

Damaged freighter to sail after ramming city dock

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An 800-foot freighter with a gaping hole in its bow should be able to sail for Seattle today, one day after it slammed into a terminal at the Port of Anchorage, destroying a portion of the dock.

The Great Land, owned by Totem Ocean Trailer Express Inc., probably will sail at 1 p.m. today without repairing the large hole above the bow's water line, a Coast Guard officer said this morning.

"It looks horrendous," said Coast Guard Capt. Glenn Haines, "but its structure is relatively intact."

He said the ship should finish off-loading today, and all the water will be pumped out of the forward holds, allowing it to head to Seattle for the repair work.

The Great Land crashed at about 1:10 a.m. Sunday into the

Port of Anchorage's Terminal 3, the northernmost dock. At least 14 of the dock's pilings were damaged, said port director Tyler Jones.

He said divers from Underwater Construction Inc. had recommended immediate removal of three pilings that are either bent or broken completely and are sticking out into the berth area.

After the pilings are removed the dock, except for that section damaged by the freighter, will be usable, he said.

Hal Dreyer, president of Underwater Construction Inc., said Sunday he was concerned another deep water vessel could be damaged by resting on the destroyed pilings at low tide.

The nearly head-on collision came after the ship had made a U-turn in Cook Inlet to dock.

There were no injuries or fuel leaks from the crash, the Coast

Guard reported.

The extent of damage to the dock probably will not be known until later in the week, Jones said. Coast Guard investigators have completed interviews of the Great Land's crew and witnesses, Haines said, adding it would be at least two weeks before a cause could be determined.

With the help of two tugboats and an incoming tide, the ship broke free of the dock at about 3 a.m., some two hours after the accident. It anchored offshore until Sunday afternoon when a tug helped it dock at Terminal 1.

On Oct. 16, 1983, another TOTE vessel, the Westward, rammed the dock just north of where the Great Land hit the structure, Jones said.

A sudden change in the tides and winds were found to be the cause of that accident,



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CHECKING THE DAMAGE

Underwater Construction Co. scuba diver LeRoy Frank dives into Cook Inlet at the Port of Anchorage Sunday afternoon to begin underwater assessment of the damage done

to the dock after it was rammed by the Totem Ocean Trailer Express freighter Great Land early Sunday morning. Story, page A-10.

TOTE ship in Seattle for repair

Seattleites arriving downtown today did second takes when they looked at Elliott Bay and saw a large vessel with a huge gash on its side.

The ship was The Great Land, damaged a few days ago in a docking mishap in Anchorage. The vessel, operated by Totem Ocean Trailer Express, sustained a 45-foot horizontal gash about 30 feet above the waterline.

Alan Zipay, a spokesman for TOTE, explained that the vessel came down under its own power and arrived in Tacoma last night. After unloading its cargo, it came to Seattle for repairs at Todd Shipyards.

Repairs are expected to take a week and the vessel is expected to be back in service the first week in April, Zipay said.

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Washington — The Pentagon is halting \$40 million in monthly payments to General Dynamics Corp. while it probes millions of dollars in "improper charges" that Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger says benefit the defense contractor but not national security.

Some members of Congress say the probe should be broadened to include the billing practices of all defense contractors. Critics accuse contractors of promotional "giveaways," entertainment, and political and charitable contributions to the costs of the weapons they build.

Weinberger announced that in the future, all defense contractors will be required to certify, "under penalty of perjury," that their billings include no expenses "not made directly for the benefit of the government."

That requirement, he said, "will do a lot toward eliminating these improper charges."

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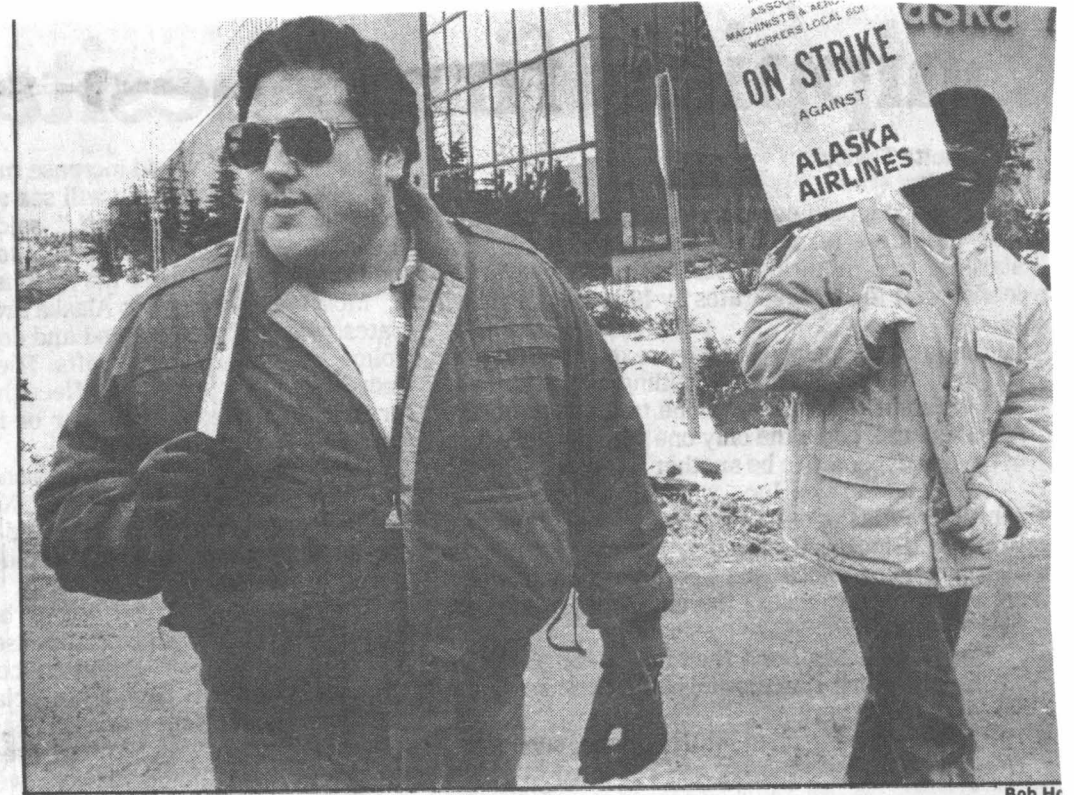
"It came out in our audits that they were billing us, as part of their overhead costs, a lot of expenses that did not benefit the government," Weinberger said in a speech to an American Legion Convention here Tuesday.

Among these, he said, were bills sent by General Dynamics to the Defense Department "when a company-owned dog was put in a kennel."

General Dynamics executives tried to explain about the dog in congressional hearings last week. But Pentagon spokesman Michael Burch rejected their testimony as "nauseating."

"Some of the claims made were preposterous and completely out of line and did in no way benefit national security," Burch said. "And most of it was not necessary to build... a nuclear submarine."

Rep. Fortney H. Stark, D-Calif., called Weinberger's action "laudable but long overdue."



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TIME: 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes
March 11, 1985
- III. Old Business
Terminal Use Permit Format Change
- IV. New Business
Election of Officers
- V. Port Director's Reports
- VI. Port Director's Reports
- VII. Adjournment

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Public Meetings

ANCHORAGE PORT COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 1985
Regular

LOCATION: Terminal No. 3
Conference Room
Port of Anchorage
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Public Meetings

NOTICE

ANCHORAGE PORT COMMISSION MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Anchorage Port Commission for Monday, March 18, 1985 has been cancelled.

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NOTICE OF SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

March 20, 1985

Meeting Begins 12:00

Anchorage Senior Center • 1300 E. 19th Ave.

For agenda information - call 264-6720

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PUBLIC NOTICE HERITAGE LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMISSION

Will Meet:

Wednesday, March 20, 1985 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Property & Facility Management Conference Room Municipal Hill Building, 7th Floor, Room 700

For further information, call Kay Topolski at 264-4806

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