



JAPANESE BRING MUSIC TO ANCHORAGE

A Japanese brass band brought music to downtown Anchorage Friday afternoon, following a parade down Fourth Avenue to City Hall. The band is with the Japanese Training Squadron of the Maritime Self-Defense Force, which docked here Thursday as the first stop in a four-month

cruise. The squadron's flag ship Katori and destroyer Yamagumo are open for public visits from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. today and Sunday, with bus service to the port available from the parking lot at Third Avenue and C Street. More pictures on page 60.

Port Takes Boat Facility On Condition It's Safe

An apprehensive Port Commission gave its conditional consent yesterday to accept responsibility for a newly created small boat facility at the mouth of Ship Creek.

The commission agreed that the facility is desirable, but proposed that the city administration be told the facility would have to be a safe one and that any expense the port incurred in making it so be backcharged to the general fund.

B. J. (Bob) Logan proposed that before the port accepts the facility from the state Department of Public Works which constructed it, the city should provide adequate fire

protection, telephone service, lighting for winter use and a limitation on loading.

Logan was particularly concerned that the city would be liable in case of a fire or explosion.

Said William O'Neill, "I am surprised that the city would undertake such an agreement

without consulting the commission. If we take the facility we'll have to staff up to take care of it properly, and we don't have enough port staff to police our own facilities let alone something else."

The contract drawn up by the state to allow the city a

five-year lease on the facility was presented to the City Council July 13 prior to consideration by the Port Commission. It calls for the city to "maintain the leased property by performing all minor repairs and routine preventative maintenance" under \$1,000. Major repairs and maintenance of more than \$1,000 will be provided by the state.

The council postponed action on the contract until it could be presented to the Port Commission for their approval.

A budget of \$2,431 was estimated by the city administration and would be authorized from the general fund, if the contract is approved.

"That piddling amount is not enough," O'Neill said. "I don't think \$5,500 is enough and I am not going to be part of a Port Commission that deliberately sets a trap for the people."

"We have talked about a desire for a small boat harbor in this area and when one talks about such a facility in an area where there are 30-foot tides people don't grasp what is required," O'Neill said.

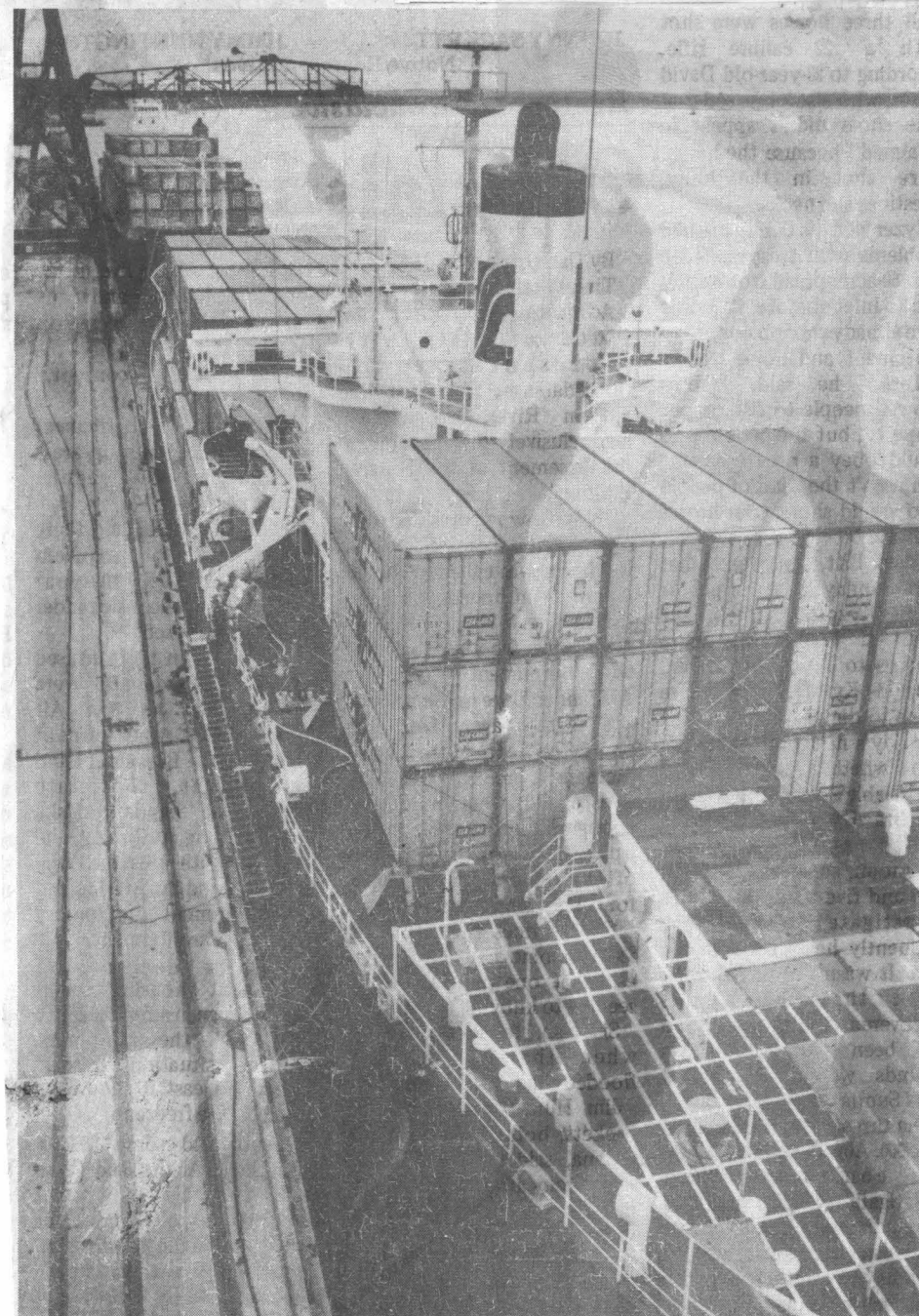
"I don't think anyone wants a small boat harbor more than I, but I cannot go along with a slip such as this one that people can put a boat into the water and get into trouble."

Gene Sarrels, assistant port director, commented that the facility is "just what it pretends to be, the bare minimum."

He said it was designed as an unattended facility so maintenance costs would be at a minimum too. He added that his staff could handle the extra work without much difficulty, and that all money would have to come from the city's general funds because a trust agreement prohibits the use of port funds.

O'Neill also moved that the port commission have the right to review the operation and close it completely at the end of the year if it felt operation was impractical.

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PORT FILLS UP WITH VESSELS

Two Sea-Land vessels, the Boston, foreground, and the Trenton, docked at the Port of Anchorage this morning to begin offloading vans filled with cargo destined for outside Alaska. The five-week old

longshoremen's strike prevents offloading at stricken ports on the west coast. Port facilities are being used at maximum capacity to unload the boats.

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