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DELEGATE DIMOND KEEPS IN MIND INTERESTS OF WESTERN ALASKA

When the President sent a special request to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on June 26 for \$500,000 with which to initiate construction on the Coast Guard station and air base, which had been authorized for Alaska by an Act of Congress approved June 2, it marked another step toward fulfillment of the three-point program of defense Delegate Dimond has built up during the past six years in Congress. The balanced program that the Delegate advocates for defense of Alaska - incorporated this year in the President's plan of national defense - involves and depends upon the Army, the Navy, and the Coast Guard, for its full development.

Estimated cost of construction of the Coast Guard station, which has the approval of the President and of the Bureau of the Budget, is \$2,733,000. At a hearing on the bill the testimony disclosed that the Coast Guard must serve the dual functions of providing for national defense and maritime police duties, that their vessels are constructed for both peacetime and war purposes, that in time of war the Coast Guard passes automatically under the Navy Department as a part of the naval forces of the country. The Navy Department after a survey of many sites has selected one near Kodiak to be built contemporaneously with the Navy Base.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE ON WESTWARD MAIL ROUTES

Hearing was held before the House Committee on Post Office and Post Roads June 30 on Delegate Dimond's bill to provide an adequate passenger and freight transportation service from Seward to points on Kodiak Island, the Alaska Peninsula and westward to Unalaska, Umnak Island and points in Bristol Bay as far north as Goodnews Bay. The proposed legislation would authorize the Postmaster General to contract for the delivery of the mail on the route in a "safe and seaworthy boat" of sufficient size to provide adequate space for mail, "passengers and freight."

Under present law the Postmaster General has the authority to contract for delivery of the mail, but this authority does not permit the specification of a vessel capable of meeting transportation needs as a common carrier.

In a statement he made before the House Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads, Delegate Dimond told them "that there is every reason to expect a consistent increase in the population and business in the westward area if suitable transportation facilities are provided."

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INTERIOR WILL VISIT SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA

The Hon. Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, will visit Alaska in August and will come to Seward. He plans to spend three weeks in the Territory and will precede President Roosevelt, who is also coming in August. The president, however, will come no further into Alaska than the panhandle.

Mrs. Helen Troy Bender, daughter of Governor John W. Troy, has been visiting in Washington, D.C. She was the house guest of former governor of Alaska Thomas Riggs and Mrs. Riggs.

The money grant for flood control at Fairbanks also includes "relocation of a part of the Richardson Highway outside of the flood area."

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Shellhorn of Seward won the all-Alaska championship in the World Olympic Bridge tournament.

The Matanuska Valley Farmers Cooperative association is really and actually going to be allowed to function as a cooperative. At least the ARRC has turned over three important units - creamery produce, meat, and egg departments to the actual management and operation of the Farmers Cooperative.

The new manager of the Cooperative, L. C. Stock, with 18 years of successful cooperative administration experience behind him and IF he is allowed to function, will bring the Cooperative to a model point where the world at large will recognize its success instead of seeking its flaws.

At a meeting of 400 interested cooperatives in Palmer July 15, Mr. Stock said in part: "The deal that had its beginning with the administration of the producers units and has just recently been further strengthened with the complete turnover of control together with an operating fund so we can do the buying and selling, handle our own bookkeeping and establish our own procedure along cooperative lines is in my opinion the turning point in the history of this project."

This month the House of Representatives passed a bill introduced by Delegate Dimond, providing authority for employees of The Alaska Railroad, or annuitants under the retirement system to designate the beneficiary they wish to receive the paid-in value of their retirement accounts in the event of death.