



Daily News Photo: Neil Menschel

The Sea-Land cargo ship Elizabethport docks at the Port of Anchorage and prepares to unload supplies. Sea-Land, whose ships provide a vital supply lifeline between Alaska and the Lower 48, received approval to raise freight rates two per cent.

Briefs In Business:

William McKinney Gets Port Post

A native-born Alaskan, William D. McKinney, has been named new assistant director of the Port of Anchorage.

McKinney, formerly port office manager, has been employed in the transportation field in Alaska for the last 30 years. He has been associated with the port for four years. He is married and the father of seven children.

Stepping up to fill the position of office manager is Mrs. Joan Movius, a port traffic clerk for the past nine years. While in that position she was in charge of billing and tariff matters for the port and the industrial park.

Mrs. Movius and her husband Jack, a civil engineer for the Alaska Communications Region, have been in Anchorage since 1962.

Asks Funds For Port

City Of Anchorage Submits Proposal

The City of Anchorage has submitted a project proposal to the Economic Development Administration for federal funds to expand the Port of Anchorage.

Included in the port expansion proposal is the reclamation of 32 acres of tidelands, construction of a third general cargo berth and a third petroleum dock to the south of the present facility.

The additional general cargo dock would be 750 feet in length, have a water depth of at least 40 feet and have an access trestle. Total estimated cost for the three-phase project is \$14 million.

The need for the additional facilities was disclosed late in 1970 in a waterfront development study by Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy and Stratton, consulting engineers.

The study indicated that general cargo crossing the dock would probably increase from 516,649 tons in 1970 to 1,650,000 in 1985 while bulk petroleum products would climb from 1,187,258 tons to 4.5 million tons in 1985.

City officials have asked for a pre-application conference with representatives of the EDA office to determine the amount which can be applied for.

One of the criteria for funds, said a city spokesman, is the number of jobs the project will create. It is estimated expanded port activities will produce 626 jobs yearly.

PORT GROWTH

BACK IN the days when it was built, the Port of Anchorage was called a financial lemon by short-sighted critics. Even to this day, those who opposed unification of the city and the borough pointed to the port as one of those "burdens" the residents outside of Anchorage did not want to have to shoulder.

Of course the value of the port to the community has long been a proven fact. Instead of being a financial bust, it has become an essential part of Anchorage's economic growth.

Witness to that fact is the new application by the city for Economic Development Administration funds for a further port expansion. The three-phase job would cost \$14 million and add a 750-foot cargo dock and another new petroleum dock, among other improvements.

Not bad for something some people still incorrectly regard as a failure.

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Gasoline Spill Closes Port, Tidal Action Flushes Inlet

The Port of Anchorage was back in operation this morning after highly flammable fuel, which spilled from a leak last night in a pipeline unloading network, was flushed away by tidal action.

The port was shut down for four hours last night when the leak was discovered. A crew from the Anchorage Fire Department stood by this morning as a precautionary measure.

Cmdr. H. G. Lyons, the Coast Guard's port captain, said there appeared to be about 500 gallons of spilled gasoline in the dock area at 5 a.m. today, but that by 7:30 a.m. not more than 20 gallons remained.

"I would characterize it as a minor spill insofar as the quantity is concerned, but a dangerous situation because the spill involved gasoline," Lyons said.

"The danger is past," he said. There were two tankers in port yesterday, and Lyons

said "preliminary investigations are that there was a leak in the shoreside piping as a result of cargo transfer to shore from one of the two vessels."

One of the tankers has sailed, Lyons said, and it may be a few days before the reason for the spill is determined.

He said gasoline was seen coming from a vent valve in what is known as the "spaghetti farm," a complex pipework system that controls the flow of petroleum products from the dock to tank farms nearby.

Bill McKinney, assistant port director, said an odor of gasoline was detected about 7:45 p.m. yesterday, and dock operations ceased immediately. A tanker and a freighter were unloading at

the time, he said. Normally, McKinney said, Anchorage longshoremen quit work at 11:45 p.m. and the dock remains closed until 7 a.m. Today operations began about 7:15 a.m., he said.

McKinney said a city fire department crew was on hand throughout the night, hosing down the dock and inlet ice below onto which the gasoline had spilled.

The docked Sea-Land freighter Galveston worked its propeller all night to help increase the flow of gasoline-laden water from the area, McKinney said.

PORT OF ANCHORAGE NAMES W.D. MCKINNEY

ANCHORAGE — Port Director E. Erwin Davis has announced the appointment of William D. McKinney to the position of assistant port director at the Port of Anchorage.

McKinney, who was born in Anchorage, has been employed in the transportation field (air-rail-water-motor freight) in Alaska for the last 30 years. He has been associated with the Port of Anchorage for four years, holding the position of port office manager.

Stepping up to fill the vacated port office manager's position is Mrs. Joan Movius. Mrs. Movius has been employed by the Port for the past nine years as port traffic clerk. While in this position she had charge of billing and tariff matters for the Port and Port Industrial Park.

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