

The Port of Anchorage glows with activity in a picture taken aboard the Alaska ferry Tustumena. The port, through Tippetts-Abbotts-McCarthy-Stratton, consulting engineers in Seattle, has asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to build a wharf extension, place a fill and dredge approximately 240,000 cubic yards of material. The project also would include dredging the wharf area to a depth of 35 feet at mean lower low water to allow deep draft vessels to use the port. Erwin Davis, port director, said the wharf extension is the first phase of a multi-million dollar project that would equip the port to serve ship traffic through the 1980s. The port is running nearly at capacity and vessels without priority sometimes have to wait for space. The Army Corps of Engineers will call for discussion of the port plan before issuing a permit.

Anchorage Daily Times, Monday, September 18, 1972

Sues Texaco For Spill

The state today filed a civil complaint in Anchorage Superior Court against Texaco, Inc. asking for "not less than \$5,000, nor more than \$100,000" in damages for an alleged gasoline spill which occurred at Anchorage Port facilities last December.

The suit was filed, according to Environmental Commissioner Max Brewer, after negotiations between the state and other parties "failed to bear fruit."

Atty. Gen. John Havelock said Texaco was charged with violation of the state's Environmental Protection Law after one of the oil company's employees apparently did not close a block valve on a petroleum transfer line after a Texaco tanker had unloaded its cargo of fuel on Dec. 6.

The following day, a Standard Oil Co. of Calif. tanker offloaded gas at the port and the partially closed valve apparently allowed nearly 5,000 gallons of gas to spill into the Cook Inlet before it was discovered.

Later, Brewer asked representatives of Texaco and Standard to meet with Port of Anchorage officials to discuss the spill.

"I encouraged port officials to install check valves on four of their large, off-loading lines so future environmental and safety hazards of this type would be eliminated, and suggested all pipes and valves at the petroleum transfer point be color coded," Brewer said.

"They made all the suggested improvements to the port facility and as a result I feel that tanker unloading operations are much safer now."

Brewer said this was the first time oil-spill negotiations between an oil company and the department of environmental conservation "failed to bear fruit."

Anchorage Daily News, Tuesday, September 19, 1972

Breakdown in talks led to Texaco lawsuit

JUNEAU — State officials said an unusual breakdown in negotiations led to the filing Monday of a suit against Texaco, Inc., seeking from \$5,000 to \$100,000 in damages for an Anchorage gasoline spill last December.

Atty. Gen. John Havelock said Texaco was charged with violations of state environmental protection laws after one of its employees allegedly failed to close a blocking valve on a petroleum transfer line.

Havelock said failure to close the valve led to a 5,000-gallon gasoline spill the next day when a Standard Oil of California tanker began unloading operations.

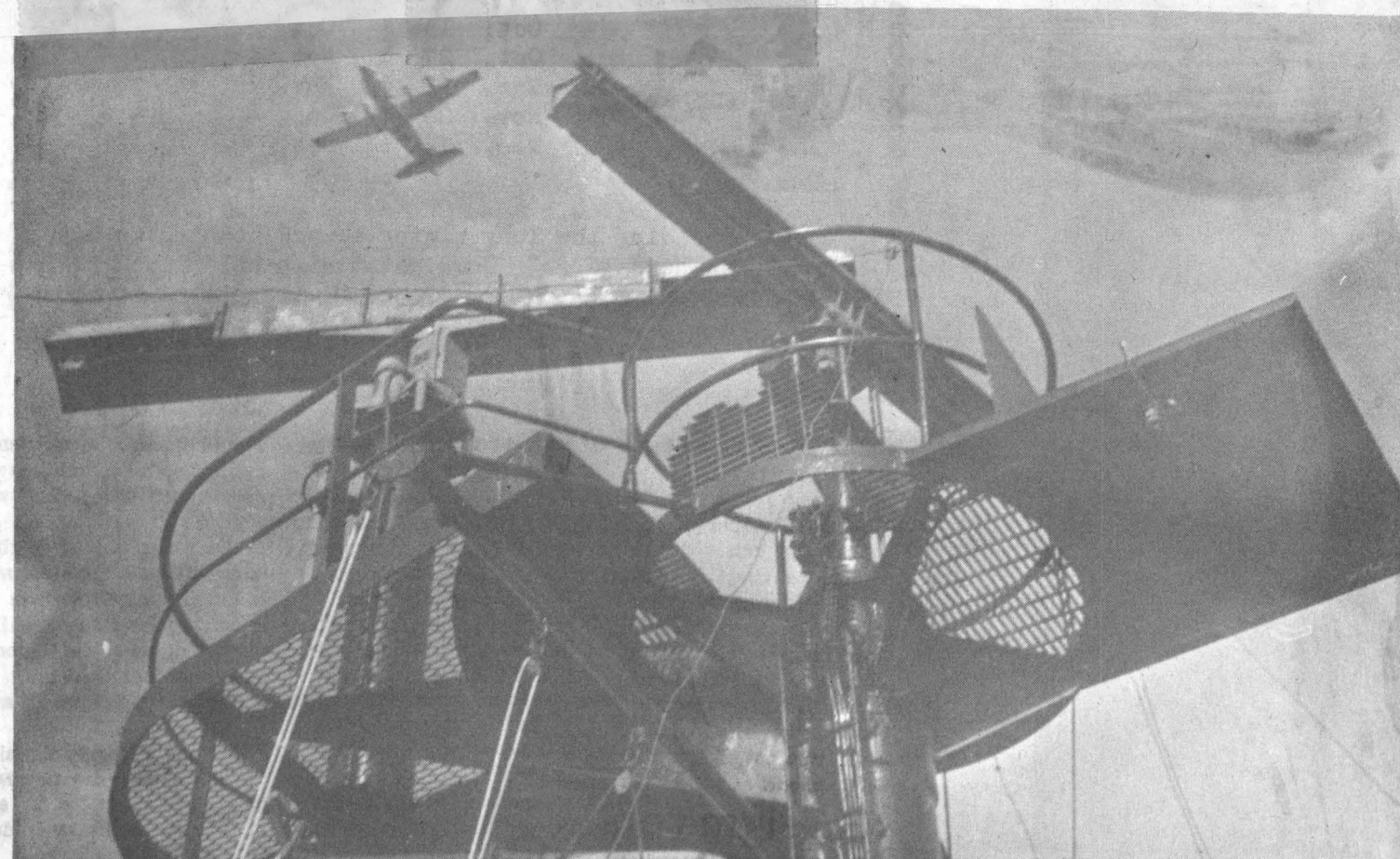
Environmental Conservation Commissioner Max Brewer said negotiations following the spill with Standard, Texaco and Anchorage port officials led to installation of check valves on four large off-loading pipelines.

But Brewer said negotiations with Texaco on damages "failed to bear fruit," the first time the state and an oil firm could not reach agreement on compensation.

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Anchorage Daily News, Thursday, September 21, 1972.

Standard Oil pays for spill

JUNEAU — Standard Oil of California has paid the state \$5,000 in compensation for environmental damage caused by a 5,000-gallon gasoline spill at Anchorage last December.

Standard was one of three parties to negotiate with the state Environmental Conservation Dept. following the Dec. 7 spill. Texaco, Inc., is the subject of a suit seeking damages of from \$5,000 to \$100,000 for the spill.

The third party, the Anchorage Port, has all modified valves on four of its off-loading pipelines, installing check devices to prevent future mishaps.

State spokesmen said the spill was caused when a Texaco worker failed to properly close a valve and Standard spilled the gasoline during an unloading process the next day.

They said the suit against Texaco was filed when negotiations on compensation from the firm "bore no fruit."



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