

### DRAWING SHOWS PORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Approval of a \$3.1 million Economic Development Administration grant to the city of Anchorage, announced yesterday, means work can begin immediately on construction of a third terminal at the port. Fill operations will begin this summer with construction of the 370-foot wharf addition to begin next spring. In the drawing —

phase I, due for completion this year, includes fill work and provision for an additional 11 acres of open storage. Phase II in 1974 calls for completion of Terminal No. 3 and Storage Yard No. 3 and Phase III in 1975 for construction of a second petroleum terminal and completion of improvements to lots in the port industrial park.

### 6/22/73 Onward At The Port

THERE WAS A TIME when people said the city's big port installation was a white elephant.

There were those who said the port would never pay for itself, much less become an important economic factor in Anchorage's future.

Most of those voices have been silenced as the port has grown. Most critics were turned into advocates in the days after the big Good Friday earthquake of lasting memory — when the port was the only access point for seaborne cargo in Southcentral Alaska.

A few complainers still crop up periodically, to claim falsely that the port has been a costly failure. But their protestations draw little attention these days.

RATHER THAN diminishing in importance, the Port of Anchorage has become an ever more valuable operation.

Thus there is reason to cheer yesterday's announcement from Washington that a \$3.1 million grant has been approved by the Economic Development Administration to provide federal matching

funds for a \$6.2 million expansion of the facility.

A lot of work went into obtaining that grant — a lot of days and a lot of manpower achieved the welcome result.

CHIEF HONORS appear to go to Sen. Ted Stevens, who negotiated some critical legislation through Congress, and to Stuart Bowdoin, a member of City Manager Bob Sharp's team in City Hall. Mr. Bowdoin, federal programs coordinator for the city, is the one who might best be singled out for a salute.

But who might accept the loudest acclaim in this successful effort is not the real point. The emphasis is that once more the city has an opportunity to move forward to meet the needs of a growing community.

And the whole area — as indeed virtually all of mainland Alaska — will continue to benefit from the wisdom of city fathers of another year who possessed the courage to think big — when others around them urged them to think small.

## Monticello Set For Activities

An amphibious assault, parachute drops into the Cook Inlet and the "Arctic All-Navy Championship Softball Game" are all on tap for the first four days of next week when the USS Monticello steams into Anchorage.

The ship, a dock landing ship, will pull into the city port at 6:30 a.m. Monday for a four-day stay in Anchorage.

The Monticello is an enormous, fast-moving ship designed to get smaller amphibious craft onto the beach. It will show how it's done Monday morning at 7 a.m.

The 510-foot-long ship which can carry up to 12,000 tons of men and equipment, will ballast down in the water to release seven other, smaller ships into the Cook Inlet waters.

Wednesday, Independence Day, will be the big day for the nearly 400 men assigned to the ship. Included in the day's festivities will be a 10 a.m. parade downtown, displays of Marine recruiting material in the downtown parking lot, and a noon picnic for the men at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

But the big crowd pleaser is set for 4:30 that afternoon, when members of the Navy's Underwater Demolition Team — called Seals — will jump out of a helicopter into the icy Cook Inlet Waters. How they'll do it isn't determined yet.

The men will either jump out at a high altitude to parachute into the water, or will jump at about 20 feet from helicopters going 20 knots to splash into the cold water.

The all-Navy championship softball game is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday on the Park Strip. It will feature Navy men assigned in Anchorage against the Navy on the Monticello. The winner, of course, is the champion of the Arctic.

Members of the crew are to be hosted in Anchorage by city families during their stay. And the brass of the Monticello is to meet with the brass of the services in Anchorage, and with press, during their four-day stay.

The ship is scheduled to leave for Nikiski next Friday at 9 a.m.



### USS MONTICELLO BRINGS ANCHORAGE SEAMEN HOME

Susan French, 2424 Spurr Lane, welcomes home her brother, Richard, one of several Anchorage men serving aboard the USS Monticello which

arrived early today for a four-day Anchorage visit which will feature tours and demonstrations of the super dock landing ship. The ship and its

crew will be helping Anchorage celebrate Independence Day on Wednesday.

## USS Monticello Begins 'Assault'

By JIM CAR  
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A huge gray ship sailed into the port this morning, dropped its rear cargo door and launched an amphibious "assault" on the city.

The assault was all planned in advance, when the USS Monticello, a 510-foot-long dock landing ship, agreed to come up to Alaska to help Anchorage

celebrate the Fourth of July.

Its initial contribution to the celebration went off perfectly in the high tides of early morning in the port area. Several landing craft rushed out of the ship, slipped through the tides, and roared ashore dropping Marines and tanks on Alaskan soil.

Today's amphibious assault was part of a four-day celebration the ship will bring to Anchorage for the Independence Day holidays. Visiting hours on the mammoth boat, also part of the celebration, are set for 1 to 8 p.m. today through Thursday.

Also included will be a parade and a demonstration of parachute drops into the waters of Cook Inlet Wednesday and an "Arctic All-Navy Championship Softball Game," set for Thursday.

For the Monticello — along with most of its crew of about 200 Marines and 230 sailors — it's the first trip to Alaska, although seven of the men assigned to the ship call Alaska

home, and another who was born here.

But for Cmdr. Bruce A. Tager, the ship's captain, it was a return voyage. He was assigned to a resupply ship that dropped supplies off in Barrow in the early 1950s, but never got off the ship.

For Lt. Cmdr. Bob Cronin, on his first trip to Alaska, the trip was "fascinating." He mar-

veled at the long daylight hours as the ship sailed up the Cook Inlet en route to the city, after picking up Pilot William Tingley in Homer.

Cronin watched as the sun set — about 11 p.m. — and as the sun rose — about 3:30 a.m. — and watched the twilight between. Many of the crew members, he added, were short on sleep today, apparently from

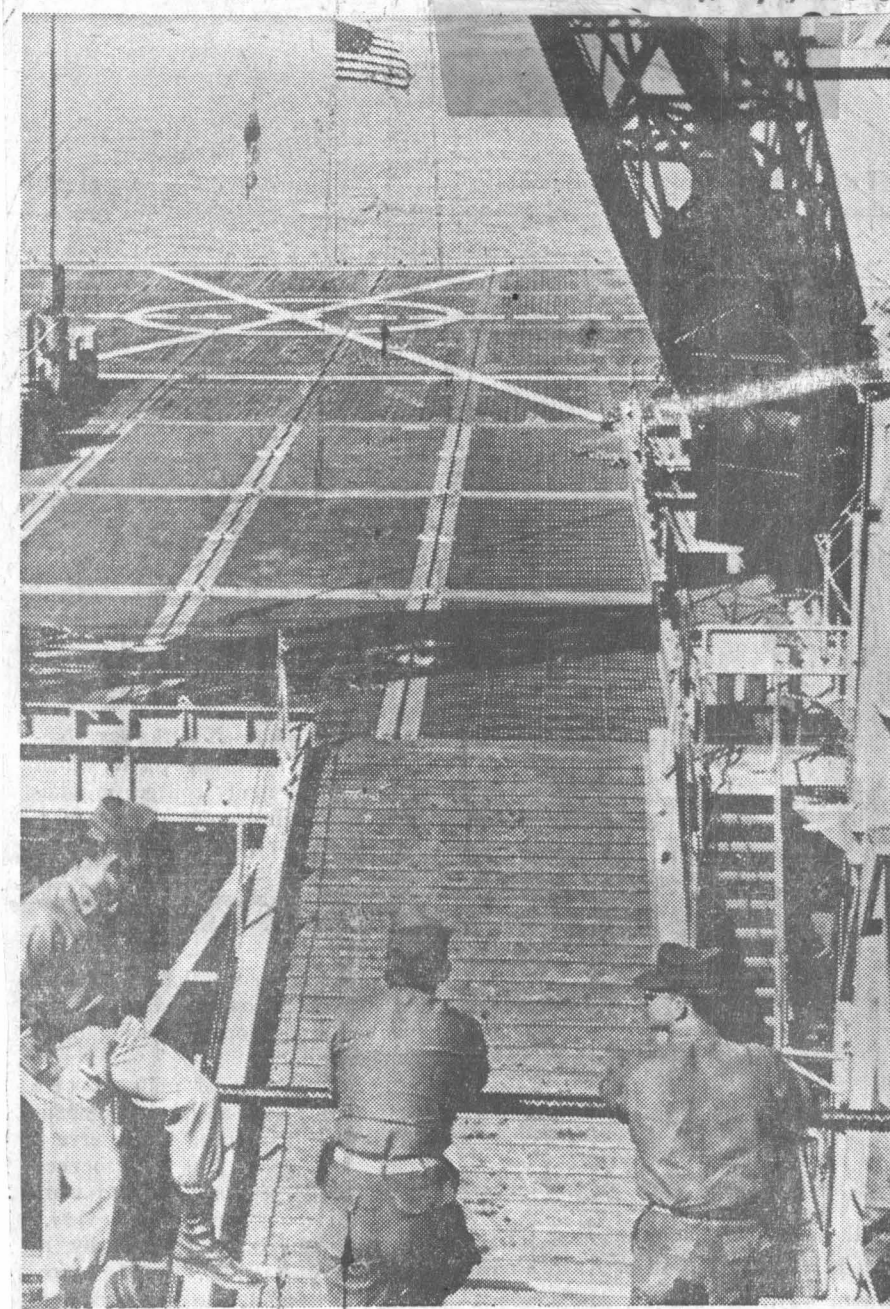
lack of adjustment to Alaska's summer daylight.

But when the first line went over at about 6:40 this morning, the ship became a beehive of activity. The amphibious craft were launched, as the big ship lowered its rear end into the muddy Cook Inlet waters. Two hours later, the men were still working to unload equipment and private vehicles.



### WHEELS DOWN

Crew members of the USS Monticello watch the unloading of a motorcycle which will mean transportation while the vessel is in port.



### Decked out for the Fourth

The USS Monticello, an assault landing craft carrying 200 Marines and 230 sailors, is in Anchorage for the Independence Day holiday. Visitors can board the ship 1-8 p.m. today through Thursday. The craft, which measures 510 feet, docked Monday at the Port of Anchorage.