

# Teamsters' Walkout Halts Work At Port Of Anchorage Terminal

Unloading operations at the Port of Anchorage municipal terminal are at a halt today as Sea-Land and union officials ponder resolution of a disagreement which has resulted in a work stoppage at the dock.

Sea-Land's cargo vessel Anchorage, which arrived Sunday night from Seattle, is berthed at the port.

Members of the Teamsters Union Local 959 walked off the job Monday morning, according to Jess Carr, union official.

Approximately 55 union members were involved in the walkout, Carr said. He said the walkout would continue until Sea-Land officials agreed to meet with representatives of the union.

There are no pickets posted at the dock.

"There is no dock strike," according to Don Walter, port official. "This is just a work stoppage," he added.

Walter said longshoremen unloading the Anchorage continued to work through Monday.

A Sea-Land spokesman said today no company officials had met with teamster representatives as yet.

He said a meeting was proposed Monday night but neither side could agree upon a meeting place.

He said the union had not presented the shipping firm with its grievance.

Carr said the union's stand is that Sea-Land has violated health and welfare provisions and an agreed-upon hospitalization program and that wages normally paid by the employer have not been paid by Sea-Land.

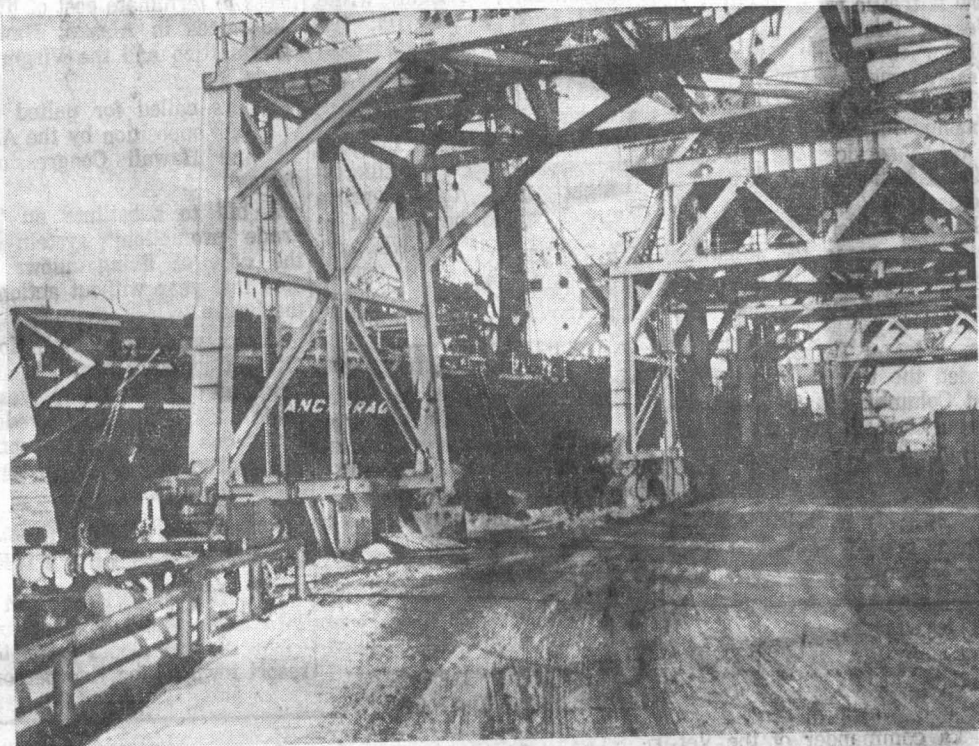
He said the union had attempted to set up a meeting with Sea-Land but "they refuse to meet."

Carr said the teamsters would continue the walkout until Sea-Land representatives met with the union.

C. L. Hiltzheimer, Sea-Land general manager, said the teamsters walked out "without prior notice of an existing grievance."

He said the Sea-Land officials have offered to meet with the union to discuss "any problems which may exist," provided the union orders the teamsters to return to work.

Walter said he understood the matter was brought to a head when Sea-Land's fired a teamster driver.



Dock Deserted As Walkout Halts Operation

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## Port Board To Report On Pipeline

Anchorage's Port Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday to prepare a report on the proposed Army pipeline between Whittier and Anchorage, A. E. Harned, port director, said today.

Mayor Elmer Rasmuson has requested that the commission prepare a report on the facility for study by the Anchorage City Council.

The Army has asked Congress for \$5 million to build the petroleum pipeline into Anchorage.

Military fuel now is unloaded at the Port of Anchorage. Construction of a pipeline would bypass the port facilities and result in a reduction of port revenues.

Prior to the earthquake, military fuel was unloaded at the Army Dock. Following its destruction, petroleum products were unloaded at a temporary petroleum dock at the port.

The port has requested voter approval of \$1,750,000 for construction of a permanent facility.

## The City Beat



By ED ISENSON

Don Walter, Port of Anchorage operations manager, notified us yesterday of a new industry which may be established in the city. He turned up at work yesterday after having told us the night before about seeing unidentified objects in the sky. On his desk was this letter:

January 27, 1964

Operations Manager  
Port of Anchorage  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

As representative of the Martian Earth Exploitation Co., I would like to inquire about rates for the dockage of our spacecraft (sometimes called "flying saucer" by your people.)

We have been observing the conditions in your area for several days, and we believe that the Port of Anchorage would be the best place for us to make a landing. The winter temperatures in Anchorage are very similar to the temperatures of the temperature zones of Mars. This is due of course to the fact that Mars is further from the sun.

The Martian government and our company are very eager to enter into a trade agreement with your area. We need water badly, but we don't have many manufactured items for trade. Of course, the various cultural artifacts of Mars might be of some value, especially if the Anchorage area had a monopoly on them. Also a general cultural exchange, although not measured in tonnage, would provide many jobs for clerks, artists, and scholars of both worlds.

Would you please leave on your desk tomorrow night the rates for dockage, the rates per ton of water, and the times the dock will be free in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

Y. Y. Zwick

Capt. Mars Spacecraft No. 3072-1-18-1

and Vice President in-charge of exploration for the Mars Earth Exploitation Company

Don left the following answer for Captain Y. Y. Zwick V.P. In Charge of Exploitation for the Mars Earth Exploitation Co.

Dear Captain Y. Y. Zwick:

Your inquiry of 27 January has been received with much enthusiasm and amazement at the Port of Anchorage. We extend a cordial welcome to you and your crew as the first Martian craft to visit our port.

Port of Anchorage Terminal, tariff No. 1 sets forth all rates and charges at City Dock, however this publication makes no reference to "flying saucers." Our customs do not permit us to render free services. However, we have contacted our federal government for an exception in this instance.

The trade of artifacts of our worlds will be more than satisfactory and the opportunity to create a continuing cultural exchange memorable.

Berthing for your ship is available in the Port Industrial Park. We anxiously anticipate your visit and the possible promotion of trade between our worlds.

Please advise arrival time so a proper welcome can be arranged for your inaugural voyage.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Walter

Operations Manager

Port of Anchorage

We'll keep on top of this matter. It may be the beginning of a whole new industry here, just as Capt. Zwick suggests. Anyway, it's reassuring to know the good captain has only peaceful intentions. A member of the Daily News staff had been somewhat concerned lest the Martians thought people were food.

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## GIANT MOBILE CRANES AT PORT

These two giant mobile cranes at the Port of Anchorage municipal terminal speed handling of the thousands of tons of cargo that pass over the dock annually. Cargo handled at the port during the past year exceeded 800,000 tons, up from 38,000 tons in 1961.



## HEADS PORT COMMISSION

Wallace Martens is chairman of the city's Port Commission, charged with directing the Port of Anchorage municipal terminal. Other commission members are Robert Baum, William Besser, Larry Landry and Virgil Deane. Martens also was a member of the old port commission which resigned last year after serving for many years. Members of the old commission, in addition to Martens, were Harold Strandberg, Rodney Johnston, Lyle Anderson and Jack Ferguson.