



### Lonely picket

A lone longshoreman does picket duty at the Port of Anchorage Wednesday, protesting the arrival of a barge carrying products for strike-bound Anchorage Cold Storage. As a result of an agreement between municipal and union officials, only two picketers showed up at the port.

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## Port staff recommends against harbor plan

The future of a small boat harbor near Ship Creek remains uncertain, following the Port of Anchorage staff's recommendation to stop plans for a \$52 million harbor.

At Tuesday's Assembly meeting, port director William McKinney said he will recommend against building the expensive facility, and urge the city concentrate on a smaller launching and moorage area. The city, he said, had hoped the small boat harbor would cost about \$10 million. The municipality now has about \$2 million in state funds for the project.

The \$52 million small boat harbor plan was the result of a study coordinated by York Steel of Anchorage. York Steel also leases the property from the Alaska Railroad and has a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers building permit.

York Steel and several subcon-

tractors have been paid about \$335,000 of a \$500,000 contract by the municipality for the study. Now the city wants York Steel to use the remaining contract money on an alternate, less expensive plan, McKinney said.

York Steel president Duane Henson said today he would continue to work with the city. He agreed to work on an alternate plan, and said it probably would make more sense than the larger master plan.

"I'll do anything I can to help the city," he said. "I just think it's too bad when the biggest city doesn't have a boat harbor."

The city has a five-year option on the lease to the property, McKinney said. The port has no plans to give up that option, he said.

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### Ships of the Rising Sun

The Japanese destroyer Asagumo is framed by the flag of the training ship, Katori, as the two vessels steam into the Port of Anchorage during a Japanese Navy training cruise Thursday. Story on Page C-1.

## More ships to get Glacier Bay access

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Washington — The Interior Department, at the urging of Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, is moving to allow five additional charter boats to operate within Glacier Bay National Park.

Procedural details, however, may delay official approval until late in the summer tourist season.

Murkowski had protested that the National Park Service was unnecessarily restricting access to the park. In 1980, the agency limited the number of boats that could operate in Glacier Bay until further studies were done on the impact of vessel traffic on the humpback whales.

In a letter to Murkowski, Interior Secretary James G. Watt said the park service is moving to increase by five the number of charter boat operators that will be allowed to ply the waters of Glacier Bay. The level of cruise ship traffic will not be altered. Room was made for the charter boats because not all cruise ships that have rights to sail the bay plan to do so this year.

However, Bill Horn, deputy undersecretary of the Interior Department, said the agency must go through a complex procedure under the Concessions Policy Act to provide for the new charter boats. The process takes time, Horn said, and the additional boats may not be in place until late in the summer.

"We decided to increase the number of charter boat entries by five boats," Horn said Tuesday night. "We are now going through the procedures under the law to permit charter boat operators to bid and take advantage of this expanded effort. The cruise ships are still limited, and all entries (into Glacier Bay by boats) are still subject to the ceilings imposed by the whale restrictions."

The adjustments were made after the protests from Murkowski, Horn acknowledged. But he said the changes could be made only because some cruise ship lines decided not to use their park

entry rights in 1982, presumably for economic or other reasons.

"We had some flexibility in the joints so we used it," Horn said.

In his letter to Murkowski, Watt said, "All of the 1982 entries under our regulations were allocated to the cruise ship industry. . . . The Park Service only recently learned that the cruise ship lines did not plan to utilize all of the entries this season."

"Believing that an increase in the number of charter boat operators could occur without adversely affecting the existing operators' opportunity to make a reasonable profit, the National Park Service, at your request, has initiated the preparation of a prospectus to increase by five the number of companies which are permitted to operate in the park. We will have the prospectus available for release at the earliest possible date," Watt added.

In a statement today, Murkowski said, "Secretary Watt's decision overturns an arbitrary policy which has restricted access in an out of one of the nation's most spectacular parks. The National Park Service will no longer be able to automatically turn down every new request for access to the monument with vague excuses which serve no real purpose."

Murkowski argued that despite the spending of several million dollars by the federal government to study the issue, "we still have no solid evidence on which to base a decision" regarding the impact of boat traffic on whales.

On another matter, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige told Murkowski that his agency will expedite its studies to determine the impacts of boat traffic on the whales.

Also at the request of Murkowski, the Interior Department reviewed existing contracts and determined that any boat may use the dock at Bartlett Cove in Glacier Bay to visit the facilities and purchase supplies. However, only the existing concessionaires may begin or end passenger tours at Bartlett Cove.

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Ludwig Loeb of The Times

### WELCOME

Anchorage students of Japanese ancestry stand at the dock, above, to welcome the Japanese Self Defense Force training ship 'Katori' and destroyer 'Asagumo' as they came into port Thursday. As the ships sailed into Anchorage, they exchanged gun salutes with an on-shore battery from Fort Richardson, right. The ships will be open for public tours today and Saturday, and will leave Anchorage on Sunday morning for other U.S. ports of call. Story, page B-1.

