



NESTS STOP PROGRESS IN ITS TRACKS

Progress hit a snag at the Port of Anchorage several weeks ago when it was first discovered that a seagull and a tern had set up their grassy nurseries in a section of the industrial area planned as a steel storage site. Since there's no rush in getting the site ready for the steel, Port Director Russ Painter has decided to wait until the birds finish their hatching jobs and move out of the area. In the top photo, the mama seagull flutters over her nest, shown in the center closeup shot. The tern, a bird that migrates to Alaska each year from the southern hemisphere, is shown sitting peacefully on her nest which once was threatened by a huge caterpillar tractor that made the tracks visible in the foreground. Since their presence has been noted, the birds are left alone to hatch their families in peace.

New Bids May Go Out On City Dock Extension

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Efforts to negotiate a change order with Swalling-General for the construction of a newly designed north extension to the city dock have run into legal snags that apparently will force a new set of competitive bids for construction of the new facility.

Officials of Swalling-General,

the joint construction firm that built the first extension, have advised Tippetts - Abbott - McCarthy-Sutton, engineers, that they do not wish to negotiate a change order to their present contract.

The joint venture is between General Construction Co. of Seattle and Swalling Construction Co. of Anchorage. The present contract probably will be termi-

nated as soon as the firm finishes demolishing the partially-completed structure that was damaged by ice last winter.

The last of the demolition is expected in the next several weeks.

Swalling - General said problems with its bonding company and builder's risk insurance company were among difficulties in negotiating a change order.

An order to allow the firm to build the new extension probably would be in violation of a city ordinance regarding competitive bidding, the construction firm's attorney has said.

The firm also has said a shortage of time would make it difficult to negotiate a change order. The contractors say steel piles would have to have been ordered by June 30 for delivery in September.

The new design, expected to be finished in September, will incorporate the use of steel piles, TAMS has indicated.

Swalling - General also has cited the fact that the floating crane equipment now on hand could not be used for construction of the new facility. A crane will have to be operated from the top of the pier because of the difference in piling spacing.

The construction firm is also of the opinion that no time will be saved by trying to build a portion of the extension this year, TAMS said in a letter to City Manager Ben Marsh.

Officials of the firm have indicated that the entire 600-foot extension can be built in one construction season if plans are available to bidders early.

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Bus Service To Boat Tour

Continuous bus service from the buttress area parking lot to the Port of Anchorage will be provided for persons wishing to tour the USS Claud Jones and four Japanese destroyer escorts Friday and Saturday.

A fee of 25 cents will be charged for each passenger. The port area past the Standard Oil Co. lot will be closed to private vehicles.

Open house on the five vessels will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The vessels are the USS Claud Jones, a destroyer escort based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the Japanese flagship Teruzuki, the Yudachi, the Murasame and the Shikinami, all part of Japan's maritime self-defense force training fleet. The Japanese are making a 120-day voyage to U.S. and Canadian ports.

All five vessels will leave Anchorage Sunday or Monday.

The Whole Town Is Talking...

By JUDY RADLOFF
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The Jones boys are in town. And they're planning an open house.

A visitor from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the destroyer escort USS Claud Jones is docked at the Port of Anchorage.

Her 175-man crew, known as the Jones boys, is visiting its first port of call in a year.

During the Anchorage stop-over the destroyer escort will serve as host ship and flagship for Rear Admiral Donald M. White while a squadron of Japanese maritime self-defense ships also stops in Anchorage. The Japanese vessels are expected to arrive today.

Admiral White is Commander of the Alaskan Sea Frontier. (Continued on Page 2)



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The visit by the Claud Jones also marks the U.S. Navy's participation in the Alaska Centennial celebration and offers some rest and relaxation for the crew.

Open house hours will be 1-3 p.m. tomorrow and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the city dock.

ONE OF THE outstanding phenomena of the 2,500 mile trip from Pearl Harbor, according to Lt. Cmdr. James Fitzgerald, was the high tide in Cook Inlet.

"I couldn't believe it," said

the ship's navigator. Variation at the home port is negligible, he said.

All top-side areas of the ship will be open for public viewing, the ship's skipper said, plus the crew's dining area, part of their living quarters and the control bridge.

GUIDES WILL explain the combat information center which houses radio and radar equipment; plus weapons aboard the ship, including anti-aircraft guns, torpedo tubes, and an anti-submarine weapon dubbed the hedge-hog.

In the aloha spirit, the bow will be draped with a red and white nylon lei made by wives of the ship's crew.

The Jones boys are making the most of their stay in Anchorage, touring the area by bus and attending Centennial events. Only two or three of the crew members have been in Alaska before, according to Commander Fitzgerald. Some will spend today at Mt. Alyeska and Portage Glacier.

IN THE AREA since Monday, the Claud Jones remained at anchor in the inlet until yesterday. It will leave Monday morning.

Lt. Cmdr. George R. McKee Jr. is the ship's skipper.

The 312-foot ship is air-conditioned throughout. It was commissioned in 1959. It is designed to serve as flagship for a wartime convoy escort screen commander.

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Lightning Hits Port

An electrical storm, a rarity in the Anchorage area, caused extensive damage to one of the largest transformers at Port of Anchorage yesterday.

A SPOKESMAN for the Weather Bureau said only one or two electrical storms a year occur here.

The one yesterday, which lasted about two hours, was accompanied by ten minutes of hail in some areas.

At about 4:20, the fire dept. was called by a dock worker who said lightning had apparently struck the roof of the main warehouse at Port of Anchorage.

NO FIRE developed from the incident but according to Russ Painter, port director, one of the largest transformers at the dock was burned out by the overload of electricity.

Workmen who were in the warehouse at the time the lightning struck reported "a loud noise, and sparks jumping all over."

According to a spokesman for Municipal Light and Power, the transformer will still turn out enough power for lights in the building, but all other appliances and outlets are useless.

Painter said no estimate of the damage has been made yet.

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