Gulf of Alaska, Hanson said the ship followed the coastline, avoiding the open water which he has crossed many times in larger vessels.

The ship's not built for this but we got wonderful performance," explained Hanson, who has made 527 trips across the gulf.

Another sea veteran, Capt. Otto H. Barkhausen, who sailed as pilot on the trip north, said this trip was his 592nd across the Gulf of Alaska. He said there was no comparison with his previous sea voyages in the same waters.

"THE MALASPINA is faster in maneuvering. She's got served the approach of the

Everybody—young and old—who visited the MV Malaspina following its arrival Friday seemed to be impressed with its size.

Col. M. R. (Muktuk) Marston put it this way: "It's a big boat."

And his words were almost echoed by 10-year-old Carol Grove, who commented, "Sure is big!"

Other adjectives like "pretty nice" and "wonderful" were used by others asked for their impressions after the 352-foot vessel docked at the Port of Anchorage for a two-day visit.

THE CLYDE POISAL family of Wasilla "took the day off" to come to Anchorage to welcome the flagship of the Alaska ferry system.

"It's a nice ship," said Poisal. "The wait in the rain was the only thing wrong." And his wife interjected, "we can't blame the ferry for the rain."

Mrs. Walter Jackinsky and her three children, who drove here Thursday night from Ninilchik to be on hand for the ferry's arrival, were especially happy to see the ship.

IT WAS THE first time in five months Risa, 6; Shawn, 8; and teen-ager Autumn Jackinsky had seen their father, an able-bodied seaman aboard the Malaspina. They had a Father's Day present with them for the reunion aboard the vessel.

Ten-year-old Dean Kelly said, "It's very nice." He said he "liked everything about the big ship."

But nobody could top the enthusiasm of Col. Marston, Alaska's official greeter, who was one of the first persons on board.

AFTER SEEING it, I believe in ferries and I'm going to ride ferries," Marston said. "It looks to me like the biggest ship I've ever seen."

Jack Anderson, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce president, noted, "For the first time Alaskans in Southeast-

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lots of power and speed and answers quick when docking," said Barkhausen, who joined the ferry system only May 31.

Barkhausen, whose home is in Seattle, came north on the Matanuska, third ship in the Southeastern Alaska marine highway fleet. He has spent 30 of his 50 years as a seaman in Alaskan waters, the last 14 into Anchorage with Alaska Freight Lines.

Watchman Arne Iverson of Ketchikan, said his first trip up this way was "very nice."

IVERSON said all loose gear aboard the vessel was tied down as a precaution, but the safety move proved unnecessary.

The vessel carried 35 persons northward, including a Juneau radio station executive, Walt Welch, who signed on as an ordinary seaman. Welch said he was promoted to radioman after the ship got under way and got out of dock work.

The state's commissioner of public works, Richard Downing, has obtained seaman's papers so he can return to Juneau aboard the vessel. Coast Guard regulations prohibit passengers over the run.

THE VESSEL traveled between 19 and 20 knots on most of the trip. A favorable tide in the Cook Inlet Friday morning boosted her speed over the 24-knot mark.

The Malaspina was late in its departure from Southeastern Alaska, but picked up time crossing the Gulf.

At one time, it was thought the Malaspina would arrive here two hours early. An adverse current between Cape Clear and the entrance to Cook Inlet, however, resulted in a delay.