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The Arcadia, As Seen From An Era Helicopter, Moves Into Dock This Morning

Luxury Liner Docks In City

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A 19-year-old British queen, the Arcadia, stemmed the tide in Knik Arm this morning and became the first ship of her type to dock in Anchorage.

On board the luxury liner were two captains, Joe L. Chapman and Tony Merrick; about 800 passengers; and a crew of about 600.

On shore as the ship docked about 8 a.m. were City Mayor George M. Sullivan, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Hostess Rose Golik and Miss Anchorage, Debbie Adams.

Two tugs, the David Foss and the Pacific Wind, strained and smoked for an hour to push the 719-foot liner, against the Port of Anchorage dock.

Miss Golik and Sullivan gave short welcoming speeches to passengers and presented them walrus pins, provided by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce. The vessel leaves about 8 p.m. today.

Anchorage is the second port-of-call in Alaska for the vessel on a cruise of the Pacific Rim. The ship called for about five hours in Ketchikan, cruised Glacier Bay and crossed the Gulf of Alaska yesterday. The cruise began in Vancouver, B.C. several days ago.

According to Captain Chapman, this is the first time a P & O vessel has sailed this far north in the Pacific.

He said, "There is another old ship, sold to the Japanese and lost in the Bering Sea, probably encased in a cake of ice. We do not intend the same."

About 10 p.m. yesterday, two pilots from Homer boarded the ship in Kachemak

Bay. Capt. William Johnson and Capt. William Tingley assisted the ship's officers with passage up Cook Inlet and Knik Arm.

The two pilots normally handle foreign freight and tanker ships moving in and out of southcentral waters.

As the Homer party boarded, passengers were ending one of the more important parties, the captain's cocktail party.

According to a purser, about two thirds of the group are U.S. citizens, the other third a mixture of Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians and Orientals.

Some passengers like Annette and Harry Joyce and their two daughters are immigrating to New Zealand or Australia. The Joyces, formerly of Ontario, came originally from Scotland and plan to settle for awhile, at least, in Australia.

There are about 100 children aboard this cruise, an unusual number for a mode of travel that usually appeals to the 50 to 70 year age group, a purser explains.

Many passengers said they were enthralled with the mountains along Kachemak Bay and Cook Inlet. The moon rose above the Kenai Mountains and the moonlight reflected on the ship, lending a little bit of class to the silty, turbulent inlet waters.

From Anchorage, the ship may travel through the Bering Sea along the Aleutian chain. The next scheduled stop on the seven week cruise will be in Yokohama, Japan.

About 56 persons disembarked here, most will tour the state more extensively.

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Tourism season at peak



Pacific and Orient's Arcadia visited Anchorage on Saturday bringing 1,000 passengers and 600 crewmen to the city for 12 hours. The luxury liner's visit was a first for Anchorage and highlighted the peak of the 1973 tourist season, which appears to be a good one. For an assessment of the tourism business, see page 2.

Stevens Recommends Foreign Trade Zone

Sen. Ted Stevens has asked Alaska officials to consider establishing a special free zone for foreign trade in Anchorage.

A foreign trade zone, a Customs Bureau classification authorized under a 1934 law, would allow foreign goods and materials to be brought into a specified area free of duty and Customs regulations. Packaging, sorting, exhibiting and certain manufacturing of the goods are allowed within the zone, and duty is paid only when goods leave the zone for the domestic market.

Beauty of the idea, Stevens said, is that the zone makes a domestic site available for certain marketing and manufacturing operations which would otherwise be done in a foreign country. Benefits include use of domestic labor, facilities and materials for operations within the zone and, in many cases, lower net duties for the exporting country, he said.

"Today, there are nine foreign trade zones located in various parts of the country," Stevens said. "Many of these zones were established along with the creation of programs such as industrial parks to develop and encourage a region's foreign commerce. In most cases the zones have had

a most positive effect upon the economic development of a region."

Although the idea needs further analysis by state and local officials, Stevens said, it could be good for the state, especially in the light of imminent construction of the Alaska pipeline and the continued economic growth of our state.

Stevens made the proposal in letters to the Anchorage Port Authority, the U.S. Customs Bureau in

Anchorage, the Alaska Chamber of Commerce and the state Departments of Commerce and Economic Development.

Actual establishment of a zone would require a series of hearings and applications to the Federal Foreign Trade Board.

Foreign trade zones are presently located in New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, Seattle, Puerto Rico, Toledo, Honolulu, Bay City, Mich., and McAllen, Tex.

BILL WOULD REPAY NATIVES' MEDICAID

Sen. Ted Stevens has cosponsored legislation to fully reimburse state governments for health services furnished Indians under the Medicaid program.

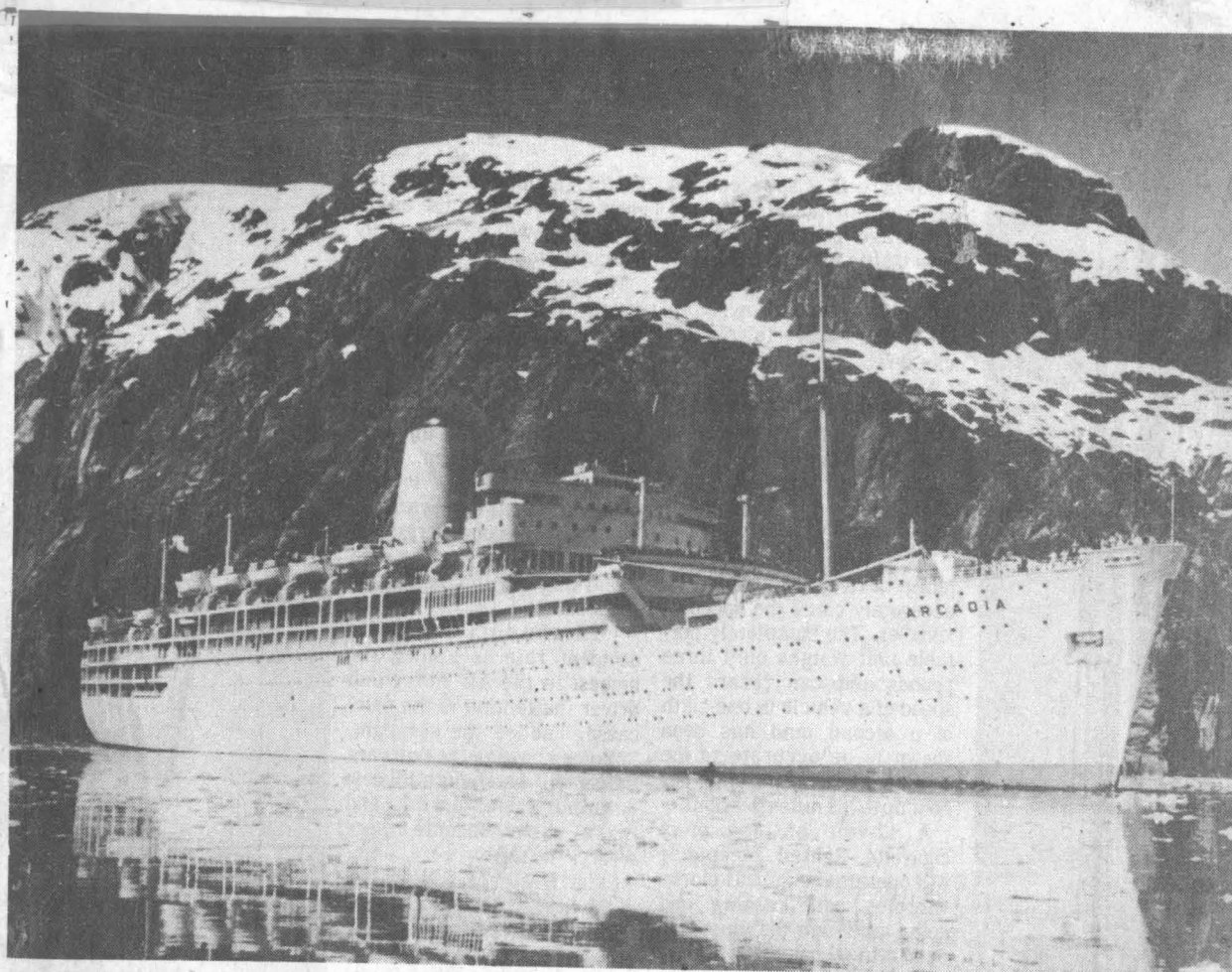
Presently state governments pay a portion of the cost of Medicaid services to Indians. However, similar services to Indians through the Indian Health Service are fully repaid by the federal government.

"This is an obvious inequity

and clearly unfair to the states involved," Stevens said. "This bill, by providing full reimbursement, will protect the states from financial pressures if large numbers of Indians choose to take advantage of the Medicaid program."

Stevens said the increased reimbursement would apply to all Indians and Alaska natives eligible for medical services through the Indian Health Service.

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ARCADIA TO ARRIVE IN ANCHORAGE NEXT WEEK

The SS Arcadia, a vessel of P & O, the British Cruise Line, pictured sailing in Glacier Bay, will arrive in Anchorage next Saturday with close to 900 passengers on board. The vessel was built in 1954 and is named after one of the line's ships built in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The 719-foot ship is fully air conditioned and equipped with stabilizers. Traditionally P & O has recruited deck crew members from India. The Pakistani engine room crew are Moslems,

according to the cruise line. In addition to European cabin and dining room stewards, there are others from Goa, the former Portuguese enclave on the Indian coast south of Bombay. The vessel has three nightclubs, two swimming pools, five bars and acres of open deck space, the line says. The Arcadia can accommodate 1,048 passengers in 541 cabins. From Anchorage the luxury liner will sail for Yokohama, Japan.