

HIGH BIDS DELAY PORT EXPANSION

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MARINE SURVEYOR B. J. Logan inspects damage to Port of Anchorage crane after the tanker "Santa Maria" struck it last evening. The extent of damage was not immediately determined. See story, page 2. (Daily News photo)

Ship Jars Port Crane

A large crane at the Port of Anchorage dock facility was knocked off its track last night when the departing Santa Maria bumped the seven and one-half ton crane with her stern.

Damage to the facility was undetermined, but a spokesman for the Union Oil Co., owner of the large vessel, said that a marine surveyor had been called in to inspect the crane.

"REPAIRING it may just be a simple matter of getting it back on the track and replacing a short section of electrical busway," said Jim Morton, maintenance man for the Port of Anchorage.

"We'll get it fixed," he said, "as soon as possible."

The crane, smallest of the three large capacity facilities used to unload the ships using the Port dock, is seldom in service, Morton said. He explained that most of the ships are container-type loaders, and the 40-ton capacity cranes are used for loading and unloading.

The Santa Maria carried a small amount of crude oil from the Union Oil operated well in Trading Bay.

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Maritime Heads Here To Study Transport

Two representatives of the Federal Maritime Commission are in Anchorage working on an economic study of Alaska water transportation.

ECONOMIST Paul Gonzalez and Norman Lee, a tariff examiner, are gathering on-the-spot data for a study which is scheduled to be completed late this year.

Gonzalez will determine whether water transportation is functioning properly and what future adjustments may be necessary to improve the

water transportation system of Alaska. The study began last year. THE TWO officials from Washington, D.C., have already spent a week each in Ketchikan and Juneau. They plan to leave Anchorage Saturday for Kodiak. Gonzales will also visit Nome, Kotzebue and Teller. Gonzalez said that anyone interested in talking to him on matters relating to water transportation could contact him through the local office of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Port of Anchorage.

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Rate Reduction Held Up; Court To Debate Issue

Reduced rates between Portland and Alaska on Sea-Land Service, Inc. have been postponed until July 27 because of protests filed with federal agencies, said R. F. Hoehn, head of Sea-Land in Alaska.

Four groups have filed protests with the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Maritime Commission opposing the reduction which was to go into effect on July 20, he said.

Those protesting are Puget Sound-Alaska Van Lines, Seattle Traffic Association, North Coast Rail Carriers and Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

"We are going to ask railbelt customers to support our reduction by sending telegrams to the ICC and FMC prior to the deadline of July 24," Hoehn said.

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The Anchorage Port Commission has approved preliminary plans for a 166 by 113 foot dock extension at the Port of Anchorage, Alaska. Lounsbury, Steavin and Kelly, designers of the new facility, announce that bids for this 3/4 million dollar project will be received until July 6. Plans and specifications will be available for review at the office of the Associated General Contractors in Seattle. Additional plans and specifications for bid purposes may be obtained from the Port of Anchorage, PO Box 400, Anchorage, Alaska.

Plans call for the new berth extension to be constructed of 20" prestressed, precast concrete piles supporting prestressed concrete slabs. Piling are now being fabricated by Concrete Technology Corporation at Tacoma for Swallow Construction Co. and the first shipment is due Anchorage in late June. Pile driving is scheduled to start July 15 and the project completion date estimated as early November.

City Dock is equipped with four high speed level luffing gantry cranes. To facilitate the use of two of these cranes on the north extension the feasibility of dieselizing two cranes is now being considered.

The dock extension is part of a 1965 2 1/2 million dollar Port expansion program including a 1 1/4 million petroleum dock designed by the engineering firm of Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton. General contractor for the petroleum dock is Manson-Osberg Company of Seattle, Washington.

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FULL \$4.7 MILLION LOSS ASKED FOR CITY DOCK

The city will claim full policy value of \$4.7 million in earthquake damage to the city dock, City Manager Robert Oldland said today.

Following a study session Tuesday, the Port Commission ordered that the claim be made against the 11 companies who provide all risk coverage on the port.

The claim is being made on the basis that damage to the dock by the earthquake and the cost to restore it to a pre-

quake condition are such that it would require at least the face value of the policy to do so, Oldland said.

"In effect, a new dock would have to be built," Port Director A. E. Harned said. "To put the present one back in shape it would have to be lifted the 3.7 feet it subsided, and twisted some 19 inches at the north end," he said.

The Port Commission reviewed preliminary damage findings by the firm of Tippetts, Abbott, McCarthy, and Stratton, and requested that they submit a more detailed report, Oldland said.

"They were requested to review in more detail the efficiency loss and the increased maintenance costs that may be necessary," he said. The information will be used in future discussions with the insurance companies, the city manager noted.

After the claim is filed with the companies, he said, the city will wait for a response from them.

"If it is not satisfactory we will enter into negotiation and possibly arbitration," Oldland said.

The city is pushing for an early settlement of the matter, he said.

Funds from the settlement will go to the bond trustee, he said, to meet all the requirements of the bond indenture, as well as paying for the necessary dock work.

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Sea-Land's Railbelt Rate Cut Upheld

Lower rates for Sea-Land general cargo between Portland and the railbelt area went into effect today, according to R. F. Hoehn, president of Sea Land Sales in Alaska said.

The reduction was approved Monday by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The drop in rates was slated to go into effect July 20, but was postponed by the ICC and the Federal Maritime Commission when the Seattle freight interests protested the reduction.

MONDAY, after hearing appeals, the two federal agencies gave the green light on the reduced rate plan, Hoehn said.

The reduction will affect all general cargo shipped between Portland and the railbelt area in Alaska, he said.

Cargo under 20,000 pounds will be shipped at 75 cents less per 100 pounds; over 20,000 pounds will be 21 cents less per 100 and over 40,000 pounds, 15 cents less per 100, Hoehn said.

Meeting Slated Monday To View Possible Action

By ALLAN ADASIAK Times Staff Writer

Expansion of dock facilities at the Port of Anchorage, already approved by a three-quarter million dollar bond issue, may be delayed for a year, it was learned today.

The reason: Construction bids on the proposed north dock extension were about double what the city estimated the work would cost.

Lyman Woodman, acting city manager, confirmed the big financial hitch in the key port expansion program.

"The city will do everything it can to get the job started as quickly as possible," Woodman said.

But there were no details as to how any speedy restoration of the building schedule might be accomplished.

The apparent low bidder on the job was Constructors, Inc., at \$770,000. The other bid of \$890,000 was submitted by Manson-Osberg Co., Woodman said.

The engineer's estimate, made by the firm of Lounsbury, Steavin and Kelly, was \$440,000.

The matter will be taken up at a meeting of the Anchorage Port Commission Monday night. The commission is expected to come up with a recommendation for action to the City Council.

"The council probably will get a recommendation that the bids be rejected," Woodman said. If so, they could be re-

advertised or negotiated, he said.

A \$750,000 bond issue was approved in March for the port expansion project.

"It wasn't just for the construction contract. It included engineering and design costs, pilings, materials and many other items," Woodman said.

If a contract were awarded, the City Council would act immediately on it, so that construction work could begin 10 days after the council meeting, Woodman said.

"We would hope to get as much done as possible before the cold weather," he said.

If construction of the north dock doesn't begin this summer, "it would make it very difficult, if not impossible to accommodate the expanding ocean-going traffic we expect," Woodman said.

With the addition of the north dock, Woodman said, it had been felt that the city could turn its attention to facilities for the state ferry.

"We had been making arrangements for that, but very likely they will have to be postponed too," he said.

The ferry Tustumena used the port in its inaugural summer a year ago, but service to Anchorage was halted this year when docking facilities could not be assured.

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Port's North Extension Delayed by High Costs

Opening of the north extension of the Port of Anchorage dock facilities will be delayed until next summer, the Anchorage Port decided last night in rejecting all bids on the project.

In a short session, the two bids, \$770,000 by Constructors Inc., and \$890,000 by Manson-Osberg Co., were rejected by a unanimous vote. The new timetable calls for a completion date of middle-1966.

A. E. Harned, port director, said the petroleum dock now under construction, however, would be completed this year. "They started driving the piles yesterday afternoon," he said.

WITH THE added space to the facility, Harned said he felt the port could handle the oil exploration supply ships, "and even squeeze in the state ferry."

Bids on the north extension will be requested before September, following approval by City Council. According to Loren Lounsbury, engineering consultant, the contractor bidding on the facility would be able to begin fabrication of pre-stressed forms so as to begin work early in the season. He said the job should be completed in July, sooner if possible.

All commission members agreed that the extension of time would enable contractors to submit bids closer to the \$440,000 estimate turned in by the Port's consulting engineers. They cited overtime and extra shifts needed to rush the job to completion this season as prime reasons for the higher bids.

ALSO rejected at last night's meeting were bids on the dredging of the north extension area. The commission said no further action was planned on the dredging operation pending the outcome of future negotiations on the north extension.

The commission tabled approval of negotiations for a \$50,000 tidelands study of the area from Chester Creek north pending a work session with some of the engineering firms involved.

The study, to determine the feasibility of development in the area, involves 900 acres. A 2-2 deadline on approving an engineering firm brought about the tabling action.



THE PETROLEUM DOCK at the Port of Anchorage begins to take shape with the first piling driven into Knik Arm receiving close inspection by John Daniels, left and Curtis Hachett, employees of Manson-Osberg Co. The \$1.75 million facility will be completed this year and enable the Port to handle oil exploration supply ships as well as the state ferry Tustumena. (Daily News photo)

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Little Red Wagon To Dock Sunday

The new Anchorage Fire Department Little Red Wagon will arrive at the Port of Anchorage Sunday night, according to a Sea-Land Freight Service Inc. spokesman.

The new ambulance, purchased through contributions during a campaign last year, will be presented to the fire department Tuesday during a ceremony.