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## Three Navy Ships Coming

Three Naval ships, an auxiliary oiler and two destroyers, will call at the Port of Anchorage during August.

The oiler, USS Mispillion, the USS Eversole and the USS O'Brien, destroyers, will make the visit between August 24-26.

The Navy has planned the visits so Alaskans may have a closer look at the U.S. fleet. This will be the second time Navy vessels have called at the port this summer. The USS Koerner, a destroyer, was in port in July.

During August ships will visit other Alaskan cities. The USS Bennington, a small carrier, and the USS Berner, a destroyer, will call at Kodiak. Also scheduled to make visits to some cities are two submarines and several more destroyers.

## Port Can Pay This Year's Debt, But Will Have to Borrow in '64

The Port of Anchorage Municipal Terminal will be able to pay its bond debts that are due next month and those after next year, port commissioners were told yesterday.

HOWEVER, it will not have the money to pay its 1964 bond debts, director Capt. A. E. Harned said.

Harned, recommended in a budget report that the City Council authorize one-year loans at 2 per cent interest from the general fund to pay the 1964 debts and the commission approved that procedure.

The loans actually would be an advance on future predicted revenues and the port would be

operating in the "black" by late 1965 at least, Harned said. A 1964 operating budget of \$122,522 would be made up from the future revenues.

HARNED SAID the port would have about \$31,000 to start the 1964 year after paying bond debts of \$221,000 on August 15.

The 1964 payments for which the loans are asked are \$186,000 due on Feb. 15, 1964, and \$220,212 due on Aug. 15, 1964.

To lessen the budget deficit for 1964, Harned recommended:

—A major effort to increase the tonnage on Alaska Freight Lines, the port's contract carrier.

—Diversion of Standard Oil and the Military Sea Transport Service to a POL facility under

the jurisdiction of the port's tariff No. 1.

HARNED SAID such POL revenue would reduce the 1964 operating loss to \$88,022 and would increase the projected 1965 profit from \$19,707 to \$52,707.

Harned termed his forecast figures "really very conservative. The potential is really here."

The forecast puts bulk petroleum the port will handle for Shell Oil Co. at 650,000 barrels in 1964 and 750,000 barrels in 1965. The total for this year is put at 600,000 barrels.

TONNAGE BY the port's carrier, Alaska Freight Lines, is predicted at 120,000 tons in 1964 and 160,000 tons in 1965. The total estimated for this year is 76,000 tons.

Total tonnage is predicted for this year at 205,620 tons, for 1964 at 249,280 tons, and for 1965 at 323,400 tons.

In other action, the commission approved the following new rate increases for outside storage:

— Long-term unimproved land: Six to ten acres, .03 per square foot per year; two to five acres, .04; up to one acre, .06.

— LONG-TERM IMPROVED land: Six to ten acres, .05; two to five acres, 0.6; up to one acre, 0.8.

— Short-term: Six to 10 acres, .06; two to five acres, .07; less than two acres, .10.

The minimum charge is \$25 a month. Volume shippers qualify for a 30 per cent reduction. Harned said the rates are based on a 20 per cent return on 1961 market values of the land.

The commission decided to study possible construction of a storage warehouse. Harned said it would need to be at least 100-by-100 feet. He said a California businessman had requested about 5,000 feet of such storage space for newsprint storage.

The commission also voted to study possible purchase of a tractor-loader for snow removal at the dock. Its cost, estimated at about \$15,000, will be compared against contract costs for snow removal.

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## City Is Ready To Acquire Army Dock

The city apparently is ready to take the first step in attempting to acquire the Army dock for the Port of Anchorage Municipal Terminal.

City officials have said previously that the Army dock sometimes is in competition with the city dock. They said they feel the Army operation may not be needed now, since the city has its port and could handle military cargo.

THE ARMY operation was started when the city had no dock. It operates on government land on a lease from the Alaska Railroad.

After a closed meeting yesterday between city officials, Interior Dept. Undersecretary John A. Carver Jr. and railroad general manager John Manley, City Manager Robert Oldland said the city will prepare a background brief on the Army and city port operations. He said Carver asked for such a brief at the meeting.

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## Naval Ship Slates Calls At City Port

The Port of Anchorage now is served by a second scheduled carrier—a military carrier.

The Marine Sea Transport Service naval ship Mizar will call at the port dock on a year-round schedule. Port officials said the Mizar will run a regular 16 to 18 day schedule between Seattle and Anchorage.

The Navy vessel now is tied up at the port dock. She arrived Monday with a general cargo for military bases in the Anchorage area and will depart for Seattle tonight.

The vessel, which has been delivering military cargo into Anchorage since March 1962, now will make all deliveries to the Port of Anchorage dock. Previously the ship has used the Army Dock.

THE SUPPORT command of the U.S. Army Alaska has requested that berthing be made available at the Port of Anchorage dock for the Mizar. A load limit of 30 tons has been put on the Army Dock. This restricts deliveries which may be made there.

The 266-foot long Mizar has an ice-breaker prow and was built for ice operation. The five-year-old vessel has a 12-knot speed and carries a crew of 39 persons. Prior to coming to Anchorage, the Mizar served in the Antarctic.

She is under the command of Capt. H. N. Berg who is replacing Capt. Roger Swett, now on vacation.

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## Port Asking City Loans

The Port of Anchorage will ask the Anchorage City Council to approve short-term loans to carry the port facility over anticipated periods of short income in 1964 and 1965.

The port commission has asked that it be granted loans to cover an anticipated deficit of \$122,522 next year and \$19,707 in 1965. Loans would be repaid within the fiscal year and would carry a four per cent interest rate.

The short-term loans are sought to assure payment of required debt service in these years.

The request that council consider making the loans to the port will be considered when the council meets at 8 p.m. tonight in the Z. J. Loussac Library.

A revenue forecast report covering these years has gone to the council.

## Port Head Calls Meet For Views

Development,  
Improvement  
Are on Agenda

The director of the Port of Anchorage and the Port Commission has issued an appeal for continued development of the docking area.

THE DIRECTOR, A. E. Harned, said in a statement today he is considering meeting with concerns operating on the waterfront "to obtain their views, to clarify various city and port ordinances, and to coordinate plans to obtain more effective use of the area."

Harned said the meeting would be held sometime in September.

The Port Commission and the director, said Harned, have been concerned over "appearance, safety and lack of recent development and improvements in the entire Port of Anchorage area."

HE ASKED that views of owners and operators of port area concerns be submitted in writing prior to the meeting to the Port Director, Port of Anchorage, box 400.

Harned said city ordinances pertaining to the port can be obtained at the port director's office at the Municipal Terminal. He suggested that the ordinances be reviewed prior to the meeting.

## Ships Barred From Port

Anchorage is playing host to 560 sailors this weekend, but the Port of Anchorage isn't.

The USS Mispillion, Pacific Fleet oiler, and two destroyers, the O'Brien and the Eversole, arrived on a favorable tide during the night and anchored at the Army dock.

The Port of Anchorage, which was to host the three ships, notified the vessels Friday that

it would be unable to offer them use of its docking facilities this weekend due to commercial traffic.

A Navy spokesman said they regretted the switch since visitors are not allowed at the Army dock, which is a wooden structure and a storage facility for aviation fuels. The fact that the 530-foot Mispillion is an oiler plays no part in the ban on visits, he said.

"The guided tours were the main reason we came to Anchorage," the officer said. "So naturally, we are disappointed that we are unable to allow visitors."

The vessels will stay at the dock through the weekend and leave at high tide Monday morning. About 560 sailors are to be given shore leave during the visit, however.

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FLAGSHIP TO VISIT ANCHORAGE

The USS O'Brien, flagship of destroyer division 232 of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, will be one of three ships to visit the Port of Anchorage Aug. 23-26. The USS Mispillion, fleet oiler, and USS Eversole, destroyer, are scheduled to call with the O'Brien. During their stay here the ships will be open for guided tours in accordance with the Navy's plan to let Alaskans have a closer look at the U.S. fleet. The USS O'Brien is named after six Revolutionary War

heroes, Jeremiah O'Brien and his five brothers, who are credited with commanding the first ship ever to force a Royal Navy ship to strike her colors to the Americans. The present O'Brien, commissioned in 1943 is the third ship to hold the name—the first served in World War I and the second was sunk in World War II off Guadalcanal. (U.S. Navy Photo)