

## Alaska Road To Be Pushed

### Highway From Seattle Would Cost \$25,000,000, Says Congressman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Representative Magnuson, Seattle democrat, and chairman of the Alaska international highway commission, said upon his return to the capitol he planned to urge approval by congress of the proposed roadway during the coming session.

Magnuson said the proposed highway would be of outstanding defense value in getting supplies to Alaska and maintaining communications with the territory if war arose in the Pacific which made ocean travel dangerous. The American commission has recommended to President Roosevelt selection of a route from the vicinity of Seattle running through Canada to White Horse in Yukon territory and entering Alaska in the Klone lake region. The road would cost approximately \$25,000,000 and would provide year around communication with Alaska.

#### Early Action Planned

The representative said he expected to call a meeting of the commission early in January and invite the Canadian-Alaska highway commission to be present. He said he planned to ask the house and senate roads committee to hold exhaustive hearings on the proposal and recommend immediate action to congress.

Magnuson said the meeting with the Canadian commission would seek to iron out the final details of the plan and agree upon means of financing construction of the road. He said the two commissions were "generally agreed" upon the route. He has received a letter from Charles Stewart, chairman of the Canadian commission, in which the Canadian said engineers sent out during the summer had reported on their surveys on the Canadian sections of the road. The reports, he said, would be ready for presentation to the joint meeting of the two commissions.

#### Stefansson Interested

Stewart enclosed a letter from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, in which he urged three or four highways be completed from the United States to Alaska, passing through Canada. He said one of these should go from Winnipeg through the Great Slave lake region and through the Norman fields, making the off from these fields available to Alaska. Stefansson added "a road to Alaska would cost less than one battleship" and provide means of supplying Alaska and northwest Canada the defense supplies.

## State Holds WPA To Common Labor

Continued sponsorship of WPA projects that involved labor only was voted by the state board of control yesterday after Budget Director David Eccles had recommended that Oregon decline all WPA aid.

"If Oregon refuses WPA projects and thus makes more employment by regular labor, it would have a salutary effect," Eccles said, "because it would give WPA workers jobs in private industry. It would put some burden on the state budget, but in the long run it wouldn't cost the taxpayers any more. Regular laborers can have a ditch dug before WPA workers unpack their tools."

Governor Charles A. Sprague said the state should cooperate with the federal government in providing common labor employment for WPA workers. He doubted, he said, that the national defense program would materially reduce WPA rolls.

Secretary of State Earl Snell expressed fear the government would object to a no-WPA policy and that WPA workers would feel the state was trying to take away their jobs.

## Streamlined Ship Launched at SF

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18—(AP)—The streamlined motorship American Builder, 8975-ton addition to America's fast growing merchant marine, was launched here Tuesday.

A bottle of California champagne was broken across the vessel's bow by Miss Aileen Tallerd, daughter of H. O. Tallerd, president of Western Pipe and Steel company, where the ship was built.

Before the last of 1000 spectators had left the yards, workmen began preparations for laying the keel of a similar vessel, last of five ships to be built under a contract with the United States maritime commission.

Three of the vessels, the American Manufacturer, American Leader and American Builder now have been launched, and work is progressing on the framework of a fourth, as yet unnamed.

The ships are 416 feet long, with space for freight and 18 passengers, and are propelled by two 2000-horsepower Diesel engines.

## Ruth Damon Rites Are Today at 11

Gravestone services for Miss Ruth Damon, Salem native and

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former resident who was the daughter of N. J. Damon, one-time well known merchant here, will be held at City View cemetery at 11 o'clock this morning.

Miss Damon, who taught in Portland public schools for many years and later at a nursery school in Salem, died in Portland Monday.

She is survived by a step-mother, Mrs. Helen Damon of Newport; a brother, Ray Damon of Salem, and a sister, Mrs. Fred S. Knight of Hood River.

## Editor Forms No-War Group

### Verdun Ambulance Driver Sees Effort to Drag US Into Conflict

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—(AP)—Verne Marshall, 51-year-old newspaper editor who said he learned

to hate war as an ambulance driver at Verdun, has organized a group to "help keep the nation out of war."

A statement issued by the organization, known as the No Foreign War committee, said the purpose was "to give articulation to the hopes and prayers of millions of Americans who know if they are dragged once again into the economic and political conflicts of the old world, only complete world chaos can result."

The statement declared that the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, headed by

another editor, William Allen White of Emporia, Kan., was developing "exactly the same public psychology as that which was carefully created during the war period preceding our declaration of hostilities in April, 1917," and that much of that committee's "success" was due to lack of opposition to its efforts.

"It is the purpose of the No Foreign War committee to provide that voice," the statement said.

Marshall, editor of the Cedar Raids (Iowa) Gazette, said in a

press conference today that "we start with 100 groups behind us."

"Eighty-three per cent of the population is against participation (in the war)," he said, "and we expect to enroll the majority of that percentage."

"This committee is in favor of the present defense measures, only because we may well be the last democracy. Therefore we must be strong . . . but it's pure poppycock to say that if Germany licks Britain they would attack us."

## New Mink Coats Seen on Campus, Still on Animals

PORTLAND, Dec. 18—(AP)—Startling decreases in the wild ducking population of the Reed college campus—a state game refuge—were explained today and co-eds began to think seriously of mink coats.

Grounds Superintendent Harvey Davis dug into a mink nest while transplanting laurel cut-

tings near East Moreland lab. He said "four or five" of the animals escaped.

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