



Oil exploration vessel makes port at night to take on supplies.

City Dock Ends Successful Year

(Continued from Page 9) several years ahead. They maintain that a port facility generates its own demand.

The potential for foreign

trade is really terrific," Harned says.

HE ALSO says the port has lost its oil exploration customers since Sea-Land began bringing in one ship a week. This makes berthing at the city dock too uncertain for the needs of the oil exploration vessels, according to Harned.

The dock extension would make possible berthing of Sea-Land's 575-ships as well as another ship.

In 1963 about 37,000 tons in oil exploration cargo came across the dock. But last year that tonnage dropped to 1,947 tons. Harned believes much of the loss could be regained with adequate berthing facilities.

HE FURTHER points out that at present, with Sea-Land coming irregularly, the prospect of securing export business on a constant basis is dim. He is confident that export cargos, logs and minerals, will be generated within the next few years.

Before such cargos could be shipped from the city dock,

Harned says, it must be expanded.

The cost of the extension has been set at \$500,000. Mayor Rasmuson, during discussions on the expansion, estimated the annual cost for the improvement would be about \$29,000.

IT IS estimated that the Port of Anchorage in 1966 will have a direct economic impact on the Anchorage area amounting to \$5.7 million. The indirect, but just as real, impact is estimated at \$11.4 million.

These are the figures Harned harks back to when he says, "Anchorage and the entire rail-belt will benefit from the economic fallout."



WALLY MARTENS
Port Commission Chairman

Report Reveals Cuban Defections

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — The Coast Guard said today U.S. ships are rescuing refugees from the waters around Communist Cuba at the rate of 1,000 a year.

More than 6,000 Cubans have been brought to the mainland since it began its Florida Keys patrol in 1959.

In a report on the service's activities last year, Admiral E. J. Roland said the Coast Guard saved a total of 3,000 lives, plus ships and cargo valued at \$2.1 billion in 1964.

NEA President Scores Birchers

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP) — The president of the National Education Association today said some of the most serious threats to public education are the ultra-conservative John Birch Society and other such groups.

Mrs. Lois Edinger made the statement during a televised interview in New York.

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In the same instant, it is essential that we be vitally interested in the welfare of the community in which our business is conducted. Because our business is one which is state-wide, there also is a broader community in which we must take a more widespread interest than is required of other organizations, generally speaking.

In regard to this interest, it is our sincere belief that the future progress of commerce and industry in Anchorage, in the rail-belt area and in all of Alaska hinges on an immediate improvement of our existing docking and transportation facilities. Beyond this fact, further growth, in the years to come, will require further forward steps. What's more, we are quite sure that population increase and the development of Alaska's resources ultimately surely will warrant such additional steps.

Because of the above mentioned factors, we completely endorse the suggestions and plans of the Port of Anchorage Commission for the expansion of the present Port facilities. We look forward to the provision of the necessary funds and to the physical completion of the envisioned expansion.

G. A. Gustafson
Vice-President

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The forward looking plans of the Port Commission for the expansion of Port of Anchorage facilities will benefit this community and all Alaska in the years to come.

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AN EXPANSION OF THIS DOCKING AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITY IS SERIOUSLY NEEDED IN OUR OPINION.

IN THIS REGARD, WE HEARTILY ENDORSE THE PLANS AND SUGGESTIONS OF OUR PROGRESSIVE PORT COMMISSION, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A VERY EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE PLANS AS CONCRETE FACT.